

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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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 18)
 5:00 PM +Egypt Padilla, +Rafael Humberto Ramirez, +Antonio Grande

SUNDAY (February 19)
 7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Joseph and Baby Jesus
 9:00 AM +Giuseppe Galati, +Aquilino Rivera & Juan Cabading, +Conchita Gonzales
 11:00 AM +Joseph Maria L. Tran, +Peter Kim Le, +Ceiliya & Peter Navaratnam, +Felix Jeevaratnam, +Margaret Lilly
 12:30 PM +Alan de Puerto

MONDAY (February 20)
 7:00 PM +Pomemario & Joseph Perez, +Daniel Marsh, +Zenaida Dy Tan, +Eric D’Souza

TUESDAY (February 21)
 7:30 AM Cecilio, Teodora, Eduardo Nicomedez

WEDNESDAY (February 22)
 7:30 AM Ash Wednesday
 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday
 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday

THURSDAY (February 23)
 7:30 AM +Alexis Lobo, +Angeline D’Souza

FRIDAY (February 24)
 7:00 PM Open

SATURDAY (February 25)
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Pete Alcantara

5:00 PM +Mary Joan D’Souza, +Tiring, Dionisio, Rezaldo Taguicana, +Isabelle Alfonza

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THE BEGINNING OF LENT IS COMING UP IN A FEW DAYS, WHAT DO WE INTEND TO DO?

Lent is a season for taking spiritual progress seriously. Do you recall what you did last Lent? Most likely not. Perhaps, we can do something much more this time around - TO GO DEEPER.

At the start of the season of Lent, we are once again presented with the traditional forms of conversion: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting.

Almsgiving was an acknowledgement that whatever benefits I receive from this world belong to everyone. I help the poor not as a charity but as recognition that if I have more than I need, it belongs to someone else. Almsgiving is distributive justice, a way of leveling out surplus and need among all those who have equal rights to the gifts of this world.

Prayer is my openness to God as teacher and Lord. God wants us to grow far more and if we are open we will be led. We will listen hard, try to see God in each day, especially in the relationships we most take for granted.

Fasting, like almsgiving, is a reminder that if I take too much, others suffer. When I was a child, I was told to take only on my plate what I can finish. If even a morsel of rice is left on the plate, I was always reminded by my parents of the many suffering people of the world who had nothing to eat. Fasting, therefore, is sharing in the communal meal, refusing to hoard or waste what another needs.

But fasting is also alertness, self-knowledge. Thomas Merton once connected a piece of bread to the earth that produced it, the farmer who

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Confirmation	\$ 50.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 510.00
ShareLife	\$ 150.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
Total	\$18,696.65

ASH WEDNESDAY
 February 22, 2023

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

grew the wheat, the elevator that stored it, the train that shipped it, the baker who baked it, the truck driver who delivered it, the store manager who offered it - in other words, to the entire network of interdependence we rely on for survival. When I fast and pray during this Lenten season, I become more aware of my neighbor; the role of multinationals, labor practices, and survival. Fasting is about being alert to justice and injustice in the world.

Let this Lenten season be a season of grace. This is God’s gift to us so we can become better people. Let us recognize this gift and do whatever we can to make it fruitful. We have forty days to do this...let us start right, so we can reach the finish line - Easter!

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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
Youth \$15
+

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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.

**THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF
TORONTO**

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has
appointed Bishop Frank Leo as the
14th Archbishop of Toronto, replacing
Thomas Cardinal Collins upon reaching
the age of retirement. The Archbishop-
elect is currently the Auxiliary Bishop of
Montreal. He is only 51 years old, born
in 1971 to Italian immigrants. He served
various parishes upon ordination,
called to serve in the Diplomatic corps
of the Holy See, General Secretary of
the Canadian Conference of Catholic
Bishops, and ordained a bishop in
September of 2022.

Our parish community welcomes our
new shepherd and we pray for his fruitful
ministry among us. We also pray for
Cardinal Collins for continued health
and joy in his retirement. We are deeply
grateful to His Eminence for creating
our parish in 2008 and dedicating our
place of worship ten years later.

**40,000 DEAD AND COUNTING.
MORE ARE DISPLACED IN
TURKIYE AND SYRIA**

If you wish to help the people of Turkiye
and Syria in their hour of need due
to the massive earthquake that they
recently suffered from, you can use
the Humanitarian Envelope (yellow)
available in the Narthex. You can drop
your donation in our regular Offertory
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archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

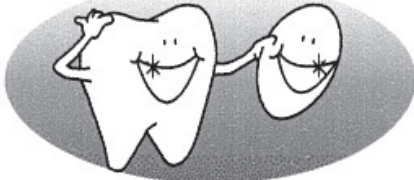
The Turkiye and Syria relief appeal
supports those affected by the deadly
earthquake on February 6, 2023. Your
gift will fund relief efforts administered
through CNEWA, Development and
Peace – Caritas Canada, Aid to the
Church in Need and Canadian Jesuits
International.

Some people think that
Disability is not worth
living...We say:

- This argument clearly demonstrates that people with disabilities are among some of the most threatened citizens when a country legalizes euthanasia. Vulnerable members of society need to feel they are valued, not encouraged to commit suicide or to ask for euthanasia.
- People with disabilities do not think of themselves as “poor quality” human beings. They expect and are entitled to the respect due to any person. It is important not to judge the quality of life of others based on standards and prejudices that are imposed on us by a culture that rewards efficiency and performance. Quality of life reasoning should not be used to evaluate any group of people because it is based on individual perspective which is subject to change.
- For more information on the unique perspective of disabled people, visit the Council of Canadians with Disabilities at: www.ccdonline.ca

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

Our Parish is calling for
volunteers to assist in the
Children’s Liturgy. If you are
interested, please give your
name and contact number.
We hope to re-start our
Children’s Liturgy by Easter!



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