

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

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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 (January 7)

5 PM +Elizabeth Contreras Cruz,
+Ruel & Evelyn Macalaguim,
+Milagros & Juanito Umali, +Ted
Rynkun, +Eluijan Gaska

SUNDAY (January 8)

7:30 AM For the Parish community

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of D'Mello
Family, Thanksgiving to the Holy
Family

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Cesar
& Bing Madrasto, Thanksgiving of
Juliana and R. J. D'Souza & family,
+Peter Lai Nguyen, +Eusebio Borral,
+Francisca Coronel

12:30 PM +Roma De Vera, Special
Intention for Jeein and Yoonse
Kang, Special Intention for Kim and
Jangmee Park

MONDAY (January 9)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Nazarene
Devotees, Thanksgiving of Quinsay &
Orfano Family, +Manuel & Eleuteria
Quinsay, +Cipriano & Maria Orfano

TUESDAY (January 10)

7:30 AM +Mark Elliott Frieson,
+Richard Jinman, +Ignatius Vu Long
Mao, Thanksgiving of Bernie & Julie
Bautista, Thanksgiving and Healing
of Joanne Aris

WEDNESDAY (January 11)

7:00 PM Open

THURSDAY (January 12)

7:30 AM Special Intention of Bosco
Fernandes

FRIDAY (January 13)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Paul
Espiritu, +Esmeralda Cardozo,
+Ciriaco Pereira, +Jason Avelino
Mistry

SATURDAY (January 14)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM Open

THE GREATEST TREASURE

On today's feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we are offered a moment to absorb the surprise of God's love. Out of love for humankind, God sacrificed the greatest treasure, the gift of Jesus for the life of the world. Initially manifested among the people of the first covenant, Jesus is also God's gift to all the nations of the earth.

In the first reading, we are presented a vision of universal salvation - that the gift of God's presence to humankind dispels the darkness of sin and the clouds of discrimination that obscure and separate the peoples of the earth from God and from one another. Because of God, there is light and goodness among us, and all, without exception, are privileged to share in it.

The second reading refers to God's greatest treasure and gift to humankind as a mystery which has been revealed in our midst. Not a secret reserved for a few or for the elite, God's saving gift reaches out to embrace all people. As a result of the power of that saving embrace, the lives of all of us, Jew or Gentile, man and woman, rich and poor, saint and sinner, slave and free, are necessarily intertwined. To live otherwise would be to contradict and thereby forfeit our sharing in God's gracious gifts.

In the Gospel and through the gifts of the wisemen, the Gospel writer teaches us something of the treasure God bestowed upon humankind in Jesus. A precious metal, gold was understood as a fitting gift for a king. Jesus' unique kingship was exercised in loving service for sinners. Frankincense signified the priesthood of Jesus whereby he freely offered the sacrifice of himself so as to draw all people nearer to God. Through the gift of myrrh, the extent to which God loves humankind...so much that God sacrificed for each of us the greatest treasure, the son and brother of us all, Jesus Christ.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR
PEACE IN THE WORLD ESPECIALLY
IN UKRAINE

OFFERTORY

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| Offertory | \$ 4,423.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 2,641.00 |
| Liturgical Fund | \$ 103.45 |
| Mass Stipend | \$ 260.00 |
| Candle Revenue | \$ 247.20 |
| Christmas | \$ 385.00 |
| New Year's | \$ 2,533.95 |
| Missal | \$ 25.00 |
| Initial Envelopes | \$ 1,005.00 |
| Total | \$11,623.60 |

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE
LORD
FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE
January 9, 2022
7 PM

The original statue of the Black Nazarene, a statue of Jesus carrying the Cross, was brought to the Philippines from Mexico in 1606. A significant portion of Filipino Catholics have a special devotion to this icon and wherever they migrated, they bring this devotion with them. At the start of the Covid Pandemic, our parish was gifted with a replica of this image. The Devotees are inviting us to the Feast.

ABOUT YOUR DONATIONS

If you wish to top your donation for 2022 before we close the Parish Financial Book, please date your cheque or envelope to December 31, 2022. We would like to request that you give your donation no later than January 15, we can prepare the DONATION TAX RECEIPTS.

Please discard any unused 2022 Donation Envelopes so there will be no confusion with the proper recording of your offertory gifts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Do you know that the Blessed
Sacrament is exposed in our Church
for private prayers**

Monday 6 PM to 7 PM
Tuesday to Friday 12 noon to 7 PM

Join Fr. Mark for Holy Hour every
evening from 6 PM

If you are unable to join us physically
at the church, you can also pray with
us on our YouTube Channel.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Parish would like to jump start the
Youth Ministry in 2023. We are looking
for volunteers to assist in this awesome
outreach to the young people.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we can organize
a summer youth camp? But in order to do
this, we need volunteers!

Please pray about it and inform Fr. Mark
or Susan of your desire to work with young
people.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME

We are looking for volunteers for
ushering, gathering the offerings,
and making people welcome in
our place of worship on Sundays.
We are especially hoping to have
more volunteers for the 11 AM
and 12:30 PM Masses. Would you
consider serving the Lord in this
way?

CHOIR MINISTRY

The 11 AM Sunday Choir is
looking for more members. The
choir serves every other Sunday.
Please see Cristina Sanchez

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WITH BISHOP NGUYEN St. Michael's Cathedral Sunday, February 12, 2023 02:30 PM

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023
celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen
will preside at a special Mass to
honour married couples, especially
those celebrating milestone wedding
anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or
60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at
2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St.
Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond
Street, Toronto). All married couples will
have an opportunity to renew their vows
and milestone anniversary celebrants
will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space
restrictions those wishing to attend
are asked to register online. Milestone
anniversary celebrants will be assured of
reserved seating. All other seating is on a
first-come, first-served basis. Those who
are unable to attend at the Cathedral
are invited to join the celebration via
livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The
broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration is now ongoing. Please
visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage
to register and to access resources for
parishes and couples.

Have you always wanted to visit
the land of Jesus and walk in his
footsteps?

FR. MARK WILL BE LEADING
A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY
LAND
(Egypt and Israel)

November 6 to 20, 2023
Flyers are available at the Narthex
for more information

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas
Collins and a wide representation
of Christian leaders to pray for the
restoration of full visible unity willed
by Jesus Christ for the Church at St.
Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73
Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto)
on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m.
This event is jointly organized by the
Office for Promoting Christian Unity
and the Greater Toronto Area Council
of Christian Churches.

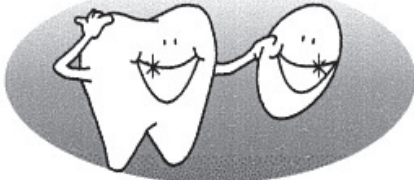
Online Course: Introduction to
Christian Meditation
Monday, January 9 to February 13
– 6:30 p.m. EST

A VIRTUAL EVENT
RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE
FOR PROMOTING
CHRISTIAN UNITY AND
RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH
JUDAISM

The Canadian Christian Meditation
Community is offering a 6-week online
course on an ancient Christian prayer
form that is seeing a revival globally.
Participants will be introduced to
practical exercises that will help
them focus on the presence of God
in a communal setting open to all
Christians and ecclesial traditions.
Plan to attend these sessions for
growth in the spiritual life as well as an
experience of the unity willed by Jesus
for the Church and the life of the world.

CONTACT FOR INFORMATION
AND REGISTRATION: Ann
Harwood

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