

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

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St. Edith Stein

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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

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (April 29)

5:00 PM +Catherine De Costa

SUNDAY (April 30)

7:30 AM +Clarina Rodrigues,

Adolf Okunowski

9:00 AM +Eric & Josephine

D'Souza

11:00 AM +Paula Javate, +Cesaria

Holganza, +Monching Lopez,

+Adeline & Charles Gomes,

Thanksgiving of the D'Mello

Family

12:30 PM +Mariano Rosete,

+Clotildo Perera, +Maria Rolinda

Hodgkinson

MONDAY (May 1)

7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (May 2)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Elmer

Sol Cruz, Special Intention of

Arlene Tenn-yuk, +Feliza Ruiz

WEDNESDAY (May 3)

7:00 PM +Joseph Cygal, Special

Intention of Arlene Tenn-yuk

THURSDAY (May 4)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Joseph

Anthony D'Silva, Special Intention

of Arlene Tenn-yuk

FRIDAY (May 5)

7:00 PM +Virginia Figuera

SATURDAY (May 6)

9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Daniel

Ramos Carreiro

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Joanna

Aguilar, +Maria Nguyen, +Peter &

Paul Nguyen, +Maria Bui

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

The image of Jesus reaching out to us in love is continued in the gospel reading today. In a beautiful pastoral setting Jesus pictures himself not only as the Shepherd whom the sheep will follow, but also as the gate to the sheepfold, providing a protected entrance and exit for the sheep to pass through. "Whoever enters through me will be saved." Yes, Jesus is the true shepherd who protects the sheep from harm, looks after their daily needs and assures them life. But in his own mystical way Jesus not only leads us along the right path; he indeed is the path; he is life itself. "I came so that they might have life and it more abundantly."

And yet again there is the matter of our response to the Shepherd's offer of guidance, to the Lord's offer of life. Pursuing the imagery of the sheep a little further, we realize that the sheep have their own important role to play in order for the shepherd to be successful. For the sheep are the ones who must be able to distinguish the shepherd's voice from all other voices; they are the ones who must take the initiative and be willing to follow that familiar voice calling out to them. The options we face daily are many and varied. We have many choices extended to us, many far-reaching decisions to make. Some are easy; many are complex and difficult. Yet the simple fact remains; the choice is ours. And God awaits our response.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE
PRIESTHOOD
PERMANENT DIACONATE
RELIGIOUS LIFE
CONSECRATED VIRGINITY
&
LAY MISSIONARIES

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,700.20
Building Fund	\$ 716.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 58.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 600.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 138.75
Flower Donation	\$ 28.00
ShareLife	\$ 20.00
Rectory Fund	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 5,370.95

SHARELIFE

Today is ShareLife Sunday and we also celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

When you support ShareLife, you support and help educate our future priests. Through ShareLife, you invested in our Church's future by supporting 58 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

We ask for your prayers and your generous support for our future priests. You may do so by donating generously to ShareLife

Thus far we have raised \$4,105.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Let us remember to help those who cannot help themselves.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will commence on Pentecost Sunday at 11 AM & 12:30 PM

**LET'S TALK ABOUT WILLS:
ESTATE PLANNING BASICS FOR
CATHOLICS**

Thursday, May 4 at 7 PM

Milestones like marriage, childbirth, or death of a family member are all reasons to think ahead, get your affairs in order, and secure your loved ones' future. It does not matter where you are in your life journey, it is never too early to put a plan in place.

Estate planning is all about giving you and your loved ones peace of mind. It is also an opportunity to make gifts to the Church or charities as a way to give back a portion of the gifts God has bestowed on you.

Join us on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at our ShareLife Speaker Series online event "Let's talk about Wills: Estate planning basics for Catholics" with Peter Okonski from the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Peter will share how estate planning isn't as complicated as you might think, while explaining the importance of having a Will even if you're not elderly or affluent.

You will have an opportunity to learn about how to protect your loved ones with a proper Will and other information around estate planning. You may also ask questions during the event. Register below to receive the link to the webinar portal.

Thank you and we look forward to an enlightening session with you!

REGISTRATION: bit.ly/lets-talk-about-wills

CONTACT: Jennifer Lazo, ShareLife/
Archdiocese of Toronto

EMAIL: jlazo@archtoronto.org

MOTHER'S DAY

The Daughters of Isabella are hosting a ladies event to celebrate Mother's Day on Sun May 28 from 3 pm to 6 pm in our Parish Hall. All ladies 13 years and above are welcome to join for a fun filled afternoon of refreshments, games, and dancing! The cost per person is \$15. Tickets will not be sold at the door, so please purchase your tickets soon.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS
EXPOSED IN OUR CHURCH
MONDAY 6 PM TO 7 PM
FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, 12
NOON TO 7 PM**

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PRAYER VIGIL

Friday, May 12 starting at 5:30 PM
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

For our soon-to-be priests in the
Archdiocese of Toronto.

**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.

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.

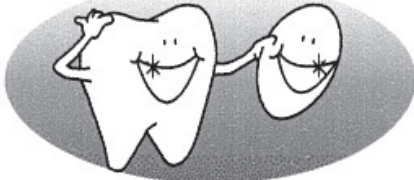
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