

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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St. Edith Stein

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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 (September 16)
 5:00 PM +Tei Wei, +Elsie & Harold Chew, +Nancy Mercia, Merle, Celine & Deceased Family members

SUNDAY (September 17)
 7:30 AM For the Parish community
 9:00 AM +Ken Singh, +Marcelo & Niola Dacalanio, +Eric D’Souza, +Rose, Virginia, Pedro Carvalho
 11:00 AM +Mary & James Gomes, +Mariam Andrew, Przemek Plata
 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Kathleen & Ardie Carolasan

MONDAY (September 18)
 7:00 PM +Sofio de Leon, +Maria Lourdinha Rodrigues

TUESDAY (September 19)
 7:30 AM +Ricardo M. de la Torre

WEDNESDAY (September 20)
 7:00 PM +Urselina Peixoto

THURSDAY (September 21)
 7:30 AM +Thanksgiving and healing of Victor Serrano

FRIDAY (September 22)
 7:00 PM + Agnes Chen

SATURDAY (September 23)
 9:00 AM +Corazon Cantilero

5:00 PM Open

CHOOSE LIFE

Our Life Chain will be at Winston Churchill & Thomas from 2-3 PM Sunday October 1 .

St Josephine Bakhita day for 40 days for Life will be Thursday October 5 from 7 AM to 7 PM

How To Forgive?

God’s forgiveness and human forgiveness are integrally related. That is more than apparent in today’s parable. The king forgives his slave an extraordinary amount. Ten thousand talents is about 3000 years of work at the ordinary daily wage. It seems there is no debt too large to be forgiven. This man, this debtor, was forgiven. That’s what the kingdom of heaven is like. That’s how our God is. This slave, however, refused to forgive his fellow slave 100 denarii, about three months of work at the ordinary daily wage. Too often that’s what our world is like. Frequently, it is how we are. In that refusal the forgiven slave lost his own forgiveness.

Forgiveness does not originate in us. It begins with God. That’s what the slave who refused to forgive didn’t understand. It was not about him. It’s about God. We do not choose to forgive. We only choose to share the forgiveness we have already received. Then we chose again, and then again, and then yet again. For most of us forgiveness is a process that we live into. Sometimes, however, we just can’t. The pain is too much, the wound too raw, the memories too real. On those days we chose to want to forgive. Somedays we chose to want to want to forgive. Then there are those days that all we can do is choose to want to want to want to forgive. But we choose because that’s the choice Christ made.

Choose to forgive even if it is impossible to do so. With each choosing we move a step closer to forgiveness.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,130.10
Building Fund	\$ 955.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 755.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 145.40
Flower Donation	\$ 80.00
Confirmation	\$ 500.00
First Holy Communion	\$ 175.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 40.00
Empanada Sale	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 6,940.50

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.).

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Praying the rosary is a much-loved Marian devotion for many Catholics. For several years, some dedicated fellow parishioners have been going to our schools to teach our children how to pray the rosary. Now that things are back to normal and our children are back in school again, this program will be starting soon. We are looking for volunteers to help teach the rosary in schools. If you are interested to teach children how to pray the rosary and love Mother Mary, you are a candidate for this Apostolate. You will have to consider giving an hour or two of your time once a month or so. Please give your name and contact number to the parish desk and the rosary coordinator will contact you.

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Pastor's Message

I would like to thank Fr. Idara, Fr. Martin, and Fr. Peter for looking after the parish during my absence. Fr. Idara's last day will be on Saturday, September 23, 2023. He will be returning to Nigeria on Sunday, September 24, 2023. His presence in the parish is greatly appreciated. We assure Fr. Idara of our prayers and support as he returns to take up his post as Vice Rector of the Seminary in Abuja. We look forward to his visit again in the coming years.

I will be back, God willing, on Monday, September 25. Thank you.

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

International Food Festival (IFF) and Dancing!

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 6 pm
St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Hall
Hosted by The Daughters of Isabella
All proceeds to go to the Building Fund

ShareLife: Combating hunger through your compassion

Many of our brothers and sisters grapple with the daily challenge of putting food on the table. In response to their urgent need, ShareLife has launched the Food Security Grants – dedicating over half a million dollars to combat hunger.

Your compassionate support of our parish's ShareLife Campaign will make possible this bold action. We have currently raised [insert total raised] towards our suggested goal of [insert goal amount]. Please support our fight against hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish with a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry in our community and beyond.

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.

RESERVE THE DATE

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

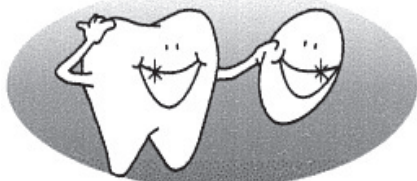
Our young people will have their gathering with him the next day, Saturday, November 11 at 10 AM.

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

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) 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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