

# 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 Assisstants*

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 (March 25)

5:00 PM +Esmeralda Cardozo,  
+Lugero Vaz, Thanksgiving of Elvira  
Avelino

SUNDAY (March 26)

7:30 AM +Milagros & Juanito Umali,  
+Evelyn & Ruel Macalaguim, +Joseph  
Moolasseril  
9:00 AM Fr. Samuel Samson,  
11:00 AM +Filemon Aguilar  
12:30 PM +Nimfa Gamba

MONDAY (March 27)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Maria  
Azanon

TUESDAY (March 28)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Marise  
DeSouza, +Illuminada, Pastor & Jose  
Rey Pinez, +Lucia Panginan Tarnate,  
+Henry Valere

WEDNESDAY (March 29)

7:00 PM +Camilo & Agnes D'Costa,  
+Inacin & Geirge Pereira

THURSDAY (March 30)

7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (March 31)

7:00 PM ++Federio Portes

SATURDAY (April 1)

9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Teresa  
Babcock

5:00 PM Open

### Easter Flower Offering

In anticipation of Easter Celebrations, 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!

Today, the gospel indicates to us the human side of Jesus. Though we profess to believe that Jesus was a human being, I think we don't usually relate that humanness to any kind of human being we actually know. So the gospel invites us to consider that Jesus loved, Jesus was moved by the deepest emotions, and Jesus cried.

And so Jesus cried. Because he was deadened by his friend's death. His humanity was diminished. He also cried because he had lost a part of his life. Lazarus and his sisters are the only family we know that Jesus ran around with. We can imagine that was the house Jesus went to when he came back to town between preaching trips. And they probably talked about how things were going, and what to do next. Jesus would miss that advice hidden under ordinary conversation - so he cried.

A rabbi said that when we are faced with a catastrophe, first we cry, then we are silent, then we sing. So Jesus first cried because he was confused, bewildered, lonely, and little lost. Then he was silent while he adjusted to the new reality. It takes time to rearrange a life around other people and interests. It takes a lot of musing to realign priorities - we are not talking about just filling holes, but reweaving a new pattern. So Jesus was speechless for a while, because some things are too deep for word.

We do not have any record that Jesus sang, but I would like to imagine he did. He knew the psalms very well and they are best sang than recited. He broke his silence with his song.

Jesus was not just a nice human being - he was also God, and he helps us know how God feels. God is like us, only bigger and better than us.

### OFFERTORY

Offertory	\$ 4,038.75
Building Fund	\$ 949.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 143.25
Mass Stipend	\$ 369.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 126.00
ShareLife	\$ 40.00
Confirmation	\$ 50.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 50.00
Rectory Fund	\$ 200.00
Missal	\$ 45.00
Flowers	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 6,051.25

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  
Monday to Friday 6 PM TO 7 PM

### OUR NEW SHEPHERD

Our parish community joins the whole Archdiocese of Toronto in welcoming our new archbishop

His Grace  
Most Reverend Francis Leo, DD

His installation was held on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Recognizing that we cannot all attend his installation due to limited space in the Cathedral. A Regional Mass of Welcome will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Parish at 7 PM.

## SECURITIES AS A GIFT OPTION

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"What are Spiritual Direction and Discernment?" Prayer and Reflection Retreat

Saturday, April 22 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
St. Peter's Church

840 Bathurst St, Toronto (meet in the hall)

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## SHARELIFE

5th Sunday of Lent  
March 26, 2023

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins:

"Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## PAUPER'S MEAL

Our parish has a tradition of having a pauper's meal on Wednesday of the Holy Week to help us ease into the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter). The Daughters of Isabella are again organizing this for us. The ticket costs \$5 per person. You can purchase this ticket at the Narthex.

## CLEANING OF THE CHURCH, HALL &amp; OFFICE

We are grateful to the volunteers who come practically every week to help in the cleaning of our facility. We can never repay them for their generosity of spirit. Now that Covid Pandemic is almost behind us, we anticipate that our facility will be used more in the months and years ahead. We need to keep it clean and ready for us at all times. For this reason, our parish has hired a custodian and maintenance person to join our staff. Rey Corrales will be joining us starting April 1 part time. We hope that our volunteers will continue to assist whenever they are able. At other times, Rey will be doing the work.

## OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## PALM SUNDAY

April 1/2

5 PM Saturday Vigil Mass,  
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30  
PM Sunday Mass

## HOLY THURSDAY

April 6 at 7 PM

Adoration fo the Blessed Sacrament  
8 PM to Midnight

## GOOD FRIDAY

April 7

The Church will be open for private  
prayer from 9 AM to 12 Noon

## Good Friday Services

12 Noon and 3 PM

## Way of the Cross

7 PM

## EASTER VIGIL

April 8

starts at 7 PM

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30  
PM Sunday Mass

## EASTER MONDAY

April 10

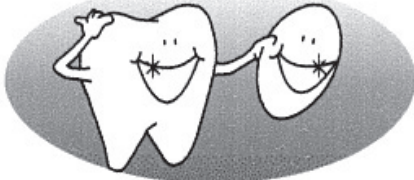
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Church and Office will be closed for  
the day

The Neophyte Mass  
(RCIA and RCIC)

will be celebrated at St. Michael's  
Cathedral on Sunday, April 30, at  
2:30 PM

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