

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

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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 (December 9)
 5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Theresa-
 Mae Sol Cruz, +Laurise Nabhan,
 +Lira Mascarenhas, +Romeo
 Cardozo

SUNDAY (December 10)
 7:30 AM + Loleta Grant
 9:00 AM +Violante Rebello,
 +Diogo Figueira, Specially
 intention of Rexy Naje
 11:00 AM +Maria & Michael John
 Gomes, +Ann D’Souza, +Cecilia
 & Peter Navaratnam, +Panra
 Jaeverathm
 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Joshua
 & Danielle Fortes, +Eusebio &
 Lourdes Naluz

MONDAY (December 11)
 7:00 PM +Flora Prollamante,
 +Lavine Llave, +Erlinda Lagonoy,
 +Dionisio Alcantara

TUESDAY (December 12)
 7:30 AM +Lucy & John Texeira,
 Thanksgiving of Mike Rolda

WEDNESDAY (December 13)
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Lucia

THURSDAY (December 14)
 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Santos
 Family

FRIDAY (December 15)
 7:00 PM +Danilo Pervera
 Sr. +David Pervera, +Hansel
 Caballero, +Milagros Umali,
 +Evelyn & Raul Macalaguim, +
 Fiel Raymundo

SATURDAY (December 16)
 9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Dolores Sta Mina,
 +Milagros & Juanito Umali,
 +Evelyn & Raul Macalaguim, +Fiel
 Raymundo, +Geralda & Natividad
 Saboriendo

THE PARADOX OF ADVVENT

This Sunday’s readings illustrate the paradox of the Advent Season. Both liturgically and in our contemporary culture, we are given mixed signals about the pay attention to and spend time on. While it is still December 10, Christmas has been here quite a while already. As early as September 1 in some places. Our present day culture gives us a clear message - shop, buy, and party. I know of some people who have gone all out to decorate their homes to create a “perfect” Christmas.

Our readings today reminds us that there are things money cannot buy. While the most part this season is festive, for some it is rather difficult and hard - loneliness, poverty, dysfunctional in our relationships, war and violence.

The prophet Isaiah is like the one who speaks of a perfect Christmas - he pictures for us an idyllic time on the horizon when God will restore all that Israel has lost, that all her sins will be forgiven, her debts paid, and she can have peace. But the Gospel reminds us of the person of John the Baptist. We see that the promise of wonderful things to come, while true and trustworthy, brings with it both responsibilities and duties. Our deepest needs and God’s promises will be satisfied and fulfilled to the extent that we acknowledge and rid ourselves of our simful actions and attitudes. This is something we would prefer to be reminded about during Lent, but not in Advent! Hence the paradox. In advent, we are called both to be hopeful, joyful revelers while at the same time engaging in the hard work of repentance.

Take the time at least a few minutes each day to sit quietly in prayer. Come to our church, the Lord is here and waiting for you.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,161.95
Building Fund	\$ 3,050.45
Mass Stipend	\$ 570.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 34.50
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Funeral	\$ 300.00
First Communion	\$ 110.00
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Total	\$ 8,681.10

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

December 15 to 23

7 PM

The Christmas Novena is a wonderful Christmas tradition to prepare the whole family to celebrate the birthday of the Saviour. In a world that is characterized by secularism and commercialization, we need to remind one another about the real reason for this festive season. What better way than to attend Mass and like the Blessed Mother who kept everything in her heart, we, too, may reflect the awesome Mystery of the Incarnation - God the Almighty, the Creator, coming into our world and becoming part of creation itself. The birth of Jesus has wedded earth and heaven together forever!

At the conclusion of our Christmas Novena, we invite all parishioners and friends for a Christmas party at the Hall. It will be potluck. Do bring your goodies and share your favourite dishes and together as one big family, let us celebrate together the glory of the Lord. The Daughters of Isabella has once again volunteered to organize this event for all of us.

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway –
your assistance is requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by December 15, 2023, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

**BRING JOY TO OTHERS
THIS CHRISTMAS!**

We are partnering once again this Christmas Season with St. Vincent de Paul at Merciful Redeemer Parish. We will be collecting Gift Cards to bring cheer to families who are in need. A St. Vincent de Paul Box will be placed by the Parish Desk for you to drop your gift. We hope to receive these Gift Cards before the 15th of December. Thank you for your generosity!

**HELP US TO DECORATE
OUR CHURCH FOR CHRIST'S
BIRTHDAY**

We are asking for donations to offset the cost of flowers and Tree to decorate our church for the festivities.
Our Ministry of Arts & Environment have started to raise some funds for this purpose, but it is not enough. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER
AND DANCE**
December 31, 2023
Parish Hall
organized by the Knights of
Columbus

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday 5 PM to 6 PM
Saturday 4 PM to 5 PM
or by appointment

Examination of conscience is a good way to prepare yourself for the Sacrament of Confession, which involves reflecting prayerfully on one's thoughts, words, and deeds in order to identify any sins that you may have committed and would like to ask the Lord to forgive you.

There are various types of examinations of conscience but regardless of which one you use to prepare yourself for Confession it should be rooted in Scripture, particularly the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

WHEN SNOW COMES

To ensure your safety while you are at the church during the winter months: whenever there is a heavy accumulation on the slope roofs, we will close the inner courtyard. We ask that you use the door to enter the Parish Hall to come in. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 23

5 PM Saturday Vigil Mass
7 PM Last Day of Christmas Novena

December 24

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

December 24

Christmas Eve Masses
5 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 the 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 PM

December 28 to 31 (including Sunday)
Regular Schedule

December 31

New Year's Eve
5 PM

January 1

New Year's Day and 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



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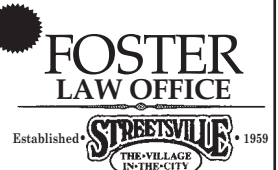


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