

# 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 25)  
 5:00 PM +Mary Joan D’Souza,  
 +Tiring, Dionisio, Resaldo Taguicana,  
 Isabelle Alfonza & John D’Souza  
 SUNDAY (February 26)  
 7:30 AM +Abundo Juliano & Dores  
 Dudley  
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Alex Buena,  
 Thanksgiving of D’Mello Family,  
 Healing of Monina  
 11:00 AM +Maria Plata, +Maria Jose,  
 Souza & Gilbert D’Souza. +Pete &  
 Philomena Joseph, +Lauro & Emilia  
 Lobendino  
 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Natalie  
 Huab, +Domingo & Porfirio Grande,  
 +Perfecto Martin Meriel  
  
 MONDAY (February 27)  
 7:00 PM Open  
  
 TUESDAY (February 28)  
 7:30 AM +Henry Valere,  
 Thanksgiving of Jocelyn Lopez  
  
 WEDNESDAY (March 1)  
 7:00 PM +Josef Cygal  
  
 THURSDAY (March 2)  
 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Tamara &  
 Ethan Pereira  
  
 FRIDAY (March 3)  
 7:00 PM +Nelson Masironi,  
 +Mieczyslaw Ksiezopolski  
  
 SATURDAY (March 4)  
 9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Daniel  
 Carreiro & Conceicao Ramos  
  
 5:00 PM +Anne Principe,  
 +Theodore Fernandes

Join us for the Way of  
 the Cross every Friday  
 throughout the Lenten  
 Season after the  
 7 PM  
 Holy Mass

LENT is above all the “desert season,” and the gospel invites us to spend some time there with Jesus. Like him, we need to stand in the scorched sand under the noon sun to see things, as they really are - not packaged and controlled, but rough and raw and cantankerous.

The authentic, wholly human person is one who has squarely faced the best and the worst in themselves because they have battled their own desert demon. And no other demon will do. There are countless disciplines and endless sufferings we bring on ourselves. There is a whole lifetime of mistakes that should forge us into shape, but somehow they never got quite to the heart of the matter. The number of our private demons is legion, but we fight them in vain on our own terms. The only demon that really matters waits for us in the desert - on its own ground.

That is why Jesus went to the desert. Not that his enemy wasn’t everywhere, but for the showdown you have to stalk the beasts in their lair, and you have to accept the naked truth. When the devil boasted that he owned the world, Jesus did not argue - he gave the devil his due. And it is significant that Jesus did not overwhelm the devil in majestic splendor - he simply held his ground until the devil went away. Neither do we have to beat the devil. We just have to survive the desert. The victory belongs to someone else.

But if you survive, you come out a different person. The desert is not something you do - it’s something you endure. It isn’t something you make of yourself; it is something else that makes you. That is why it is so hard to choose the desert. We never know what’s waiting there; or what will happen to us, or how we will come out.

OFFERTORY	
Offertory	\$ 3,412.75
Building Fund	\$ 1,120.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 95.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 525.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 50.00
Rectory Repair	\$ 50.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 610.00
Flowers	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 6,026.30

The Daughters of Isabella are asking parishioners to consider donating personal hygiene products to help Vita Centre and Open Door.

Vita Centre provides support, education, and counselling to vulnerable families, including pregnant and partenting youth, with the goal of empowering them to move forward and thrive.

The Open Door is a ministry to people facing homelessness, critical illness, marriage breakdown, unemployment, abusive situations, bereavement, loneliness, singles moms raising families and countless other reasons that people need help, including every sort of relational hurt.

These are just some of the things they would need:

- shampoo/conditioner
- liquid hand soap
- diapers/pull-ups (5 & 6)
- adult diapers
- in season gently used clothing for all ages, cleaned & ready for distribution
- deodorant & toothpaste
- feminine products
- dish soap & laundry soap
- PPE

## COME AND SEE

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 19 (2:30 p.m.). This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeese](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeese)

## Lenten Day of Retreat

Saturday, March 18

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Retreat will be facilitated by the Queen of Apostles Team.

COST: \$45.00 includes lunch

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### Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife.

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing.

Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families. Please give generously once again this year.

Thank you for your generosity!

### Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2023

Saturday March 4 – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
EST Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
North Building, 255 Front Street West,  
Toronto

A grace-filled day celebrating God's love with:

- Uplifting music
- Eucharistic Healing Procession
- Confession and Holy Mass
- Separate Youth Event

A Sign sheet is available at the Narthex if you want to attend.

### St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program:

Topic: Lenten Retreat: A Spirituality for Catholic Teachers

Saturday, March 4 – 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL EVENT RUN BY  
ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Toronto's St. Monica Institute and the Toronto Catholic Teachers' Guild, we are pleased to offer a Lenten retreat day that will draw us into the important work of education with presenter Deacon Doug McManaman, Chaplain of the Toronto chapter of the Catholic Teachers' Guild. A spirituality for Catholic teachers certainly speaks most directly to those who work within the more formal community of Catholic education, but the theme of this retreat will speak to all Catholics, for all of us live and participate in the world of Catholic education, and its critical importance touches us all. We extend a warm invitation to all for this day of reflection, with a particular welcome to all Catholic teachers, administrators, support staff, and to all who work in the homeschooling community. COST: In-person - \$50; Online - \$20 (+ HST) CONTACT: Chere MacLean/416-269-3445/chere.macleam@utoronto.ca REGISTER: <https://staugustines.on.ca/eventslisting/layformationlentenretreat2023>

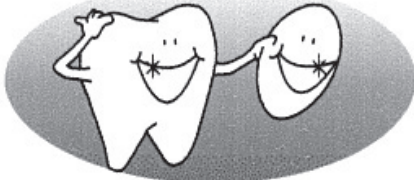
## Someone says:

There are reports of Assisted Suicide happening, shouldn't it be better that the government regulate it?

- As Canadians, we have rejected the death penalty knowing that, among other things, occasional judicial errors can lead to the execution of innocent people. It would be a contradiction and an injustice to allow some people to directly and intentionally kill others, especially at a time when they are most vulnerable. This is a question of public safety and social justice.
- If euthanasia is being carried out against the law, this shows that the law is incapable of controlling euthanasia. Legalizing euthanasia will not fix this problem. Providing government sanctions for euthanasia will endorse a practice that will harm the most vulnerable members of society and devastate the institution of medicine.
- A change in law would jeopardize the role of the medical profession and fundamentally alter the doctor-patient relationship because the so called "right to die" would give doctors the right to directly and intentionally kill. It would undermine the trust between patients and doctors, leading the sick, persons with disabilities and the elderly to fear going to hospitals and other care-giving institutions.
- It is important that euthanasia remain illegal in Canada even if the Hippocratic Oath is no longer the cornerstone of medicine. The law must continue to reinforce the doctor-patient relationship and the role of the physician as a truly compassionate person who sometimes heals, often relieves and always comforts.
- If something is wrong, legalizing it will not make it right. Public acceptance of euthanasia and assisted suicide would dull our consciences to the gravity of taking human life. It would diminish our compassion.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life and the Family





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