

# 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. 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 (June 24)

5:00 PM +Adamo Palermo,  
+Evelyn & Ruel Macalaguim,  
+Juanito & Milagros Umali

SUNDAY (June 25)

7:30 AM +Ava Fleischer  
9:00 AM +Polly Aquino  
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Boy and  
Wai Moreno, Thanksgiving of Mr.  
& Mrs. Regaldo de la Cruz, +Jose  
Javate, +Paulino Holganza  
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Cora  
Cruz, Special intention of Imelda  
Dino & Maria Rufino, +Gloria &  
Elpido Rufino,

MONDAY (June 26)

7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (June 27)

7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (June 28)

7:00 PM +Agnes & Camilo  
D'Costa, +Clement Cardozo

THURSDAY (June 29)

7:30 AM Departed members of  
Fernandes and D'Souza Family and  
friends

FRIDAY (June 30)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Jocelyn  
Lopez, +Rose Celebre-Feizi,  
+Roberta Matilda D'Silva,  
+Mariano Tan Tian Song

SATURDAY (July 1)

9:00 AM +Anna Ksiezopolski,  
+Manuel Teresa Pavao

5:00 PM Special intention of Jeein  
& Yoonseo Kang

“Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming our Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

With this familiar prayer, we acknowledge our dependence on God to protect us from fear. There is no poison more debilitating, no shadow as insidious as fear. Even when things are going well, it can rob us of simple enjoyment, and paralyze us from taking the risks necessary to growth and daily engagement of life.

It is not enough to say, “Don’t worry, I stop being so anxious.” We say it to ourselves often enough as we to try to keep at bay the ever present concerns about our children’s health and safety, our job security and ability to meet expenses, save enough for retirement.

Jesus addresses us from an experience of Providence that did not spare him death and suffering. Whatever he meant by “Don’t be afraid” does not include the guarantee that we will be spared suffering or hard times. So what is this special gift of peace that enables us to life fully - including the bad stuff - and not let fear rule?

Jesus’ peace is precisely that which encompasses it all, makes anything that happens meaningful and an invitation to growth toward holiness, even if some things can never be resolved this side of eternity.

Jesus evokes for us the image of a father holding his child with his strong hands, protecting. Jesus also evokes for us the image of a mother providing and nurturing her children.

Let us be at peace. Let us not be afraid!

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,001.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,455.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 96.65
Mass Stipend	\$ 400.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 610.10
Flower Donation	\$ 88.00
ShareLife	\$ 100.00
Marygrove	\$ 1,391.00
Baptism	\$ 335.00
Empanada Sale	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 9,777.25

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

We are deeply grateful

We are deeply grateful for the weekly offerings that you provide to our parish. Your weekly offerings enable us to meet our everyday expenses. We understand that there is not a lot of money floating around and we have to be contented with whatever we may have. However, our parish collection is not enough. As the saying goes, “what comes in, goes out quickly.” It seems to me that we are always falling short. The last two months, we were short of more than \$20,000. We had more expenses than what we received. The big chunk of our monthly expense is \$18,000 to service our mortgage.

As your pastor, I would like to ask you if you are able to add a little bit more to your contribution especially towards the Building Fund. If we are able to raise \$18,000 monthly, I think we should be ok. Although, I must say that there are always surprises, such as, for example, the fire extinguishers have to be replaced and emerging batteries too! There are days I just want to hide under the bed, but the problem(s) do not go away.

**SUMMER IS HERE!**

We congratulate all our students in the parish and in our schools who are graduating this school year. We wish them well as they move to the next level of their academic life.

Summer is here with us. Please enjoy it as much as you can. Summer is quite short in this part of the world. Each day is a precious gift. May this summer be fulfilled and safe for everyone!

We will not be publishing any Parish Bulletin during the months of July and August. We will update you of any important events through our Sunday pulpit announcements.

Thank you to all who donated items for the Garage Sale of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus are deeply grateful for your support.

### Can our child be baptized if we're not married?

Not married in the Church? Your child's Baptism and your marriage are two separate issues. Your marital status may be discussed during your Baptism interview to encourage you to get married (or validate your marriage in the Church) if this is appropriate. However, as long as you are committed to raising your child as a Catholic, he/she may celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and be welcomed into the Catholic Church.

### YOUTH EVENT JULY 18

The youth of the parish is inviting all the young people from grades 5 to 12 for a July 8 event in our church and hall. Our young people are invited to attend Mass at 5 PM followed by gathering at the parish hall for fun and fellowship. This event is open to all young people whether they belong to the parish or not.

### Does our child have to be baptized in order to attend a Catholic school?

It is important to check with the school board that has jurisdiction where your child will attend school. The trustees of each board interpret the admission requirements in their own way. Some school boards require proof of a parent's Catholic Baptism, especially if the child has not been baptized. This establishes their eligibility to direct their taxes to the Catholic board. This is a government, not a Church stipulation. If the child is not baptized, the parents are usually encouraged to meet with the Pastor of their parish (or his delegate) to discuss this issue.

Baptism is never to be seen as a means to enroll in a Catholic school.

### REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR BAPTISM

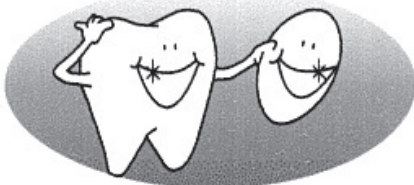
We encourage you to use the form we have provided for you on our parish website! Please ensure that all info are correct - before you click the "Submit" button. Thank you.

### Some historical facts about our Parish

Do you know that we are now fifteen (15) years as a parish community. Our parish was created on paper in February of 2008 by Thomas Cardinal Collins, D.D. carving part of Merciful Redeemer Parish and St. John of the Cross. With the creation of the parish, Fr. Mark was able to prepare the groundwork by securing a house to serve as Office and Rectory and also a place to gather for Worship. By the month of May, Deacon Barry was ordained and appointed to serve as our first deacon. We were also given Sr. Cristina of the Canossian Daughters of Charity to assist us. Various choirs came and by the second week of July we were ready to begin our Sunday Masses. After a few weeks, we were able to re-open St. Peter's Church. Sadly, we were not able to secure it for the parish after almost ten (10) years of using and maintaining the historic church, but it will also be part of our parish memory and our identity as a parish community. For ten (10) years, we gathered at St. Joan of Arc School until we were able to have this church as our permanent home. We have much to be grateful for!

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?**

We have a program in our parish called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults & Children to assist those who wish to explore the Catholic Faith and/or receive Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation. Please contact Fr. Mark if you are or someone you know is interested.



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