

# 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

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 (February 11 )

5:00 PM +Avelino Vaz, +Jason Mistry,  
+Benedict Venantius, +Anthony  
Pinto, +Lisa Dias, +Justice Ann  
D'Souza

SUNDAY (February 12)

7:30 AM +Conrado, Cecilio, +Lucia  
Nicomedez, Special Intention of  
Ernest Bengert

9:00 AM +Saturnino Villa Sr. ,  
+Clarita Invierno, +Cesar Invierno Jr.  
+Ropsemarie Rambuyan, +Nemesia  
Villa

11:00 AM +Lucy & John Texeira,  
+Loreta Garcia, +Antonia Llige,  
+Bertuluma Lucas, Souls in  
Purgatory

12:30 PM +Sukandar & Suryanti  
Angriawan, +Constancia Ocsan,  
+Roma de Vera, Thanksgiving of  
Linda Corrales

MONDAY (February 13)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Linda  
Corrales, +William & Cristina  
Tolentino

TUESDAY (February 14)

7:30 AM Healing of Kathrun  
Fleischer

WEDNESDAY (February 15)

7:00 PM +Avelino Vaz, +Josef Cygal

THURSDAY (February 16)

7:30 AM +Amando Lusing & Judth  
King

FRIDAY (February 17)

7:00 PM +Jason Mistry

SATURDAY (February 18)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Egypt Padilla, +Rafael  
Humberto Ramirez, +Antonio  
Grande

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Jesus opened his arms in welcome and proclaimed: "I have come, not to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come to fulfill them!" The crowds gathered on the hillside had never heard anyone like Jesus before. His confident teaching sounded like new scripture. Jesus was quoting from Deuteronomy, but his own bold words seemed more sacred as he warned of the danger of overlooking the spirit and quality of the law in favor of strict regulations.

One of the older men in the crowd protested: "You're on dangerous ground if you're telling us that the law is to be changed." Jesus looked at him gently, and with a smile of reassurance said, "Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the law, not the smallest part of a letter, shall be done away with until it all comes true."

Like an eager student, Peter's eyes were fixed on Jesus as he held command of the moment. Jesus' preaching was like the masterful toss of a fishing net. The words flew out over the crowd and then settled down over them. As the people began to understand, Jesus drew them closer, assuring the gathering that he wasn't trying to replace the Jewish laws. He was bringing these laws no refinement and perfection. He told them the laws weren't about just getting by and doing the minimum. He invited them to embrace the law completely, to let it seep beneath their skin and into their lives. "I tell you," Jesus declared, "that unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter the kingdom of God."

Peter gave John a hopeless look as he realized Jesus' lofty requirements of discipleship. He was just a fisherman. How could he be holier than the

## OFFERTORY

Offertory	\$ 3,589.70
Building Fund	\$ 3,289.10
Liturgical Fund	\$ 63.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 270.00
Initial Offering	\$ 210.00
Baptism	\$ 152.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 158.35
Confirmation	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 82.00
Total	\$ 8,014.15

highly respected Pharisees or the scribes of the Law?

Jesus went on to preach that the sin of anger can lead to the sin of murder; that lustful thoughts become adultery; and that oaths and agreements are made to be broken unless they flow from an honest and truthful heart.

Jesus told them: "Say yes when you mean yes and no when you mean no. Anything beyond that is from the evil one."

Today we are still called to fulfill the laws which Jesus preached about on the hillside near Capernaum. We are challenged to obey the spirit of the law as well as the specific words. Jesus says that "getting by" is not enough. As we approach the Lenten Season Jesus' teachings gently lead us to a more profound preparation.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

We will offer three Masses wherein  
you can receive the ashes  
7:30 AM, 12 Noon, and 7 PM

## BIBLE FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays, starting February 23  
from 7 PM to 8:15 PM

Topic: The Gospel of Mark  
in person at the Church Hall or via  
Zoom

For more info, email sjb.  
biblefellowship@gmail.com

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2023  
Saturday, March 4, starting at 9 AM

For those in our parish who wish to  
attend, our contact is Suzie Pereira

Ticket cost  
Adults \$25  
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There will be a sign sheet available  
in the Narthex for you to sign up.  
It is important that those interested  
should do so before February 20.

Your cooperation is greatly  
appreciated!  
Thank you!

As we slowly adjust to Post-  
Pandemic Time...

We are slowly and quietly bringing  
back our cherished Catholic  
Tradition of blessing ourselves with  
Holy Water as we enter the church.

We are also starting to use our  
Confessional again. We ask, however,  
that penitents sit rather than kneel  
for the time being.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY  
VIRTUAL TRAINING

The next bereavement ministry training  
will be offered online via Zoom on  
Thursdays, February 23, March 2, 9, 16,  
23 & 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This training  
is designed for new and seasoned parish  
bereavement ministers. It will explore  
ways to begin a bereavement ministry  
in your parish or enhance your present  
bereavement ministry programs.

Registrants are required to participate  
in all online sessions and complete pre-  
homework to receive full training. There  
is no cost to attend but registration is  
required (space is limited). This program  
is offered by the Office of Formation for  
Discipleship and Saint Monica Institute.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/BMT-RegisterFebMar2023>  
by February 21,  
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TELLING TRUTH IN CHARITY:  
INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC  
JOURNALISM

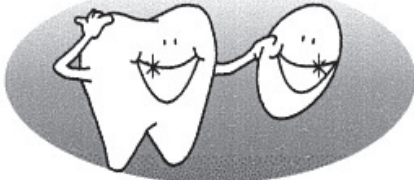
Eight-part online Seminar starting  
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communications.

CONTACT: St. Monica Institute  
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## I don't want to be a burden...

- This line of thinking suggests that those who suffer are not worth the time and care they require. We need to approach people with compassion, not with a utilitarian calculus. We have a responsibility to love and support each other so that no one will ever feel compelled to request euthanasia or assisted suicide because they feel they are a burden.
- The fear of being a burden is the key reason why some people ask to have their death hastened. Many Canadians also feel abandoned and are very isolated. They need to be consoled, encouraged and comforted.
- Elder abuse is already a problem in Canada because many senior citizens do not have the capacity to fight for the care and respect they deserve. If euthanasia becomes an option for the vulnerable and their caregivers, it could very easily be used as a threat or translated into a duty to die.
- Some Dutch elders, who experience this kind of pressure, are migrating to nearby Germany because they no longer trust their doctors and fear their loved ones will take advantage of their vulnerability to shorten their lives.
- We need to focus on providing compassionate care for the elderly and for those with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, severe disabilities and debilitating diseases, as well as greater support for their families through home care and other services.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life and the Family ([www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca))



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