

# 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

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent

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(289) 997-2105

## SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Faustina

St. Edith Stein

St. Simon Stock

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary  
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

**MASS INTENTION**

SATURDAY (December 3)  
5:00 PM +David Youesh

SUNDAY (December 4)  
7:30 AM +Juanito & Milagros Umali, +Ruel & Evelyn Macalaguim  
9:00 AM +Res Pinto, +Paul Nguyen, +Rosalina Martin, Thanksgiving of D’Souza Family  
11:00 AM +jose Gato, +Peter Lai Nguyen, +Anton Dinesh Jesu, +Rizalina Obidos  
12:30 PM +Cristina Carpio Huab, +Nestor Reyes, +Angeline Reyes

MONDAY (December 5)  
7:00 PM +Ilyn de Leon, +Hon Ling Akong

TUESDAY (December 6)  
7:30 AM +Isabel & Edward Rey L. Co

WEDNESDAY (December 7)  
7:00 PM +Ruben Esteron, +Nedo Lydia Calcetas, +Reynaldo & Aurea Esteron

THURSDAY (December 8)  
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Arbie Sarmiento & Family

7:00 PM Special Mass in honor of our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

FRIDAY (December 9)  
7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Theresa-Mae Sol Cruz

SATURDAY (December 9)  
9:00 AM +Fe Olalia, +Lolita Grant  
5:00 PM +Marlene Virrey, +Jason Avelino Mistry, +Regino Fronda Sr., +Macaria Fronda, +Mora Fronda, Fusto Arasco Sr., +Adaelida Araso

**A Marvelous Gift!**

All too often, we think of the Christian life as giving up or giving away. We are always talking about self-sacrifice and sacrificing for others. While there is nothing wrong with that, I would like to propose another way of talking about it that perhaps might be helpful especially to those of us who might find the idea of “sacrifice” too archaic.

How about bubbling over. We are blessed in more ways than we can even count and when we start sharing what we have received, we still have too much left.

One thing I have learned through the years and one that I have heard all too often is the generosity of the poor. I remember an older woman in my former parish, who used to hand me a \$100 for the church in the sacristy. Knowing her situation, I used to tell her she needed the money more than the parish. But she kept giving and one day, she told me, her father is rich. “Your father is rich?”, I asked her. She looked up and I understood she was referring to God, her heavenly Father.

I also see this generosity in our community. Our parish does not have a lot of Sunday collection, but what we have are so many volunteers, who do not hesitate to kneel on the cold tile of the toilet to scrub the smelly floor and the commode. They do this week after week on Sunday afternoons when all our church services are over or on Monday mornings.

We see this generosity and we are deeply grateful and blessed by them. I suspect that all are giving, serving in any way they can, out of a sense of deep abundance (bubbling over) because God can never be outdone in generosity!

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

Offertory	\$ 3,575.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,608.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 7d8.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 540.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 300.95
Flowers	\$ 47.00
Shepherds’ Trust	\$ 70.00
Sunday Missal	\$ 125.00
ShareLife	\$ 20.00
First Communion	\$ 35.00
All Souls	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 6,828.45

**SPECIAL CELEBRATION  
IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

December 8, 2022  
7:30 AM  
7:00 PM

If you have any Statue of the Blessed Mother that you wish to have it blessed, you can bring them to the church at any of the two Masses we are having on the Feast of our Lady

**MISA DE AGUINALDO  
MISA DE GALLO  
(Simbang Gabi)  
December 15 to 23  
7 PM**

On the last evening of our Nine Evenings of Preparation to Christmas, we invite the whole parish to come for a potluck party. Let us celebrate together the Birthday of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

All other Masses in our parish will be celebrated according to schedule.

**2023 SUNDAY MISSALS**

are available for purchase at the  
Parish Desk  
Cost: \$5 per copy  
Grab your copy before they are  
gone.

**Sacrament of Confession During this  
Advent Season**

Fr. Mark will make himself  
available to anyone who wish  
to come for the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 5 PM to 6 PM  
except December 12 to 14.

Saturday at 4 PM to 5 PM

If you wish to come for the  
Sacrament outside these hours,  
please call the parish office to see if  
Fr. Mark is around and available.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Knight of Columbus and the  
Squires are inviting Adult men  
and Teenagers to participate.  
Membership Drive will be held this  
weekend at all the Masses

**For your planning**

December 24  
Christmas Eve Mass  
5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 11 PM

December 25  
Christmas Day Mass  
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM. and 12:30  
PM

**Gifts of Warmth Campaign**

The Daughters of Isabella are  
organizing the Gifts of Warmth  
Campaign, and are collecting NEW  
gloves/mittens, hats, scarfs, and  
socks for kids and adults. A drop-off  
box is placed in the Narthex. Your  
gifts will be donated to a charitable  
organization to ensure someone has  
a warm and wonderful Christmas.  
Thank you for your continuous  
support!

**GIFT CARDS TO BRING CHEER  
TO PEOPLE'S LIVES THIS  
CHRISTMAS**

Every Christmas Season, we are  
encouraged to bring joy and peace to  
our brothers and sisters who may be  
struggling financially to put food on the  
table. We are once again partnering with  
St. Vincent de Paul Society at Merciful  
Redeemer in providing gift cards to  
those who are in need. Gift cards have  
been proven to be most effective because  
they can be used at any time throughout  
the year. We are hoping to receive Gift  
cards primarily from Grocery Stores.  
We will also keep some of these gift cards  
in our office to assist those who might  
come asking for help here in our parish  
itself. Thank you.

**Parish Social Ministry**

Our parish has a Parish Social Ministry  
in place, thanks to the three gentlemen  
who have agreed to serve in this form  
of service. The Parish Social Ministry  
will serve as the social conscience of  
our community. They will bring to our  
attention the issues affecting all of us.  
They are tasked to bring the resources  
to our parish to address these issues and  
to offer support. We invite anyone who  
wish to participate in this awesome and  
practical ministry of service.

**Support Your Parish With A Gift Of  
Securities This Christmas**

As Christmas approaches, it is a  
good time to call to mind some of  
the blessings we've experienced  
thus far. Thank you for your support  
throughout the year!

While you are planning your  
seasonal giving benefiting the  
parish and the community, consider  
making a gift of securities.

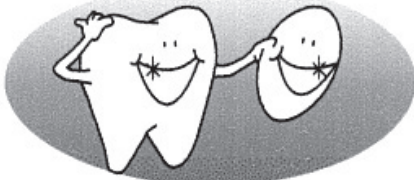
It is one of the most financially  
sound ways to make a difference.  
When you donate stocks, bonds or  
mutual funds, you pay no capital  
gains tax and receive a tax receipt  
for the full value of your securities.  
It means a great tax break for you  
and greater support to the parish.

To learn more about gifting  
securities and how you can make  
an impact for the 2022 tax year,  
contact the Development Office  
at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519.  
To donate listed securities, you  
can obtain the information  
sheet and Letter of Direction by  
visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/ArchTOGiftsofSecurities>

Thank you once again for your  
continued support!

**Your Box of Donation Envelopes will be  
available for you in about two weeks time.**

If you are new to the parish or if you  
would like to have your own box  
of Donation of Envelopes, please  
inform Cliff or Ben at the Parish  
Desk, so they can prepare one for  
you.



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