

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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St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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 28)

5:00 PM Souls of Purgatory, Ilyn de Leon, +George & Jason Mistry, +Henry Valere

SUNDAY (January 29)

7:30 AM Open

9:00 AM Healing of Nancy Loanzon, +Dario Macalino, +Nanette Pasigan, +Rolando Lumarque, +Antonietta Bumbaca, +Claudia Lee-Len
11:00 AM +George Magno Fernandes, +Tiwarei Maraj
12:30 PM Thansking of Mr. & Mrs. Garstuta, Thanksgiving of Nicanor Dimaculangan, +Agripina Lucena Meriel

MONDAY (January 30)

7:00 PM +Jose Capellan, +Cecilio, Teodora , and Narciso Nicomedez

TUESDAY (January 31)

7:30 AM +Sr. Edith

WEDNESDAY (February 1)

7:00 PM +Joaquim Rebello

THURSDAY (February 2)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Clarisa & Lewellyn Fernandes, Thanksgiving of Wilfred De Souza and Sarita De Sa

FRIDAY (February 3)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Marina & Bert Taguicana

SATURDAY (February 4)

9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Manuel & Teresa Pavao

5:00 PM +Jason D'Souza, Henry Alvarez

Our Parish is looking for more **ALTAR SERVERS**. We invite our young parishioners to consider serving at the Altar. The only requirement is that they have done their First Holy Communion.

A Reflection on the Beatitudes for our contemporary situation

- Blessed are those who are convinced of their basic dependency on God, whose lives are emptied of all that doesn't matter, those for whom the riches of this world just aren't that important. The kingdom of God is theirs.
- Blessed are those who know that all they are is a gift from God, and so they can be content with their greatness and their smallness, knowing themselves and being true to themselves. For they shall have the earth for their heritage.
- Blessed are those who wear compassion like a garment, those who have learned how to find themselves by losing themselves in another's sorrow. For they too shall be satisfied.
- Blessed are the merciful, those who remember how much has been forgiven them, and are able to extend this forgiveness into the lives of others. For they too shall receive God's mercy.
- Blessed are those whose hearts are free and simple, those who have smashed all false images and are seeking honestly for truth. For they shall see God.
- Blessed are the creators of peace, those who build roads that unite rather than walls that divide, those who bless the world with the healing power of their presence. For they shall be called sons and daughters of God.
- Blessed are those whose love has been tried, like gold, in the furnace and found to be precious, genuine and lasting, those who have lived their belief out loud, no matter what the cost or pain. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

OFFERTORY

Offertory	\$ 3,780.65
Building Fund	\$ 1,485.00
Initial Offering	\$ 100.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 990.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 175.85
Liturgical Fund	\$ 50.00
Baptism	\$ 710.00
Missal	\$ 55.00
Confirmation	\$ 50.00
Missal	\$ 55.00
Flowers	\$ 87.00
Total	\$ 7,483.50

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Families are asking about Children's Liturgy. Pre-Covid time, we had a Children's Liturgy in all Masses except the 7:30 AM Mass. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we are able to offer it again to all our children in the parish? But in order to do it, we need volunteers. Please forward your name to the parish to the attention of Fr. Mark or Susan. We will provide the training necessary to fulfill your ministry well.

There are so many things we can do, but without your help we can't accomplish anything for the Kingdom of God.

Join us for
The Feast of St. Josephine
Bakhita

Wednesday, February 8
at 7 PM

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is waiting for you

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

Drop by at the church for a quick hello to Jesus and if you are so inclined spend sometime for a conversation with Him.

Help yourself grow in the Faith

Our parish has subscribed to FORMED.ORG to help every member of our parish to grow deeper in their faith at their own time and pace. Visit the website and see for yourself.

BEING WITH VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Free Online Training - Live on Zoom
February 1 & 2 at 7 PM

Join Compassionate Community Care for their free online event and training, live on Zoom to gain the confidence to journey with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying, to renew their hope and purpose in life. Training will feature Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and Kathy Matusiak Costa, Director of Compassionate Community Care to address this very important issue and how to overcome it with practical volunteer solutions and being with those who are most vulnerable. CCC has a dynamic and one-of-a-kind program designed to overcome the issues faced by people who are at greatest risk during these times. This training is free and held over two days, each session is two hours.

CONTACT: Compassionate Community Care PHONE: 519-439-6445 EMAIL: info@beingwith.org WEBSITE: www.beingwith.org

You may have heard someone say:

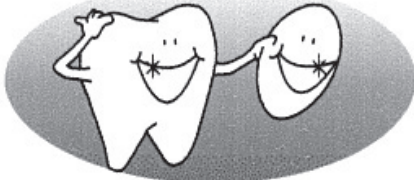
“Living is not an obligation. I don’t want to die hooked up to a bunch of machines or forced to stay alive when I know it’s time to pass on.”

- A peaceful death comes from acceptance not control. It is important that those people who are suffering are given compassion and help on their journey towards acceptance, until their natural death.
- Requests for euthanasia and assisted suicide are often made out of a profound sense of despair. They are generally a call for help. At the heart of such a request is a profound fear of the pain the person may have to endure and of being alone in that suffering. Such a desire is typically transitory, especially when we respond to it with true compassion.
- Our society has always reached out to suicidal citizens who need help in living, not help in dying. It would be quite a contradiction to continue funding distress centers and suicide prevention programs while legalizing assisted suicide. If people chose to die while temporarily depressed or in intense pain, instead of receiving proper medical attention, they will potentially be deprived of many good years of life.
- Dying patients who are no longer competent to make their own decisions may find that physicians and members of their families take control and decide to end their life. For example, this could happen if a person has prepared a living will clearly stating his or her desire to be euthanized under certain circumstances, but no longer wishes to be killed once the time comes. The so-called right to choose death could become the right of other people to force your choice on you once you have become incompetent.

We need to be compassionate. I wouldn’t even let my dog suffer through a long death. Why would I force someone I love to suffer uncontrollable pain?

- Uncontrollable pain is quite rare. In most cases, severe pain can be relieved; if not, it is often because physicians lack formation in pain management. We need more research and training in this area.
- Facing a person with a chronic illness or degenerative disease, a person with a terminal illness, a man or a woman with depression or a severe disability, an elderly person, or someone who is dying – especially if that person feels that he or she is a burden, has a duty to die or demands death as a right – presents each of us with a responsibility and a mission.
- We are called to “be with” and to “suffer with” those who face some of the greatest challenges of human life. To “suffer with” – that is the true meaning of “compassion” – as we provide proper care and effective pain control, along with social, emotional and spiritual support.
- Euthanasia is absolutely opposed to compassion because in the act of killing we abandon the patient when he or she needs us most. True compassion is all about presence, solidarity and love: to become a partner in suffering, helping the other find meaning until death occurs naturally.
- We need to eliminate the pain, not the patient. Pain relief medications used appropriately rarely shorten life; the patient usually dies from his or her underlying disease. There is a huge difference between giving drugs to relieve pain and suffering, and intentionally using pain relief treatment to euthanize a person.
- In extreme cases, palliative sedation is an acceptable approach to pain management and does not entail the same dangers to society as euthanasia. Its intention is to control the pain, not to put an end to the patient’s life.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life and the Family (www.colf.ca)



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