

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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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 16)

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

SUNDAY (December 17)

7:30 AM +Milagros & Juanito Umali
+Evelyn Reul Macalaguim +Fiel
Raymundo

9:00 AM +John D'Silva +Jose & Alex
Sandiego +Olga DeCosta Healing for
Rexy N.

11:00 AM Thanksgiving for Teodora
Coronel Thanksgiving for Maria
Jacinto Thanksgiving for R.J D'Souza
and Family +Luisito Guevarra +Tessie
Castillio

12:30 PM +Ray Jimenez +Elpidio &
Gloria Rufino +Remigio Tan

MONDAY (December 18)

7:00 PM +Milagros & Juanito Umali
+Evelyn Reul Macalaguim +Fiel
Raymundo

TUESDAY (December 19)

7:30 AM +Milagros & Juanito Umali
+Evelyn Reul Macalaguim +Fiel
Raymundo

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Bella
Laurente

WEDNESDAY (December 20)

7:00 PM +Milagros & Juanito Umali
+Evelyn Reul Macalaguim +Fiel
Raymundo +Zenaida Sison +Mariano
Rosete

THURSDAY (December 21)

7:30 AM +Milagros & Juanito Umali
+Evelyn Reul Macalaguim +Fiel
Raymundo

FRIDAY (December 22)

7:00 PM Healing for Celmencia
Interior +Milagros & Juanito Umali
+Evelyn Reul Macalaguim +Fiel
Raymundo +Manuel & Evangelina
Resendes

SATURDAY (December 23)

9:00 AM +Issac Ferreira, Special
Intentions of Nunez Family

BE ASTONISHED!

We are now on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday! We are at the midpoint of our preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts. If you have been very busy, running around, planning the perfect Christmas except prepare yourself spiritually, this day is a reminder to slow down, pay attention, be excited, and speak about it to everyone!

When something is exciting is happening, all too often, you cannot hold or contain and you could not keep it to yourself. You had to tell about it. That is what is happening to John, Mary, and Isaiah in our Readings today. They are telling us what they are experiencing. They are not just reporting. They are witnessing. "John came as a witness to testify to the light." This is the light that is life. This "light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

Mary is also witnessing. From the deep recesses of her being, she sings of the greatness of the Lord. "The Almighty has done great things for me." God has looked with favour on her.

Isaiah, too, is witnessing, that God anointed and sent him to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, to comfort all who mourn"

There is always something to tell about, to celebrate, to pay attention to. May these days help you to see the hand of God in everything that you are and do... Pay attention, God is reaching out to you in love!

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 5,270.95
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Konkani	\$ 1,025.00
Confirmation	\$ 170.00
Canada Life (Refund)	\$ 300.00
Rectory Fund	\$ 50.00
Total	\$13,261,85

Thank you for your generous ongoing financial support to the parish.

Your 2024 Parish Envelope will be available for you to pick up in the coming days.

If you have changed address recently or any of your information needs to be updated in our parish file, please do not hesitate to approach the parish desk.

In case you are intending to top your donation for 2023, please ensure that you use your envelope for 2023 and/or make sure that your cheque is dated December 31, 2023. Any donation received on January 1 (unless instructed by you) will be recorded as your donation for 2024.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

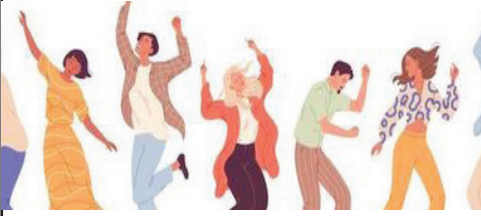
Confession
Monday to Friday
5 PM to 6 PM
Saturday
4 PM to 5 PM
or by appointment

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

December 31, 2023

Parish Hall

organized by the Knights of
Columbus**IF THERE ARE LOTS OF SNOW**

If there is a significant accumulation of snow in our slope rope this winter season, we would like you to enter and exit the church building via the entrance to the Parish Hall. We will close the inner courtyards on both sides for your safety. Please be guided accordingly.

One of the biggest expense of our parish during the winter months is the clearing of snow in our parking lot. We ask you to consider adding a few dollars to your regular offertory to offset this cost. To clear the snow and spread salt to melt the ice cost the parish close to \$6,000 per month (for roughly 6 months).

Take your time when entering and leaving our facility. If you see any ice build up especially where people usually walk, please do not hesitate to inform the parish desk immediately so we can address the problem ASAP.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
ALL OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

We ask the help of all parishioners to assist in any way they can to volunteer as ushers. We have double the number of Masses and we need all the help we can get to welcome everyone who will come to celebrate the Birthday of the Saviour.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ONLINE
RESOURCE TO HELP YOU IN YOUR
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT?**

Our parish has an annual subscription to Formed.org Any member (young and old) can access this wonderful resource.

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**POTLUCK PARISH
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Join the parish community
for a potluck following the 7 PM
Christmas Novena Mass
on Friday, December 22, 2023
in the Parish Hall

Thank you to the Daughters of
Isabella for agreeing to coordinate
this Potluck Parish Gathering.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS

Simbang Gabi

Misa de Aguinaldo

December 15 to 23

7 PM

The Christmas Novena (9 Days of Mass) is a Marian devotion. We accompany the Blessed Mother as it were as she prepares to birth our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. As we do so, we also birth Jesus in our hearts. Christmas is much more than just having a party and exchanging gifts. We contemplate the awesome mystery that God, the Almighty, the Creator, the Most Merciful has become part of creation itself so that we may all share in His divine life!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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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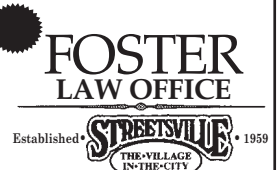


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