

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 Asistants

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

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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

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MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (October 14)
5:00 PM +Jason Avelino Mistry

SUNDAY (October 15)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Jed Rovelo, Thanksgiving of Jules Aguilar
9:00 AM +Justina Pereira, +Virginia Figueira, +Alex San Diego, Deceased members of the Antonio Family
11:00 AM +Louis Ngo, +Michael Tran, Thanksgiving of Maria
12:30 PM +Efren Dapitan Sr., +Joey Cogo, +Lorenzo and Felina Moreno

MONDAY (October 16)
7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (October 17)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Bella Laurente

WEDNESDAY (October 18)
7:00 PM +Domingo & Porfirio Grande, +Virginia Borral

THURSDAY (October 19)
7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (October 20)
7:00 PM +Felisa Ruiz, Thanksgiving for Blessings received

SATURDAY (October 21)
9:00 AM +Ana D’Souza,
5:00 PM +Hilary Fernandes

Make yourself count!
We are conducting this weekend and the following a head count of Mass Attendance.
Thank you for your cooperation!

WHO NEEDS GOD’S KINGDOM?

Who needs God’s kingdom – at least as Jesus describes it today – when we already have more than enough leaders throughout the world who are abusing their power, when violence is perpetrated on a daily basis, when people’s lives are being destroyed, when cities are burning, when some are excluded and told they don’t belong? We don’t need God’s help to bring that about, we’re pretty good at it by ourselves.

So let me ask you this. Does today’s gospel fit your image of the kingdom of heaven? Is that what you are seeking every time you come to church? Is the way Jesus describes the kingdom what you have in mind when you pray, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?” And if it is, who are you praying that it be done to? Yourself or someone else?

This is a difficult and painful text. It feels like there’s something left unwritten that we aren’t reading, like there’s something left unspoken that we aren’t hearing. There are just too many contradictions and inconsistencies to take it at face value.

If today’s gospel teaches us anything, it’s that we can’t simply hear or read our sacred texts and glibly respond, “Thanks be to God” or “Praise to you, Lord Christ.”

Every text invites us to struggle not just with the text itself but with the text in our life, and to work out our faith in light of that struggle. And that’s what I want us to do with today’s gospel. I want us to wrestle and argue with this gospel until it begins to take shape in a way that reshapes our lives.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,658.10
Building Fund	\$ 2,058.50
Mass Stipend	\$ 470.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 122.10
Flower Donation	\$ 100.00
Confirmation	\$ 205.00
Candle Offering	\$ 203.75
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 280.00
Empanada	\$ 55.00
Indigenous	\$ 100.00
Baptism	\$ 765.00
Total	\$ 8,317.45

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

THE BIBLE AND THE MOTHER OF GOD

8-week video series to examine what the Old and the New Testaments, the life of Christ and the early Church Fathers reveal about the life and identity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The video presentation will be followed by short reflection, group discussion, and fellowship.

Starting October 26, 2023
Every Thursday from 6:45 PM to 8:15 PM
Parish Hall
for more information sjb.
biblefellowship@gmail.com

Grow in Faith and Love of Christ!

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.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE
PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 9:00
a.m.

Learn: How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection How to create your own legacy? About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

REGISTER: follow link: <https://QRCO.de/oct28>, or send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar Oct 28" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

ALL SOULS DAY
Wednesday, November 2
7:30 AM and 7 PM

ONLINE COURSE:

The Afterlife: Classical Jewish Views
Tuesday, October 16 to November
7, 2023

ONLINE EVENT RECOMMENDED
BY THE OFFICE FOR
PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY
AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS
WITH JUDAISM

This course will be led by Dr. Benjamin Sommer (professor of Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages at the Jewish Theological Seminary) and will explore both biblical and rabbinic insights of resurrection and immortality and how the concept of afterlife is deeply rooted in the ancient Near East. Join these sessions to not only understand the concept of the afterlife in Judaism through the ages, but also discover possible convergences and divergences with our own Christian faith. REGISTER: <https://inspired.jtsa.edu/event/the-afterlife-classical-jewish-views/e512652>

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/comeandsee

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT
OF STEWARDSHIP. FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY OF TIME &
TALENT TO SUPPORT OUR
PARISH COMMUNITY!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY


There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday.

This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. Thank you for your support of this important work.

LAUDATE DEUM

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, His Holiness, Pope Francis has released his latest reflection, entitled, "Laudate Deum." The Apostolic Exhortation follows up on the Holy Father's 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'* and focuses largely on the environment, technology, politics and the poor.

Regarding the environment and the global response to climate change Pope Francis writes, "I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons." On technology, the Pontiff states that the world has made, "impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realized that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival."



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