

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

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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 (September 9)

5:00 PM +James Avelino Mistry,
+Ilyn de Leon, +Iris Alvares, +Ivy
Chung

SUNDAY (September 10)

7:30 AM For the Parish community
9:00 AM +Conchita Gonzales
11:00 AM +Joseph Pilay
12:30 PM +Peter Lai Nugyen,
+Eusebio and Lourdes Naluz,
+Helen Tolentino

MONDAY (September 11)

7:00 PM +Gilbert D'Souza,
+Margaret Bettridge

TUESDAY (September 12)

7:30 AM +John & Lucy Teixeira

WEDNESDAY (September 13)

7:00 PM +Dy Hoan, +Jacinta
Fernandes

THURSDAY (September 14)

7:30 AM +Jacinta Fernandes

FRIDAY (September 15)

7:00 PM + Porfirio & Domingo
Grande, +Rosario Dy Ong,
+Amelia Pires, +Agnes Chen,
+Lauro & Emilia Lobendino,
+Margarita Uyao

SATURDAY (September 16)

9:00 AM +Roslaine Martin

5:00 PM Open

Join us for Holy Hour and the
recitation Scriptural Rosary on
September 13, 2023
in honour of Our Lady's
Apparition in Fatima
starting at 6 PM
Followed by Holy Mass at 7 PM

It's easy and tempting to categorize ourselves and others as one of the four types of soil in today's parable – hardened, rocky, thorny, and fertile. What if they aren't categories of people but aspects and ways of being in each of our lives? What if we all have parts of ourselves that are hardened, rocky, thorny, and fertile? What if the four soils are descriptive of how we live and relate to God, others, and ourselves? Maybe the four soils aren't judgments but diagnoses, information to be considered.

I've known times when it felt like I was living my life on the hard beaten path, going through the motions, getting from here to there. Haven't you? There have been times when I was hard hearted, hard headed, or defensive. The hardness snatched away life, the possibility of growth, the deepening of relationships. I wonder if you've ever experienced that. What in your life today needs to be tilled, loosened, and softened?

Sometimes life can feel pretty rocky. The ground is rough. Our footing is unsure. Stumbling blocks trip us up. New life cannot take root. There's no space. There's no depth. We can't put down roots or go deep. What rocks are filling the soil of your life today? What patterns, habits, attitudes are tripping you? What do you need to do to clear the rocks from the land of your life?

Other times life is thorny. The thorns of old wounds, guilt, shame, or regret choke out the possibilities of something new. Our life is constricted and strangled by the past. We are pricked by the barbs of our own inconsistencies and contradictions. What thorns are choking your life today? What needs to be weeded from the garden of your life? Where would you start?

And then there are those times when our life is fertile, open, receptive, rich in nutrients, flowering, flourishing, and fruitful. Life is beautiful and fragrant. And it all started with a seed and a sower who went out to sow. What is flourishing and flowering in your life today?

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,516.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,168.80
Liturgical Fund	\$ 52.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 440.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 206.55
Flower Donation	\$ 80.00
ShareLife	\$ 5.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Baptism	\$ 525.00
Empanada Sale	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 8,463.95

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium upon the Most Rev. Francis Leo
Friday, September 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. – St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on Friday, September 29, 2023. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.).

Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

Inviting our Young People to consider becoming Altar Servers

Requirement:
Open to Boys and Girls who have already done their First Communion

The training for new Altar Servers will be held on Saturday, September 16 starting at 11 AM. Please see Deacon Roman for more info.

Sweet Corn for Sale

The Knights of Columbus will have a corn sale on the weekend of September 16/17
You can buy cooked and uncooked. Contact the Knights for more info.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS AND CONFIRMATION

We are now accepting Registrations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. The deadline to register is September 30, 2023. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate is required. For more information, please see the Parish Desk

Re-engage. Renew. Respond.
Liturgical Ministries Gathering

The Office of Formation for Discipleship (OFD) is pleased to offer an opportunity to re-ignite the flame of ministry among parish liturgical ministers on Saturday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in-person at St. Isaac Jogues's Parish, Pickering and virtually via Zoom. Our focus will be on hospitality as a means of invigorating the liturgical minister and strengthening parish vitality.

This event is open to all new and returning liturgical ministry volunteers, including lectors, music ministers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, altar servers, ministers of environment and ministers of hospitality, as well as liturgical coordinators, parish liturgy committee members, clergy and RCIA team members. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL: <https://bit.ly/LM-RegisterVirtualSept2023> Registration closes on September 14.

RESERVE THE DATE

Fr. Emmanuel Mbam will be leading our Parish Recollection on Friday, November 10 at 7 PM.

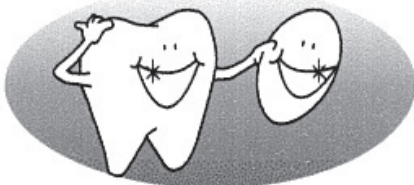
Our young people will have their gathering with him the next day, Saturday, November 11 at 10 AM.

SECOND COLLECTION
Needs of the Church in Canada
Special Collection,
September 23-24

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movement. Each year, the CCCC is asked to speak out, show leadership or provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics. In order for our bishops to be able to make proper judgements on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research, expert advice and capable administration which is also funded by this collection. In addition to contributions, we are also asked to pray for the work of the bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCCC.

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. It will be led by the Life-Giving Wounds (www.lifegivingwounds.org) retreat team from Friday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, October 1 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis Centre (208501 Highway 9, Caledon). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$300 per person (\$260 for students and those in consecrated life), which includes meals, lodging, and materials. If cost is of concern, please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat2023.



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