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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

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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 (March 11)

5:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry

SUNDAY (March 12)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Caridad Sarmiento, Thanksgiving of Esperanza Carandang

9:00 AM Open

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Joel & Noel Paiva, +Lucy & John Texeira, +Thomas Rovelo Sr. +Rosita Rovelo

12:30 PM +Ana Gonsalves

MONDAY (March 13)

7:00 PM +Lourdes Fernandes, +Franciszek, Tanina, Wladyslaw, Krystina Balszczak, +Jacinta Fernadez, +Cyril Bastiampillai

TUESDAY (March 14)

7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (March 15)

7:00 PM +Camilo & Agnes D’Costa

THURSDAY (March 16)

7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (March 17)

7:00 PM +Milagros & Juanito Umali, +Evelyn & Ruel Macalaguim, +Patrick D’Costa, +Isabel & Grace Fernandez

SATURDAY (March 18)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry

Easter Flower Offering

In anticipation of Easter Celebrtions 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!

She has a history. Things done and left undone, some good some not so good. Guilts and regrets. Fears. Wounds and sorrows. Secrets too. She is a woman with a past. **BUT LET US NOT BE QUICK TO JUDGE!** We do not have all the details about her, but we do not have to because in one way or the other we too are a people with a past, people with history.

People with a past often live in fear of being found out. The fear is not so much about people finding out our past, but whether people will still love us and care about us if they come to know about it.

We all know too well what happens to us, it leaves us without life, thirsting for something more, something different, but always unhappy, always stuck.

In today’s gospel, Jesus is asking of this woman with a past when he says, “Give me a drink.” It is the invitation to let herself be known and to be loved. Jesus is more interested in her future. He looks beyond her past and sees her as someone who can be forgiven, to be accepted, and to be included.

“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.” This is the living water of new life, new possibilities, and freedom from the past. This living water is Jesus’ own life. It became in the Samaritan woman “a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” She discovered within herself the interior well and left her water jar behind. She had now become the well in which Christ’s life flows.

It is not enough to hear her story. What about us? Come to the well that is Christ himself and then drink deeply. He is here - at the Eucharist!

OFFERTORY

Offertory	\$ 3,338.95
Building Fund	\$ 4,259.45
Liturgical Fund	\$ 79.10
Mass Stipend	\$ 460.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 163.80
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
ShareLife	\$ 5.00
Confirmation	\$ 50.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 225.00
Rectory Fund	\$ 261.16
Baptism	\$ 155.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 9,052.45

SHARELIFE

Many in our communities are in need of our help and assistance. Their problems are many, ranging from mental illness, to poverty, addiction and isolation. They turn to ShareLife agencies for support.

We have the opportunity to help them and live the Gospel by giving to ShareLife. March 26 is ShareLife Sunday.

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

**JOIN US FOR
THE WAY OF THE CROSS**
every Friday of Lent
following the 7 PM Mass

CONFESSIONS ARE HELD DAILY
Monday to Friday
5 PM to 6 Pm

HOLY HOUR
6 PM TO 7 PM

Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis (Frank) Leo

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome Western Region – Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga – 7 p.m. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

SECURITIES AS A GIFT OPTION

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 519 or email to development@archtoronto.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVE IN THE PARISH IN ORGANIZING A MINISTRY FOR MATURING ADULTS ?

Spiritus West "The Eucharist and You"

Wednesday, March 15 – 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
EST
Merciful Redeemer Parish (meet in church foyer)
2775 Erin Centre Blvd, Mississauga

This is an invitation to all young adults age 19-35 wanting to grow in Catholic community and dig deeper in their faith. Spiritus West will be hosting our March event, "The Eucharist and You" as an opportunity to do just that. Join us at 6:30pm for a young adult meet and greet. Mass will begin at 7, followed by a talk by Fr. Séamus Hogan on the topic of the Eucharist, and closing with time for Q&A and socializing. Food will be provided that's conscientious of Lenten abstinence. We welcome all newcomers as brothers and sisters in Christ. CONTACT: Christopher Fraccaro PHONE: 437-900-2650 EMAIL: cfraccaro@archtoronto.org

VIDEO CONTEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites High School students to participate in the Youth Interfaith Video Contest sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, and Salt + Light Media.

The theme of the contest is, "A Pathway to the Future," taken from the United Nations' International Day of Human Fraternity (February 4). <https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-fraternity> March 3, 2023 Page 5 of 13

This is an opportunity for young learners to explore the theme and appreciate the value of diverse faith traditions. We encourage participants to not only highlight the contest theme but to reach out to collaborate and engage with people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.

The contest began on Monday, February 6, 2023, and will close on Monday, April 17, 2023. The length of the video should not be more than three minutes. For complete contest details, please see the poster at <https://bit.ly/3ZF99kF> The video can be submitted at this link: <https://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest>

YOUTH MINISTRY DISCERNMENT DAY

Saturday, April 29, 2023 starting at 10 AM
Newman Centre, 89 George St.
Toronto

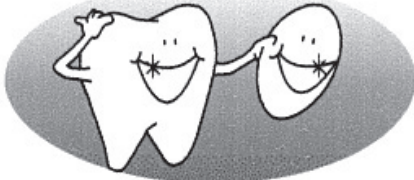
The Office of Catholic Youth is hosting a Youth Ministry Discernment and Information Day on Saturday, April 29th from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Newman Centre in Toronto. This day is to help inform potential candidates interested in becoming Catholic parish Youth Ministers within the Archdiocese of 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

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/comeandsee

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