

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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3600 Forest Bluff Crescent

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SCHOOLS

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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

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MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (March 4)

5:00 PM +Anne Principe, +Theodore Fernandes, +Josephine Cruz, +Rose Gumtang, +Audrey Fisker

SUNDAY (March 5)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Arbie Sarmiento
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Elizabeth Vasquz
 11:00 AM Open
 12:30 PM +Sister Mary Annette, +Peter Lai Nguyen, +Maria Vu, +Peter Pham, +Jesus Castillejos, +Joselina Castillejos, +Lori Stewart

MONDAY (March 6)

7:00 PM +Rosalita Felicia Paiva

TUESDAY (March 7)

7:30 AM +Sircula Noronha

WEDNESDAY (March 8)

7:00 PM +Inocencio Guillermo

THURSDAY (March 9)

7:30 AM +Petronila Tom

FRIDAY (March 10)

7:00 PM Open

SATURDAY (March 11)

9:00 AM +Ranjan Victoria

5:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry

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

ALL DONATION TAX RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN MAILED!

in case you have not received your donation tax receipts, please connect with Cliff or Ben at the Parish Desk.

LENT can become a time for deepening faith, and renewing obedience while journeying ever more directly and earnestly home to God.

In the second reading, the author suggest that those who have answered God’s call to holiness should consider the quality and consistency of their response. Wise mentor that he was, he also reminds us that God’s call is a completely unmerited and gratuitous gift, whereby those who have been so graced and gifted are able to “bear the hardship which the gospel entails.”

In today’s gospel narrative, Matthew offers yet another challenge: “Listen!” Each of the three men who were at Mt. Tabor have experienced something extraordinary in the presence of Jesus. Each also probably had an idea and a plan as to how things should thereafter unfold. Acting as their spokesman, Peter wanted to arrange that the extraordinariness of the moment would endure. “Let’s pitch some tents and savor the glory!” But the voice had other plans. Glory would indeed come, and those who came to believe in Jesus would live to savor it forever; however, and before all else, they had to listen.

Abraham had cultivated the virtue of listening to the degree that he was willing to risk losing all that had become familiar in order to embrace the unfamiliar. It is easy to imagine the many voices that would have discouraged him from embarking on the journey, but he prevailed. He listened to God and from that listening a great people has been born.

Lkme Abraham, Paul also dared to listen... so was Peter, James, and John, and all the other disciples... with listening comes learning; with learning comes loving, and with loving comes the strength to leave all else in order to go where God leads.

May we too learn the virtue of listening. May this Lenten season hone it. May we hear God’s voice much more clearly and when we hear, may we not harden our hearts.

OFFERTORY	
Offertory	\$ 3,552.55
Building Fund	\$ 1,065.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 933.85
Mass Stipend	\$ 460.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 304.85
Initial Offering	\$ 50.00
ShareLife	\$ 5.00
Funeral	\$ 600.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 755.00
Flowers	\$ 102.00
Total	\$ 7,828.25

Easter Flower Offering

In anticipation of Easter Celebrtrions next month, we would like to appeal for donations towards the purchase of flowers. If you would like to contribute for this purpose, please avail of the envelope marked “Flowers” and dropped your offering in the regular offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity!

SHARELIFE

Our parish’s first ShareLife collection will be held on the weekend of March 26.

Today’s second reading calls us to a holy life, not according to our works, but according to God’s own design and the grace bestowed on us. Our annual ShareLife campaign calls us to to live according to God’s will and show our love to our brothers and sisters in this season of almsgiving.

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the important works of these agencies.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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

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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YOUTH MINISTRY DISCERNMENT DAY

Saturday, April 29, 2023 starting at 10 AM

Newman Centre, 89 George St. Toronto

The Office of Catholic Youth is hosting a Youth Ministry Discernment and Information Day on Saturday, April 29th from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Newman Centre in Toronto. This day is to help inform potential candidates interested in becoming Catholic parish Youth Ministers within the Archdiocese of Toronto. To register and for more information, please email jmacmullen@archtoronto.org. Please only share this information with potential candidates that you would personally recommend or consider – do not publish in parish bulletins, websites or public forums.

CONTACT: John MacMullen
REGISTER: jmacmullen@archtoronto.org

BIBLE FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays, starting March 2
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

Would you consider helping our kids in the parish grow in the faith?

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!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE?

From time to time, the Archdiocese of Toronto is looking for people to work in the various departments and also in other places across Canada.

Visit www.archtoronto.org/careers for the latest employment opportunities.

Calling Patricians and Josephines of
Karachi, Pakistan

Feast Day Mass
Saturday, 18 March 2023 at 11 AM
St. Josephine Bakhita Church

followed by Reunion Fellowship in the
Parish Hall

All ARE WELCOME!

CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE

Please see the parish schedule or make an appointment at the parish desk

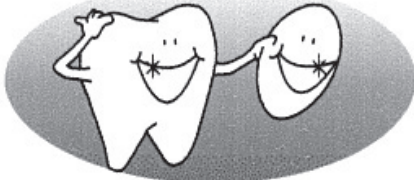
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Someone says:

Why worry about a slippery slope? The experience of other countries and states show that safeguards in the law effectively prevent abuses.

- A careful study of the situation in those countries and states shows that a slippery slope exists. Foolproof safeguards do not exist. Laws regulating euthanasia and assisted suicide are in large part unenforceable and incapable of adequately protecting the vulnerable because they rely on self-report by doctors.
- Decriminalizing euthanasia provides doctors and healthcare policy makers with the opportunity and the means to abuse vulnerable patients:
- In Oregon, the instance of assisted suicide has steadily increased; however the number of patients sent for psychiatric referrals after requesting assisted suicide has decreased. Patients who could regain their desire to live are not being given the care they deserve.
- Because it considers physician assisted suicide (PAS) a form of palliative care, the Oregon Health Plan will now pay for PAS instead of expensive chemotherapy to treat advanced cancer.
- In 2005, 550 Dutch citizens were killed without their consent. Countries that have legalized euthanasia and/or assisted suicide for competent terminally ill patients have continued to extend their programs to include vulnerable members of society.
- In the Netherlands, the government has adopted the Groningen Protocol which allows parents to request euthanasia for their severely disabled newborns.
- A Dutch study found that 23% of terminal cancer patients suffered from depression and were four times more likely to ask for euthanasia. These results were a surprise to the researchers who assumed that those requesting euthanasia were at peace with their decision.
- Another study showed that between 1990 and 2000 the Swiss euthanasia group Exit Deutsche Schweiz assisted in 748 suicides. 21.1% of these people did not suffer from fatal conditions.
- In Belgium, the pro-euthanasia lobby is now demanding of euthanasia for minors and for citizens with dementia.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life and the Family



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