

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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Oh Come
Let us Adore Him

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (December 23)

5:00 PM +Sister Felicita, Sister Philomena, +John George Moolaseril, +Jason Avelino Mistry, +Romeo Cardozo

SUNDAY (December 24)

7:30 AM Open
9:00 AM Open
11:00 AM Open
12:30 PM Open

5:00 PM For the Parish Community
7:00 PM For the Parish Community
9:00 PM For the Parish Community
11:00 PM For the Parish Community

MONDAY (December 25)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM For the Parish Community
11:00 AM For the Parish Community
12:30 PM For the Parish Community

TUESDAY (December 26)

7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (December 27)

7:00 PM +Urbano Delpino, +Teresa Zambrano

THURSDAY (December 28)

7:30 AM +Trice Marbela, Teodora, Cecilio, Conrado Nicomedez

FRIDAY (December 29)

7:00 PM +Albert Martin, +Therese Martin

SATURDAY (December 30)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Giuseppe & Adelina Birianni

If you intend to offer Mass for yourself or your Loved One, you can approach the parish desk or use the parish website. Please note that last minute intention must be arranged at the parish desk. Online request might not work for last minute notice.

PLAN YOUR LIFE ACCORDINGLY BUT MAKE ROOM FOR GOD AND HIS PLAN FOR YOUR

Shortly after I finished college, I thought I had the vocation to be a monk. I went to the monastery for more than a year. In the course of that year, I had a sense that God wasn't calling me to be a monk, although monasticism continues for me even today as an attraction. The last 33 years have been a marvel to me - well beyond my imagining.

Look at your relationships, friendships, your family and marriage, your jobs and careers, your education, your home. All of those are attempts to create your life. That is not necessarily wrong. We have decisions to make and opportunities before us. The difficulty comes when we start to believe and carry the burden that we are the ultimate creator of our life. King David learned this lesson too when he decided that God needed a big cedar house like his until God said "No."

Today, we remember Mary's words: "Let it be with me according to your word." Mary consented to the Message of the Angel and the Creator became part of creation from that moment on.

Think for a moment how awesome that mystery is. God believes in the goodness of humanity. He chose to be born through Mary. Mary represents all of us - her consent is our consent - "Let it be." We affirm this consent again and again so that we can discover and celebrate the life that God is creating in us and through us.

Let us be vulnerable, open, and receptive before God. "How can this be since I am a virgin?", says Mary. To her, virginity was her limitation. We have our own limitations too, but God sees beyond our limitations. He has a plan and we just have to say "Yes."

THANK YOU!

Your 2024 Parish Envelope will be available for you to pick up in the narthex

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.

TOPPING YOUR DONATION FOR 2023

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.

Unless you are topping your donation for 2023, please discard your unused 2023 envelopes. We ask that you use the 2024 envelopes to assist Cliff or Ben to record your donations appropriately. We hope to close our Books on the second week of January so we can issue your Tax Receipts ASAP. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

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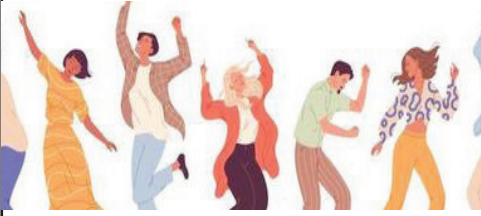
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For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 519 or send email to development@archtoronto.org

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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**Ignite Your Creativity!
Hearts on Fire Logo Contest
– Epic Prizes Await!**

Hello SJB Youth,

Get ready to set your creativity ablaze in our Hearts on Fire Logo Contest! Design our official logo and stand a chance to win spectacular prizes.

Details:

Theme: Hearts on Fire

Deadline: January 6, 2024

Prizes:

The winning design grabs an epic reward!

Submission:

Fire up your imagination and email your designs to Youth@Stjosephinebakhita.ca

Let your creativity sparkle – this is your chance to shine!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 11 PM

December 25

Cristmas 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 and also on January 3. We will be opened at 6 PM for Holy Hour and 7 PM for Holy Mass.



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