

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass

5 PM

Sunday Mass

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7 PM

Tuesday, Thursday

7:30 AM

Saturday

9 AM

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Every Wednesday following the 7 PM

Mass

Daily Rosary before every Mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday

after the 7 PM Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every

First Saturday of the month from 9:30

AM to 12 Noon.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out the online baptismal request form available on our parish website. The date of the baptism will be arranged during the interview. A Baptism Instruction for parents and sponsor will also be required.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment

OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Parish is to be a Catholic, multicultural community, called to witness and proclaim, to celebrate and share the Hope and Charity we have in Jesus Christ as exemplified by St. Josephine Bakhita, our “universal sister” and “model of hope for the Twenty-first century”. We are a people who weave together this neighbourhood as:

- ♦ A community of faith, committed to live the Greatest Love of Jesus Crucified, and Mary, Mother of Charity at the foot of the Cross.
- ♦ A community of prayer, nourished by the Word of God, the Eucharist, and the traditions of the Church, reflected in the way we live and celebrate.
- ♦ A community that welcomes every man and woman, child and youth, to equal discipleship.
- ♦ A community that is missionary, open to the needs of the world, committed to the promotion of justice, peace, and the stewardship of creation.
- ♦ A community that is not afraid to face its pain and yet deeply trust “in the hope that saves.”

We believe that each one is called to be the strand that God will use to weave a tapestry that is intricate and exquisite in this place.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva

Deacons

Deacon Gerry Steyn

Deacon Michael Ho

Deacon Roman Lim

Administrative Assistant

Cecilia Vaz

Assistants

Clifford Jumapit

Benjamin Alcantara

Volunteer Asistants

Marina Taguicana

Agnes Lim

Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 9 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 7 PM

Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM

RECTORY

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Faustina

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School

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married must contact the pastor one year in advance. A Marriage course is required. For additional information, please contact the pastor

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer. Now that our children are back in school, we pray that we are also at the end of the pandemic and that we can live normal lives again. I would like take this opportunity to thank Fr. Jaison, Fr. Martin, our Deacons, the Parish Staff, and parish volunteers for the service they continually render to our parish community. They a tremendous collaborators in the ministry. Without them, the work will be overwhelmingly difficult to accomplish.

As we begin the new pastoral year (September to June), we will resume many of the parish programs that were suspended because of Covid lockdowns. Among which are the children's liturgy and sacramental preparations for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. We will also explore areas that our growing parish family would require us to address. Your input and suggestions are greatly appreciated. Please continue to make them known to me and the parish staff so we can explore the question together.

Thank you also for your continued financial support to the parish especially during the last two years of lockdown. Your concern and generosity have been consistent even when you yourselves were also in a financial crunch.

God's Mercy and Forgiveness

Our Sunday readings once again remind us of God's mercy and forgiveness. He is slow to anger, rich in faithful love and constancy.

The first reading tells us about the betrayal of the chosen people by creating a god out of a golden bull. God's anger was ignited and He regretted bringing them out of Egypt. Moses pleaded God on the people's behalf and God changed his mind. His love of his people triumphs over his anger.

The second reading is from a letter attributed to St. Paul to Timothy, directing him about things he needed to do to structure the church he was pastoring. Paul was quick to encourage Timothy by speaking about Jesus who came to save sinners. This is our sole purpose in ministry. God wants to show mercy. He has shown mercy to Saul (Paul) and this same mercy and forgiveness are meant for everyone to experience in their lives too.

Today's gospel story about the prodigal son, retold with all the love, artistry and delicacy of character-study by St. Luke. The wasted son who goes back home simply because he is hungry; the loving father perpetually on the look out, running to meet the son, interrupting the carefully-prepared speech and pampering the returned wastrel; the disgruntled stay-at-home who invents slanders about his wayward brother, who is gently corrected by his loving father. An unforgettable description of love.T

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,833.70
Building Fund	\$ 3,352.15
Liturgical Fund	\$ 66.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 845.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 121.55
Signage	\$ 110.00
First Communion	\$ 35.00
Flowers	\$ 75.00
Confirmation	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 8,538.40

**REGISTRATION FOR
FIRST COMMUNION AND
CONFIRMATION**

We invite our young people in the parish, who wish to receive First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation this school year to register. The Registration form is available on our parish website. The last day for the registration is September 30.

