

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

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 (September 23)
 5:00 PM +Ammuel Rassam,
 +Iris Alvares, +Mercy Venantius,
 +Emilia D’Souza, +Mariano Regala
 Sr.

SUNDAY (September 24)
 7:30 AM For the Parish community
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Ignacio
 & Paula Lee-Len, +Felicisima
 Papasin, +Ken Singh
 11:00 AM +Joseph Hoang,
 Thanksgiving of Chaira Joie
 Carandang
 12:30 PM +Richard Jinman,
 +Rosana Wong, +Peter Lai Nguyen

MONDAY (September 25)
 7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (September 26)
 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Wilfred
 De Souza

WEDNESDAY (September 27)
 7:00 PM +James De Souza

THURSDAY (September 28)
 7:30 AM +Delin Bannister

FRIDAY (September 29)
 7:00 PM + Agnes Chen

SATURDAY (September 30)
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of
 Rosemary Mathew, Boy & Wai
 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

All too often, fairness rather than love, acceptance, mercy, forgiveness, or generosity is the measure by which we act and judge another person or life circumstances.

We like fairness, I think, because it give us some assurance of order, predictability, control, and hierarchy; even if it is a false assurance. Fairness is based on what you deserve, how hard you work, what you achieve, the way in which you behave. Sometimes it is fair to give a reward other times a punishment. We live in and promote a wage based society in which you earn what you get. You deserve the consequences, good or bad, of your actions.

What happens though when divine goodness trumps human fairness? You get today’s parable. Today’s parable suggests wages and grace stand in opposition to each other. They are two opposing world views. The degree to which this parable strikes us as unfair is the degree to which our life and world view is wage based. A wage based world view allows little room for grace in our own lives or the lives of others.

Grace is dangerous. It reverses business as usual. “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” That’s not how a wage based society works. The world says the last are last and the first are first because they deserve it. It’s what is fair. Our understanding of fairness, however, does not seem to have priority in the kingdom of heaven where grace is the rule not the exception. Grace looks beyond our productivity, our appearance, our dress, our race or ethnicity, our accomplishments, our failures. Grace recognizes there is more to you and who you are than what you have done or left undone.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,730.20
Building Fund	\$ 1,145.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 510.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 79.00
Flower Donation	\$ 33.00
Confirmation	\$ 665.00
First Holy Communion	\$ 735.00
Candle Offering	\$ 272.00
Humanitarian	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 7,239.29

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

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) 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 CCCB 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 CCCB.

**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

Renew Toronto
a conference for all young adults
ages 19-39 taking place on
Saturday, November 4, 2023 at
Canada

Christian College in Whitby. The day includes keynotes by Jackie & Bobby Angel, worship led by Steadfast Worship, various workshop speakers, Confessions, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and fellowship. This conference offers unique opportunities for students, young adult professionals, and young couples. Renew your heart. Renew your call. Renew our community. Registration now open! Early bird pricing until September 29. For more information and to register, visit: www.renewtoronto.org.

Come and See

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, November 17 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, November 19 (2 p.m.). This retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

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.

**Humanitarian aid for
Morocco**

The Archdiocese of Toronto will accept donations and channel funds through our Catholic partners in Morocco to support relief efforts underway. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

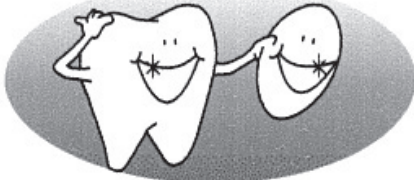
- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website – www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Morocco Earthquake - Humanitarian Relief

Humanitarian aid for Libya

Currently, our Catholic partners are not present in Libya to coordinate relief efforts and as such we are unable to accept donations to aid those affected by the flooding at this time. For those wishing to offer support to the people of Libya, please consider a gift through the Canadian Red Cross in the following ways:

- Online through the Red Cross website – www.redcross.ca
- By phone through the Red Cross – 1-800-418-1111

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