

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

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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 (November 25)
5:00 PM +Tay Wei, +Harold Elsie Chew, +Marcia, Nancy, Celine, Merle and deceased family members

SUNDAY (November 26)
7:30 AM +Jose de Guzman, +Joe Rosario
9:00 AM +Anthony Laksimana, +Lucy D'Souza
11:00 AM +Christopher Colaco, +Gerry Coutinho, +Deceased members of St. Pius X community, +Cecilia Ho, +Lucia Ho, +Philip H. Tran
12:30 PM +Albert and Daylin Mark Lewis, +Maria, Michael, John Gomes

MONDAY (November 27)
7:00 PM +Lucas D'Souza, +Fr. Peter, +Fr. Edward, +Nimal, +Ryan, and Francisca, Rosaelyn and Inasian

TUESDAY (November 28)
7:30 AM +Marredy Parvatham, Thanksgiving of Daniel Mathew

WEDNESDAY (November 29)
7:00 PM +Joe Rosario

THURSDAY (November 30)
7:30 AM +Joe Rosario

FRIDAY (December 1)
7:00 PM +Andrey Fiskien, +Peter Pierre, Teresa, Gregory Fernandes, Special intention of Rama Gian Camit, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Rovelo

SATURDAY (December 2)
9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Daniel Viveiros Carreiro, +Conceica Ramos Carreiro, Thanksgiving of Gloria Sarmiento

SHEEP OR GOAT?

What do you make of the gospel reading today? Is Jesus separating the good from the bad? Is Jesus saying some are welcome and included in the kingdom but others are rejected and excluded? Is Jesus keeping score of what we've done and left undone and then handing out rewards and punishment? And if he is, are you in or out, a sheep or a goat? I suspect many would say yes, that's exactly what he's doing. That's often how this text has been interpreted (or maybe misinterpreted). And too often that's how we live. We separate ourselves from those who look, act, believe, live, and do differently from us. And then we label them as wrong and bad, and ourselves as right and good.

When I was attending some classes at St. Mike's, a discussion about this gospel became heated. One of the students, who raised goats protested against this comparison - that Jesus didn't really know what he was talking about. Apparently, goats are better than sheep. What if, for Jesus, separation is not the same as exclusion? What if badness is not an obstacle to being in the kingdom but neither is goodness a prerequisite?

Every choice we make involves a separation. The only question is whether that separation is giving life or taking life. That's the difference between the sheep and the goats.

When have you had to separate yourself from another person or relationship, destructive patterns or behaviors, your work, busyness, fear, hatred, anger, resentment, disappointment in order to grow up, recover yourself, and let new life arise? When have you made a separation that was actually an exclusion and diminishment of life for yourself or another? Let's not deny, ignore, or run from the goat-like parts of our life. They are always places of hope, growth, new possibilities, and more life. The separation Jesus makes is never final, always conditional, and in anticipation of our returning to ourselves and one another with new life, more life.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,561.20
Building Fund	\$ 1,040.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 167.65
Mass Stipend	\$ 490.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 304.80
Flower Donation	\$ 62.00
All Souls	\$ 10.00
Funerals	\$ 300.00
Sunday Missals	\$ 190.00
First Communion	\$ 40.00
Confirmation	\$ 50.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 2,213.10
Rectory Fund	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 9,045.70

FRUITCAKES AND SPREADS

This weekend is your last chance to order your fruitcakes and spreads. Please see JC or any member of the Knights of Columbus

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS

will be held at our Church starting December 15 to December 23 starting at 7 PM

GET YOUR COPY OF THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL available at the Parish Desk

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 2, Parish Hall
Purchase your tickets ahead of time

Advent is a time of Preparation
celebrate the
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Confession
Monday to Friday
5 PM to 6 PM
or any other time by appointment

Give the Gift of Warmth!
 Only New Items Please: Mittens/
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 Drop off boxes are placed in the
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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
 December 31, 2023
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 organized by the Knights of
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 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. Every
 Thursday from 6:45 PM to 8:15 PM
 Parish Hall for more information sjb.
 biblefellowship@gmail.com

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL
 CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 Saturday, December 2, 7 PM
 Massey Hall
 Toronto
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 EMAIL: stmichaelschoirschool@smcs.
 on.ca

ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM
 An Annual Christmas Tradition in Milton
 will now be held in

Milton Fairgrounds
 Saturday, November 25th 11:30 AM to
 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM
 Sunday, November 26th 11:30 AM to 2:30
 PM, 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Archdiocesan Consultation
 Underway
 Share your ideas to assist with
 future planning!

Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting
 the Catholic community to share
 thoughts and ideas regarding future
 pastoral planning in the Archdiocese
 of Toronto. Feedback will help inform
 a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in
 the years ahead. To learn more about
 the process, read the letter of invitation
 from the archbishop and complete the
 short survey by December 15, 2023,
 please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/
 consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation). Please take a few minutes
 to share your insights and ideas. Thank
 you for your collaboration in this
 archdiocesan initiative.

VISIO DIVINA - ADVENT SERIES
 ONLINE

Each week during Advent, artist and
 Catechist Les Miller will guide us in
 an hour of prayer and meditation,
 contemplating images of the
 Annunciation, Joseph's dream, the
 Journey to Bethlehem, and the Nativity.
 An online link will be provided
 following registration. Registration
 is free. Sessions begin at 7:30 p.m.
 Eastern.

Sunday November 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday December 3, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday December 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday December 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday December 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.,

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

We are providing you the Christmas
 Schedule ahead of time so you can plan.
 This year, December 23 to 25 fall on
 Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

December 23
 5 PM Saturday Vigil Mass
 7:00 PM Last Day of Christmas Novena

December 24
 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM
 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24
 Christmas Eve
 5:00 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 11 PM

December 25
 Christmas Day
 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

December 26
 Feast of St. Stephen
 7:30 AM
 Please note that Church and the Office
 will be closed for the day and also on
 December 27 throughout the day.

December 27
 Feast of St. John
 7:00 PM


December 28 to 31
 Regular Schedule

December 31
 5 PM Vigil of the Solemnity of
 Mary, Mother of God

January 1
 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

Please note that there will be no
 7:30 AM Mass on January 1.

January 2
 St. Basil
 7:30 AM
 Church and Office will be closed
 after the Mass



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