

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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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (December 10)

5:00 PM +Marlene Varney, +Jason Avelino Mistry, +Regino Fronda Sr., +Macaria Frond, +Mora Frond, +Fausto Araso Sr. +Aduelido Arasco

SUNDAY (December 11)

7:30 AM Open

9:00 AM +Joseph Mai, +Vivian & Gertrude D'Sylva, +Departed Souls of the D'Souza Family

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Fr. Jaison, +Collin Pereira, Departed souls of Alphonso D'Souza Family, +Proceso Poliarco Jr. +Justice & Ann D'Souza, +Teresa & Joseph Pillai

12:30 PM +Michael Czocharia, +Eusebio & Lourdes Naluz, +Cristina Carpio Huab, +Nestor & Angeline Reyes

MONDAY (December 12)

7:00 PM +Lucy & John Teixeira, +Alvin Mendiola, Thanksgiving of Bernie Bautista, Thanksgiving of Aurora Pagaduan

TUESDAY (December 13)

7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (December 14)

7:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry, Thanksgiving for Santos Family

THURSDAY (December 15)

7:30 AM +Carlos Lopez Castejon, +Hansel Caballero, +Juliana Gorospe

FRIDAY (December 16)

7:00 PM +Joseph Malcom D'Souza, +Jason Avelino Mistry, +Raymond de la Cruz

SATURDAY (December 17)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry, +Walter Correia and Philomena D'Cunha, +Christopher Colaco, Deceased members of St. Pius Association, +Pinto Family

**Join me in celebrating my thirty-second anniversary to the priesthood next Sunday.
December 18**

I was graced to receive the Order of the Presbyterate through the imposition of hands of H.E. Orlando Cardinal Quevedo, D.D., the then Archbishop of Nueva Segovia. As I prostrated myself at the altar on the day of my ordination, I had no idea what the Lord had in store of me. All I did was to surrender myself and let God use me in any way He desired.

The thirty-two years went by so quickly. I am filled with joy and deep gratitude for all these years as I look back- I thank the Lord for the first parish community I was sent to serve - it was a very short assignment - it was barely two months. Then, I was sent to be a formator and teacher of college seminarians just a few years younger than I am. Many of them have become priests - and one of them has even become a bishop. On the fourth year of my ordination, I volunteered to prepare for ministry among the Chinese, but God had other plans, I found myself in Canada, studying and working full time as Associate pastor at Nativity Church in Etobicoke. I spent about 8 years in that community, which gave me the stability, the experience, and the maturity I needed. I went on to do ministry in Barrie, East York and Don Mills Area until I was appointed to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish in 2008.

I will be fourteen years with you here in northwest Mississauga. This is one daunting assignment. But God has brought so many of you to help me along the way - from the first moment we celebrated our first Mass at St. Joan of Arc School up to this very moment. God has richly blessed me!

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,657.45
Building Fund	\$ 3,149.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 81.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 590.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 251.50
Altar Server Gowns	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 90.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 5.00
Sunday Missal	\$ 30.00
ShareLife	\$ 80.00
Confirmation	\$ 100.00
Baptism	\$ 955.00
All Souls	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 6,828.45

Don't get lost in the secularism and consumerism of these days. Spiritually centre yourself in the real reason of the Season. Come, join us for nine evenings

MISA DE AGUINALDO
MISA DE GALLO
(Simbang Gbi)
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.

Christmas Schedule of Holy Masses

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

December 26

St. Stephen

9:00 AM

The office and Church will closed all day

December 27 to 31

Regular Schedule

December 31

New Year's Eve

5 PM

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

Your Box of Donation Envelopes will be available soon

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.

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.

Have you heard of the AMEN App?

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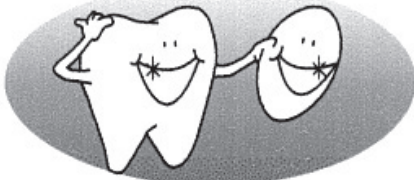
A Season of Hope

The Advent Season is a season of hope. It is a time for renewed expectation for the coming of the Lord into our hearts and at the end of time. And we have a sound foundation for this hope, since the Lord Jesus himself has promised that he will come to bring about the fullness of the Kingdom. This season provides us with the opportunity for nurturing our trust and confidence in God's loving care and concern for each and every one of us.

Our readings today invite us to reflect upon our lives in that future kingdom, a future life for each of us that has already begun through the intervention of Jesus into human life. "Go back and report to Joh what you see and hear: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them." The many healing miracles of Jesus are, indeed, a sign for all of us of that future kingdom where sin and sickness will be wiped away.

We are encouraged to be patient. Using the example of the farmer awaiting the precious yield of the soil while the mysterious cycles of nature do their thing in the hidden recesses of the soul, St James, urges us to wait patiently while our loving God, deep within the recesses of eternity, carries out his divinely timed plan for our salvation in his own mysterious way. And we are to persevere without tiring, without grumbling, without giving in to despair.

Our duty is to nurture and cultivate this hope. It is in doing so that we will be able to bring hope to others too.



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