

# 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

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent

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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 (April 8)  
7:00 PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY (April 9)  
7:30 AM Milagros & Juanito Umali,  
+Evelyn & Ruel Macalaguim  
9:00 AM For the Parish  
Community  
11:00 AM For the Parish  
Community  
12:30 PM +Pierre, Gregory, Teresa  
Fernandez, Gabriel & Monica  
Noronha

MONDAY (April 10)  
7:00 PM +Fortunato, Fernanda  
Texeira, Alda Ornejas, +Lucio  
Manzano

TUESDAY (April 11)  
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Glern  
Sarmiento, +Debbie Manzano

WEDNESDAY (April 12)  
7:00 PM +Lucy & John Texeira,  
Thanksgiving of Janine Marie  
Bautista, Thanksgiving of Santos  
Family

THURSDAY (April 14)  
7:30 AM +jacintha Fernandes,  
Thanksgiving of Jaime Soriano

FRIDAY (April 15)  
7:00 PM +Jacintha Fernandes

SATURDAY (April 16)  
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Ronald,  
Clara & Family

If you want to offer a Mass, please see  
the Parish Desk or use the form on our  
parish website. Thank you.

On this Easter morning, where do you expect to see Jesus? Here at the Church? In your home? In the midst of suffering and death? In the joys and celebrations of life? In times of insight and learning? In the failings to live a good life? In the pain and heartbreak of life? In your marriage? In the challenges of parenting teenage kids? in old age?

The answer to all these is yes! Those and a thousand other places are where the resurrection is.

If we cannot find and see Jesus in our ordinary everyday life we surely not find him here today amongst the alleluias, lillies, hymns, and candles. All the decorations and the wonderful hymns are not intended to set this day apart from all the other days. Instead, this day is intended to reveal the resurrection truth and reality of all other days.

The stone was not rolled away from Jesus' tomb to make his resurrection possible. It wasn't rolled away so that Jesus could get out. It was so that we could see in. So we could see that there is no death, there is only life.

The empty tomb is not simply the conclusion to Holy Week, a divine remedy to a human tragedy. It is the epitome and recapitulation of everything Jesus said, did, or taught. When it comes to the resurrection God just can't help himself. Resurrection is LIFE. There is only LIFE!

After our Easter Sunday Mass, go home and you'll see Jesus. You will see him in your spouse and in your children. You will see him in your friends and relatives. You will see him on the street, in your workplaces, and everywhere around you.

## SUNDAY OFFERING

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| Offertory       | \$ 5,379.40 |
| Building Fund   | \$ 4,007.05 |
| Liturgical Fund | \$ 102.00   |
| Mass Stipend    | \$ 800.00   |
| Candle Revenue  | \$ 168.50   |
| Flower Donation | \$ 690.00   |
| ShareLife       | \$ 1,410.00 |
| Confirmation    | \$ 50.00    |
| Total           | \$13,289.85 |

## FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers to decorate our Sanctuary, please use the white envelope (Flowers) available for you at the narthex to use. Drop your donation in the Donation Box or at the Sunday Offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity.

## SHARELIFE

ShareLife currently supports over 40 agencies across the archdiocese. While the pandemic put a strain on the services of the agencies, they continued to support the ones who need it the most. This was made possible through your kind and generous donations.

Without your support, the more than 150,000 people who are helped each year would not receive the hope offered through the important work of these agencies.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). We thank you for giving generously to ShareLife.

A blessed Easter to you all!

## MINISTRIES OF CARE: GROWING IN MINISTRY WEBINAR

We are pleased to offer a Ministries of Care webinar on Wednesday, May 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Fr. Jim Huth, I.V. Dei, Chaplain at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in the Veterans Centre and Palliative Care Unit, will present on the "Encountering the 'Unfixable' and Loneliness in Those We Serve: Learning from the Ways that Jesus, Martha and Mary Ministered."

All ministers of care coordinators, team leaders, members and parish staff involved in ministry to the sick & homebound, elderly and bereavement ministry are welcome to join this webinar. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/MCW-RegisterMay2023> by May 9, 2023

## DONATING SECURITIES

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 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 an increased support of various archdiocesan charities

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MONDAY 6 PM TO 7 PM  
FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, 12  
NOON TO 7 PM

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CHURCH?

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of serving in the church. What are your talents and how would you like to use these for the glory of God? We invite you to be involved and together we build community.

Do you like, for example, to work with children? We are in need of volunteers for the Children's Liturgy. We would like to offer this service to our children in all the Masses so that they can be assisted to understand the Word of God at their own level.

## TORONTO RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Friday to Sunday  
April 21 to 23, 2023  
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Retrouvaille is for couples whose marriage needs a tune up or even a major overhaul. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples. It is Catholic in origin and outlook but open to people of all faiths. It begins with a weekend experience and continues with a series of follow up sessions. Tel. 437-234-5610

Join Fr. Mark  
on a Pilgrimage/Tour to the Holy  
Land (Egypt & Israel)  
November 6 to 20, 2023  
Pick up a copy of the Itinerary, Cost  
and how to register on the Table in  
the Narthex for more information.

We, Catholics, should aim at least once in our lifetime to visit the places where our Lord Jesus walked. People who have made this pilgrimage has made the Gospel move alive for them. This may be the opportunity you have been waiting for.

## Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis Leo

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

## NET Canada do Something Amazing Retreat

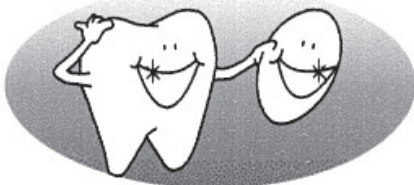
Are you between 18-30? Do you want to deepen your faith and share it with youth across Canada alongside other young Catholic adults like you? NET Canada invites you to a Do Something Amazing Retreat on Saturday, April 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Merciful Redeemer Parish in Mississauga. Come find out what it's like to be a NET missionary and how you can radically change the lives of young people across Canada through the life-changing message of the Gospel! Interested or know someone who would be?

REGISTER: [netcanada.ca/apply](https://netcanada.ca/apply)  
FOR INQUIRIES: [recruit@netcanada.ca](mailto:recruit@netcanada.ca)  
CONTACT: 613-292-9991

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets at the church every Tuesday evening at 7 PM at the church. You are all invited to become members of the Legion.





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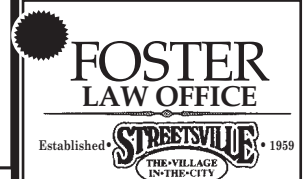
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