

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

RECTORY

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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 (January 13)
 5:00 PM +Ted Rynkun, +Lucja Gaska, +Ciriaco Perera, +Esmeralda Cardozo, +Jason Avelino Mistry

SUNDAY (January 14)
 7:30 AM For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM +Michael D’Souza
 11:00 AM +Librada Vicente, +Domenico Nguyen, +Nelson Masironi
 12:30 PM +Cyril Pereira, +Remigio Tan

MONDAY (January 15)
 7:00 PM +Higino Cuenca

TUESDAY (January 16)
 7:30 AM +Jose & Josefina Villanueva

WEDNESDAY (January 17)
 7:00 PM Open

THURSDAY (January 18)
 7:30 AM +Constantino & Maria Rosario

FRIDAY (January 19)
 7:00 PM +Helen Poirier, Thanksgiving of DeSouza & Pereira Families

SATURDAY (January 20)
 9:00 AM +Domingo Branzuela
 5:00 PM Open

To offer a Holy Mass for yourself or your loved, please approach the Parish Desk.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

We are now in the middle of January 2024, and the gospel is asking us: “what are you looking for in 2024? If you look at your life, your relationships, your work, and the world we live in, what are you looking for?

Is what you are looking for the same this year as it was last year? How about five years ago, ten years ago, twenty years ago? Has anything changed or is it still the same? Why is that?

Jesus is asking a question that has the power to change the course of our lives, of the world in which we revolve? What if we ask that question as a morning routine just as coffee may be a daily ritual for some of us?

Our answer might reveal who and where we are at in our life’s journey. How would you answer that question today? Is your life headed in a good direction? If not, what would you think is needed to set things right.

“What are you looking for? What do you want?”, Jesus inquired of the two disciples of John the Baptist who were following Jesus. John the Baptist gave his answer: “Jesus is the Lamb of God.” But this was the answer of John. Jesus would ask again this question: “Who do you say that I am?” It is a question that each one has to answer - an answer that stems from conviction and not just parroting what others have said about Him.

As we bring our needs and longings to the Lord, His invitation to us will always be: “Come and see.” Jesus is always assuring us that if we go to him, if we spent time with him, if we allow him into our lives, he will be always be there for us and there will always something for us to experience.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,188.95
Building Fund	\$ 2,778.70
Mass Stipend	\$ 420.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 61.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 645.00
New Year	\$ 595.00
Candle Offering	\$ 330.05
Baptism	\$ 255.00
Total	\$ 8,273.70

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARISH

In case you are wondering what the Liturgical Fund is, it is the Wednesday Offertory. It is earmarked to pay for the candle, oils, bread, wine and other items that we need to celebrate the Mass and other sacraments in the Parish.

Basketball Free Throw for all Girls and Boys
 age 9 - 17 Saturday January 27
 @ St Faustina School

Registration is required this weekend and next January 13 and 20, please see one of the Knights of Columbus in Narthex

Their is No Fee to participate.

BOTTLE DRIVE
 please bring your empty bottles on the weekend of January 20 and 27

All monies raised will be donated to the Special Olympic.

If you any questions, please connect with a member of the Knights of Columbus
 Thank you!

Week of Christian Unity
Sunday, January 21 at 4 PM
 St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, 455
 Ferrier St. Toronto

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. The homilist is H.G. Anba Archilids, General Bishop and Papal Vicar, Coptic Orthodox Archdiocese of Toronto. In this annual celebration we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians.

This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches (GTACCC). All are welcome to attend.

As part of **Marriage Sunday 2024** celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

350 YEARS OF MEANING AND ACTION in Quebec City

From December 8, 2023 to December 8, 2024, the Catholic Church in Quebec City will celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding of its Diocese! The oldest diocese north of Mexico, the cradle of faith in our country, has given birth to more than 150 dioceses over the years. Its community has lived, celebrated and shared the faith, met social needs, founded organizations that are still vibrant, and helped give life to the culture we inherit today. The fundamental importance of this legacy will be celebrated in a program that also takes a look at the life of today's community. The Catholic community of the Diocese of Quebec opens wide its arms to you. Cross the threshold of America's only Holy Door. Come and experience a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the founding saints of the Church in Canada. Like Compostelle pilgrims, criss-cross the magnificent Charlevoix and Côte de Beaupré regions on the new Kapoah Trail. Rediscover our shared history through activities for all: visits to rarely accessible heritage sites, "Founders' Fortnight," exhibitions, concerts... All the details are available on the website: fetes350.ca. Happy 350th!

CALLING MARRIED COUPLES IN THE PARISH TO CONSIDER ASSISTING ENGAGED COUPLES IN THEIR WEDDING PREPARATION

If you are interested in this important ministry, please see Fr. Mark. We will arrange for your training. Your ministry commitment will most likely be only once or twice a year. But it will be spiritually rewarding.

15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference
 Saturday March 23, 2024
 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)

Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins
 Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare, Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Co-creator with God, Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer, Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson), Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group
TO REGISTER VISIT www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

VIVA SENIORS MINISTRY

We would like to express our gratitude to the Legion of Mary for arranging the monthly First Friday Mass for the seniors living at Viva. We also thank our other volunteers who lead the Prayers and Give Communion to the residents on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in this important ministry, please connect with the Legion of Mary or Rebecca Poirier.

OTHER AREAS THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE PARISH

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we have the following outreaches:

- Ministry to Maturing Adults
- Ministry to Young Mothers and their children
- Ministry of Intercession

The ministry of intercession is an excellent ministry for everyone, young and old alike, but most especially those who are homebound. It is a ministry of prayer.



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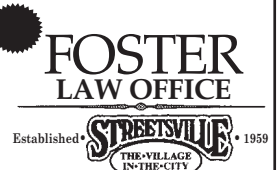


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