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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

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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

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (May 20)
 5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Albert & Victoria de Leon, +Lolita Sanchez, +Teresa Piani, +Mary Antao

SUNDAY (May 21)
 7:30 AM For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM +Eddie Lopez
 11:00 AM Healing of Salud Santos, +Mary Sol Villanueva
 12:30 PM +Peter Seneviratne, +Peter Mendes

MONDAY (May 22)
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Michelle Encarnacion

TUESDAY (May 23)
 7:30 AM +Marian Mendoza

WEDNESDAY (May 24)
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Fr. Mark

THURSDAY (May 25)
 7:30 AM +Jesusa del Moral

FRIDAY (May 26)
 7:00 PM +Felipe Paculaba, +Mamerto Cruz

SATURDAY (May 27)
 9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Silvia Alfonso, +Emmanuel Borgana

If you wish to offer a Mass for yourself or your loved ones, please see the parish desk, or call the parish office, or use the form on our parish website.

For special Memorial Masses, such as death anniversary, please see Fr. Mark personally to arrange it.

A literal reading of the Ascension story might leave us looking up toward heaven in an attempt to get one last glimpse of Jesus. The difficulty is that we sometimes think of heaven as another place, as there are places in the world. The logic that follows this way of thinking is that if Jesus ascends to heaven, then he must go to another place.

But the ascension is about presence not absence. Jesus has not left us. Rather He has filled us. Christ fills and sanctifies all time and space so that “He is all in all” as St. Paul writes to the Colossians (3:1). The unity of humanity and divinity revealed in the Incarnation is brought to fullness in the Ascension.

Jesus disappears in his ascension beyond the clouds, not into some geographical location, but into the heart of all creation where he dwells in his glorified humanity. The ascension reveals that in Christ’s humanity, all humanity has been enthroned next to God - from that moment on our true homeland is in heaven. Through the ascension Christ is still present but in a different way - an interiorized way. He is no longer physically in front of his disciples but rather within them.

Jesus is knocking at the door of our hearts. When we open that door, we have two choices: either we welcome him only into the living room to entertain him as we do we any guest that come to our house for a visit or we welcome him into all the spaces of our home and even giving up the Master’s bedroom for him to stay there.

We pray this weekend that we may have the courage and the generosity of spirit to welcome Jesus into our lives and make Him truly the Master.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,338.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,806.75
Liturgical Fund	\$ 116.56
Mass Stipend	\$ 570.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 549.05
Flower Donation	\$ 127.00
Wedding	\$ 160.00
First Communion	\$ 1,308.68
Rectory Repair	\$ 50.00
Confirmation	\$ 2,162.00
Papal Charities	\$ 1,186.60
ShareLife	\$ 100.00
Total	\$12,475.44

SHARELIFE

Today is World Communications Day and I would like to highlight one agency in particular that works in the area of helping people to communicate.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, is able to provide an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language (ASL). This is because of you. The help and support you give brings hope and changes many lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Thus far we have raised \$12,560.00. 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.

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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FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE Ages 10 to 18

The Squires, our youth in the Knights of Columbus is inviting all young people, boys and girls, to join them for a half day of learning how to become financially responsible. As God's people we are to be good stewards of the gifts of God to us. This is a wonderful way for our young people to gather and learn in a practical way how to live this each day. Please see the Squires at the Narthex for more information.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER GATHERING

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.

HOLY LAND PRODUCTS

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem-The Birth Place of Jesus-is selling their handcrafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area. The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land, and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of The Nativity.

On May, 20th & 21st, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

REFRESHER ON THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD

Tuesday, May 30, starting at 7:30 PM
Has it been a while since you learned the Billings Ovulation Method? Join us for a refresher via Zoom. The Natural Family Planning Association (NFPA) is presenting a Refresher class. There have been new developments in the Billings Ovulation Method of natural family planning. Have you heard about them? Dr. Evelyn said of the Billings Ovulation Method, that this is "The knowledge of her body that every woman ought to have". The developers of the Billings Ovulation Method, Drs. Evelyn and John Billings, have passed on but their work and research continues. The chart is a reliable diagnostic resource. The Billings Ovulation Method continues to be highly effective for couples to plan and space their families. A new PPT will be shown and any questions will be answered. To register (you will be sent the Zoom link) or if you have questions contact NFPA at (416)481-5465 or Rosemary at rosemary.heron@naturalfamilyplanning.ca

IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

June 9 to 11, Manresa Jesuit Spiritual
Renewal Centre

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for young professionals (ages 19 – 39) that will help deepen your relationship with God, to grow in knowledge of God's desires for your life. Open to men and women. Facilitated by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ

COST: Suggested offering \$245 per person. This includes 2 night's accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

REGISTER: manresa-canada.ca
CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca
PHONE: 905-839-2864

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Mariology Conference 2023

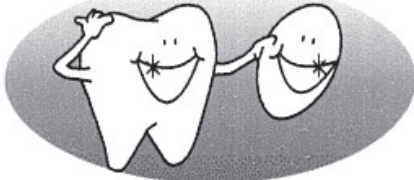
Tuesday, May 23, starting 1:30 PM

The Mariological Society of America is a Catholic Theological Association that regularly hosts annual meetings on the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the mystery of Christ in the Church. This year, two sessions will specifically explore the place of our Lady and the Unity of the Church in the Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Dwight Campbell, S.T.D. will present "The Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother of the Church, Mother of Christian Unity" and Lauren Moorg, Ph.D. will reflect on "Holy Mary, Mother of Unity: Implications for Ecumenism with Evangelicals".

Participate to deepen your spirituality and learn of Mary's continued mission in God's plan of salvation for the unity willed by her Son for the Church in its evangelizing role in the world.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3nitOMA>



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