First Reconciliation and First Communion is offered to children Grade Two and older. Confirmation is given to young people Grade 7 and older. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate is required to complete the Registration process.

Those who are not baptized and wish to receive the sacraments should register for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC). Please see Cecilia Vaz at the parish office for more information.

Adults who wish to become Catholics or wish to complete their sacraments of Christian Initiation must register for RCIA.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Are you passionate about social issues of today? Are you concern about the plight of the poor or about the environment? Would you like to help to make a difference in the world around us? Would you like to be the conscience arm of the parish on these burning issues? Join the Social Ministry!

LIFE CHAIN

Our parish community is once again invited to stand for the sacredness of Life from womb to tomb on Sunday, October 2, 2022 for one hour starting at 2 PM at the corner of Thomas Street and Winston Church, More details will provided as we get nearer to the date.

Second Collection

NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

September 24/25

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movement. Each year, the CCCC is asked to speak out, show leadership or provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics. In order for our bishops to be able to make proper judgements on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research, expert advice and capable administration which is also funded by this collection. In addition to contributions, we are also asked to pray for the work of the bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCCC.

BEQUESTS

A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime. Charitable bequests can have a favourable impact on your overall estate plan.

Bequests are NOT just for the wealthy! Consider including your parish or any of the archdiocesan charities or departments in your Will. Let your Will reflect your Catholic values.

We have a free estate planning guide to help you make your plan. The Archdiocese of Toronto also maintains a list of advisors across the GTA who are available to assist in your estate planning and the preparation of a Will.

Please contact us at Development@archtoronto.org for a list of Catholic estate advisors in your area. Remember about the importance of using the correct legal names when arranging bequests or other planned gifts. For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 561/519 or email at development@archtoronto.org.

Fr. Mark's Return

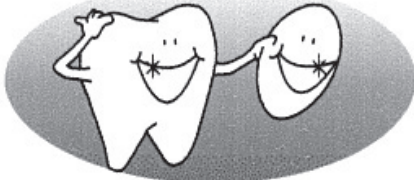
Fr. Mark, God willing, will be returning from his family visit at the end of the month of September. He intends to be at the church and office on Saturday, October 1, the Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministries: Re-engage. Renew. Respond.
September 17

The Office of Formation for Discipleship is pleased to offer a morning of re-engagement in liturgical ministries on Saturday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. As life begins to take on a new sense of normality, parishes are eager to re-invigorate their ministries by building on the dedication of returning liturgical ministers and by encouraging new volunteers to participate in the liturgical life of the parish. Together with our virtual participants, in our first hybrid event, we are excited to welcome up to 50 participants at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. This event is open to all liturgical coordinators, parish liturgy committee members and liturgical ministry volunteers, including lectors, music ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, altar servers, ministers of hospitality and leaders of Liturgy of the Word with children. There is no cost for participants to attend the event, but registration is required. Contact: Michelle Brylowski, mbrylowski@archtoronto.org

Calling the attention of our Parish Catechists

Let us help you connect your parish ministry leaders with the basics of the Catholic faith, pedagogy, and the wealth of resources available to them through our Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program. It is an excellent opportunity for study, support, and networking with catechists and those serving in parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The program runs from October 23 to June 25, 2022. It consists of a combination of 4 online courses, 4 seminars, a retreat morning, and Mass and blessing of catechists by Cardinal Collins at St. Augustine's Seminary. Cost: \$250 deposit, refundable upon program completion, and cost of books. Pre-requisite: Approval of the Pastor. Register: bit.ly/2023CFP-Register Contact: formation@archtoronto.org



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