

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

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Faustina

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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 30)
5:00 PM Open

SUNDAY (October 1)
7:30 AM For the Parish community
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Julio Cueto, +Teresita Lopez, +Julia Maanego

11:00 AM +Loreto Garcia, +Allan Wisco, +Leonida Aguinaldo, +Eluminada Paysa

12:30 PM +Wilson Lau, +Rosario Lopez, +Joseph Gonzales, +Alfredo Dometita, +Emma Santos, +Cipriano Santos, Thanksgiving of Tony & Rose Meriel

MONDAY (October 2)
7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (October 3)
7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (October 4)
7:00 PM +Olga DeCosta, +Josef Cygal, +Ester Batara

THURSDAY (October 5)
7:30 AM +Percy Pereira

FRIDAY (October 6)
7:00 PM Open

SATURDAY (October 7)
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, +Tony Pavao, +Teresa Babcock

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Marivic Aguilar

AUTHORITY VS. POWER

God is not the boss of us. God is our author. Every day God authorizes us to enter and sends us into his vineyard, to act in this world with his authority and on his behalf through the gifts he has bestowed upon each one of us.

True authority always comes from within. It is an interior God-given quality not an exterior circumstance. That's what the chief priests and elders failed to understand. I think that's why Jesus was always so aggravated with the religious leaders. They chose to exchange their God-given authority for human power. Sometimes we do too. That's what's happening in much of our world today.

In the absence of true authority there will always be power struggles. Look at the gridlock in our political system. Look at the wars throughout the world. Look at the conflicts in your own relationships. Those are about power, not authority. Our leaders exercise power but very few exercise authority. In the exercise of power we look to our own interests but in the exercise of authority we look to the interests of others.

Think about the people who hold authority for you. They are not concerned about themselves. They do not dominate or control you. They inspire you. They call forth from you faith, hope, and trust. They expand your world, open new possibilities, and bring forth life and gifts in yourself that you never knew were there. They cause you to reevaluate your life, change your mind, and live differently. That sounds an awful lot like Jesus and it's very different from those who exercise power.

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

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will once again collect foods the next two weekends. All donation will be forwarded to Eden Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

ONLINE MASS

Our parish will continue to broadcast our Masses and other Services online so long as the parish is able. However, it is important to remind ourselves that attending Mass online has its purpose, such as those who are sick and homebound, who otherwise would have wanted to come to church but are unable to do so on account of their situation. It should not be used as a convenient substitute by those who are healthy and physically able to go to church.

For the sick and homebound, who wish to receive the Eucharist, please do not hesitate to call the parish office to arrange a Eucharistic Minister to come and give you communion.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS EXPOSED IN OUR CHURCH DAILY

Come and Join us for Evening Prayer and Rosary Monday to Friday 6 PM

Come and See

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

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund seeks to support projects that are determined in collaboration with First Nations, Metis and Inuit partners. As of today, this national initiative has raised over \$11 million, putting it on track to reach its five-year, \$30 Million commitment.

Our next archdiocesan collection to contribute toward the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will take place this weekend, September 30/October 1. Your contribution is an important journey of healing and reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of this Land. Thank you for your generosity!

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/comeandsee

RETREAT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Saturday, October 14, 9 AM to 3 PM
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
617 Blythe Road, Mississauga
Cost: \$45 (Includes Lunch)
Contact Jean 905-27805229 or email
office@qoa.ca

Windows on Theology October 2023 to May 2024 Course

This Windows on Theology course is offered online only, every second Saturday starting October 14, 2023 to May 11, 2024. It will be taught by Prof. Michael Kolarcik, SJ (Pontificium Institutum Biblicum, Rome). This 8 week online course delves into the mysteries, the challenges, and the beauty of the Psalms as a source of prayer and theological reflection. An email with further information (such as the Zoom link for the course) will be sent to registrants about two weeks prior to the commencement of the course.

For more information, please visit: <https://regiscollege.ca/academics/windows-on-theology/> If you have any questions or issues regarding registration, please email regis.communications@utoronto.ca

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING

The next Lay Pastoral Visitors Training will be offered online on Thursdays, October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly, and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend.

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions and complete pre-homework to receive full training. There is no cost to attend, but register early as capacity is limited. This program is offered by the Office of Formation for Discipleship and Saint Monica Institute.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2023>
CONTACT: Sally Amaral, samaral@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 518

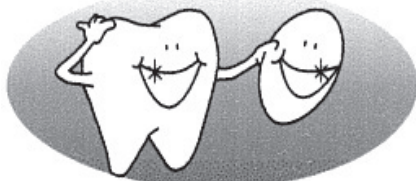
LEARNING HOW TO GRIEVE ONE DAY AT A TIME WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 14, 9:0 AM to 3:30 PM
Mount Carmel, 7020 Stanley Ave. Niagara Falls, ON

Cost \$70 includes buffet lunch and materials.

Thank you to Fr. Martin, Fr. Idara, Fr. Peter for celebrating the Holy Masses during Fr. Mark's home visit.

Thank you most especially to Deacon Roman and Agnes Lim for looking after the today to today concerns.



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