

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

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent

Mississauga, ON L5N 7W2

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Faustina

St. Edith Stein

St. Simon Stock

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 (February 10)
5:00 PM Thanksgiving of the
Pendon Family, Special Intention of
Ngo Family, +Alfred Lee, +Geralda
Saboriendo, +Peter Lai Nguyen,
+Benedick Venantius, +Silvanus
Sukandar Angriawan

SUNDAY (February 11)
7:30 AM For the Parish
Community
9:00 AM Special Intention of
Santos Family, +David Lang,
+Mary Lee Wuk Len
11:00 AM For the Parish
Community
12:30 PM +Dulce Stella Silva,
+Roma & Suzie Rivera

MONDAY (February 12)
7:00 PM +Condrodo, Eduardo,
Alberto Nicomedez, +Lucy & John
Teixeira

TUESDAY (February 13)
7:30 AM +Jacinta Fernandes

WEDNESDAY (February 14)
7:00 PM Open
12:00 PM +Gary Quinn, +Avelino
Vaz, +Jason Mistry, +Anne D'Sa
7:00 PM Healing of Kathryn
Fleischer, +Albert & Pedrindha
Fernandes, +Janice Antero

THURSDAY (February 15)
7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (February 16)
7:00 PM +Josephine De Guzman,
+Amado Lusing, +Judith King

SATURDAY (February 17)
9:00 AM Fr. Noel Whelan
5:00 PM Open

For most of us when life gets uncomfortable, when things do not go our way, and we do not get what we want or expect then we begin seeking relief. We want the pain to stop and the situation to change or go away. Too often we look for quick easy solutions, something that will make us comfortable again; something that will allow us to go back to life the way it was before. That is the life of a leper. That is life at skin-level. One day you are clean. Life is as expected. You have work, friends, and family. You are part of the faith community. The next day everything changes. The next day you are unclean.

Regardless of our skin condition we know what it is like to be a leper. We may not have lived under the same conditions as the lepers of Jesus' time but we could each tell a story about a time when we just could not get comfortable in our own skin. That is the leprosy of today. Today's leprosy is not a medical condition or a legal status. It is, rather, a spiritual condition. It is leprosy of the heart. Its symptoms have nothing to do with our skin. Instead they are things like perfectionism, gluttony, sadness, anger, pride, boredom, gossip, the need for control or approval, fear, being judgmental, restlessness, excessive busyness, grudges, prejudice, jealousy, condemnation, indifference, addiction. Leprosy distorts how we see and relate to God, the world, others, and even ourselves. Leprosy keeps life at a superficial level. These symptoms, what the early church mothers and fathers called "passions," reveal a deep discomfort. As long as we deal with them at the level of skin, seeking cleanness rather than wholeness, we can never truly be made well.

Healing is an interior condition. It is about the heart more than the skin. Jesus offers more. He desires more for us than we often desire for ourselves. When we turn to the Lord in prayer, we can be transformed and free.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,328.75
Building Fund	\$ 3,668.05
Mass Stipend	\$ 605.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 62.25
Candle Offering	\$ 215.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 25.00
Flower	\$ 92.00
Empanada	\$ 150.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 9,186.65

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL
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TAX RECEIPTS

The Tax Receipts will be mailed to you by February 16. If you any concerns regarding your Tax Receipts for 2023, please do not hesitate to contact Cliff at the Parish Office. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

The Mass Schedule is as follows:
7:30 AM, 12 Noon, and 7 PM

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. For Catholics of the Latin Rite, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own Sui Iuris Church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

The first form of care needed in any illness is compassionate and loving closeness. To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others – family members, friends, healthcare workers – , with creation and with themselves. Can this be done? Yes, it can be done and all of us are called to ensure that it happens. Let us look to the icon of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37), to his ability to slow down and draw near to another person, to the tender love with which he cares for the wounds of a suffering brother.

Let us remember this central truth in life: we came into the world because someone welcomed us; we were made for love; and we are called to communion and fraternity. This aspect of our lives is what sustains us, above all at times of illness and vulnerability. It is also the first therapy that we must all adopt in order to heal the diseases of the society in which we live.

To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.

-POPE FRANCIS

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Saturday, March 2

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W, Toronto

Theme of Adult Rally is “TAKE
HEART: By His Wounds We Are
Healed”

Theme of Youth Rally is “TAKE
HEART: Don’t Lose Hope // Get Up
// He’s Calling You”

Tickets can be purchased ONLINE
at our Website: www.ljhr.ca

COST: \$30 for Adult and \$15 for
Youth

We are partnering with Merciful
Redeemer for Busing arrangement,
please connect with Suzie Pereira for
more information

THE SQUIRES

We encourage the young boys in
our parish to consider becoming part
of the SQUIRES of the Knights of
Columbus. If you are interested, the
Squires will be around this weekend
to answer any of your questions.

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is inviting
parishioners to consider becoming
a Legionaire. This lay organization
was founded the Servant of God,
Frank Duff. It is found in about 170
countries, quietly aiming to bring
Mary to the world as the infallible
means of winning the world to Jesus.
The Legion of Mary regularly meets
at the church on Tuesday evening,
starting at 7 PM. There is no fee
involved. The only requirement is to
want to serve Jesus through Mary.

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

CALLING MARRIED COU- PLES 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.
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The Blessed Sacrament is exposed
Tuesday to Friday from 12 Noon to
7 PM



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