

# 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

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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 17)  
5:00 PM Thanksgiving of the De Belen Family

SUNDAY (February 18)  
7:30 AM +Rosita & Tomas Rovelo  
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Inacio & Paula Lee-Len, +Karen Nazareth, +Gino & Ada Rispoli, +Egypt Padilla, +Aquilino Rivera, +Juan Cabading Sr.

11:00 AM +Lauro & Emilia Lobendino, +Rafael Humberto Ramirez, +Xavier Gomes  
12:30 PM +Alfonso Pagaduan, +Karen Kay Bariuad, Aurelia Linsangan, +Constancia Ocsan

MONDAY (February 19)  
7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Villa & Invierno Families, +Ivan & Lucija Brozic, +Occar Invierno Sr., +Clarita & Zenaída Invierno, +Saturnino Villa Sr., +Nemesia & Rosemarie Villa Rambuyan

TUESDAY (February 20)  
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Pauline Fortes, +Federico Fortes, +Pomymario & Jersefe Perez

WEDNESDAY (February 21)  
7:00 PM +Zenaída Dy Tan, +Daniel Marsh

THURSDAY (February 22)  
7:30 AM +Manuel & Eleuteria Quinsay, Thanksgiving of Eymard Orfano

FRIDAY (February 23)  
7:00 PM +Thanksgiving of Aicee Carl B. Sarmiento, +Alexis Lobo

SATURDAY (February 24)  
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Ava Fleischer

As Mark tells it, “Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee” to the Jordan River. He left his home and now stands with John in the Jordan, the border between home and the wilderness. There he is baptized. The heavens are torn apart, the Spirit like a dove descends, and a voice declares, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” From there “the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.” Baptism may happen in the river but the baptismal life begins in the wilderness.

This story is not, however, just about Jesus. It is our story too. The Father’s words refer to Jesus in a uniquely literal way but they also apply to each one of us. By grace, gift, and the choice of God we are his beloved daughters and sons. If leaving home, getting baptized, and going to the wilderness is Jesus’s way then it is our way too. We leave behind our old identity, we are identified and claimed by God as his children, and we go to the wilderness.

That’s what this holy season of Lent is about. It is no coincident that on Wednesday we were marked with the ashes of remembrance, the dust of our creation, and today the gospel takes us to the wilderness. The two cannot be separated. Wednesday’s ashes lead us to wilderness soil. Lent is about leaving home and leaving home, in Lent and life, always takes us to the wilderness.

The wilderness is an in between place. It is a place of liminality, a threshold. We are betwixt and between. Neither here nor there. We have left behind what was and what will be is not yet clear. In the wilderness we come face to face with the reality of our lives; things done and left undone, our fears, our hopes and dreams, our sorrows and losses, as well as the unknown. These facts of our life are the source of our temptations.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,536.30
Building Fund	\$ 1,750.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 850.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 114.50
Candle Offering	\$ 360.30
Flower	\$ 72.00
Empanada	\$ 60.00
Baptism	\$ 198.50
Initial Envelope	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 8,788.40

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TAX RECEIPTS

The Tax Receipts was mailed to you on February 16. If you any concerns regarding your Tax Receipts for 2023, please do not hesitate to contact Cliff at the Parish Office in case you have any questions regarding your Receipts. Thank you.

All Fridays of Lent are Abstinence Day

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.

Join us for  
The Way of the Cross  
every Friday evening following the 7 PM Mass

Confessions  
Monday to Friday 5 to 6 PM  
Saurday 4 PM to 5 PM

**LOOKING FOR RESOURCES  
TO HELP YOU SPIRITUALLY  
DURING THE SEASON OF LENT?**

We suggest that you go to Formed.Org. There are quite a number of resources available for you on the site. Please note that our Parish has a subscription. It is therefore free for all our parishioners, young and old alike. Register as a member of the parish on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) by providing your email, check the email you have provided after a few seconds, and you will then have access to the whole site. It is like having a library on your fingertips. Check it out!

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Our Grade 2 children and older will be celebrating their First Reconciliation starting at 4 PM on Monday to Friday, February 19 to 23.

**FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE  
PLANNING WEBINAR**

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection

How to create your own legacy  
About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals

**WAYS TO REGISTER:**

follow this QR link: <https://QRCode/WebFeb24> or send an email to: [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "webinar February 24" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

**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](http://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](http://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. But it will be spiritually rewarding.



The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Tuesday to Friday from 12 Noon to 7 PM



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