

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

St. Faustina

St. Edith Stein

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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 (April 6)
5:00 PM +Bernadine Sorensen,
+Constantina Sousa

SUNDAY (April 7)
7:30 AM For the Parish
community
9:00 AM +Numeriano Gamboa
11:00 AM +Agatha Natividade
12:30 PM +Alfonso Pico Sr.

MONDAY (April 8)
7:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY (April 9)
7:30 AM +Jeremy Villanueva

WEDNESDAY (April 10)
7:00 PM +Fortunato & Fernanda
Teixeira, +Alda Ornelas

THURSDAY (April 11)
7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (April 12)
7:00 PM +Lucy & John Texeira,
Thanksgiving of Anne Sol Cruz

SATURDAY (April 13)
9:00 AM +Virginio Raposo

5:00 PM+Jason Avelino Mistry,
+Isidro San Diego

CONFIRMATION
GATHERING

All Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to a gathering at the Parish Hall with Fr. Mark on Saturday, April 13 starting at 10 AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR
YOUNG PEOPLE PREPARING
FOR THE SACRAMENTS



DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY

Jesus says: “Behold I stand at the door and knock...” that door is no other than the door of your heart. Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. Every time you unlock and open the door of your heart, whether for the Lord or a family member, relative, or friend, you step into your own resurrection.

Jesus is inviting, asking, calling, insisting, and wooing us into life. If we lock the door of heart, there will be no hope, no joy, no peace. We will never know that there is life beyond our locked doors.

Notice that when Jesus appeared to the disciples in the upper room, St. John tells us that the doors were closed...for fear of the Jews. Jesus did not open the door, the disciples have to open the door themselves. No one, not even Jesus, can open the doors you have locked. Only you can do that. Jesus isn't going to do that for you. His heart is open for you. Now, you must open your heart to him and to everyone who knocks especially members of your own household, among your relatives, and all those who may have been estranged from you.

Will you open your door today?

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SUNDAY OFFERING

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Baptism	\$ 200.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 35.00
ShareLife	\$ 300.00
Easter	\$ 8,798.19
Initial Envelope	\$ 170.00
Total	\$ 11,463.11

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

April 20 at 10:30 AM
St. Bernard & St. Faustina Schools

April 27 at 10:30 AM
St. Simon Stock, St. Edith Stein,
Private & Public Schools

INVITATION TO CONSECRATE
THE PARISH COMMUNITY TO
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
on April 8, 2024 at 7 PM
Solemnity of the Annunciation of our
Lord

This is a request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who on March 22, 2023 invited Catholics to renew an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the occasion of the aforementioned solemnity. On this bulletin, we are providing you with a text that you can use also in your home with the members of your own household, so that together with the whole Church we can do this together.



FAMILY CONSECRATION

Parent: Welcoming with joy the invitation of our Holy Father, Pope Francis to renew our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on this Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, we gather together in faith and devotion, united to our Lord Jesus Christ and under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We humbly implore the incomparable and unfailing help of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. We pray that we be endowed with the wisdom and trust to ask for her powerful intercession and the courage to seek her in every distress. May we be ready to welcome all the heavenly graces of divine consolations that her Immaculate Heart obtains for us.

Let us pray

O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Standing near the Cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the

disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SHORT REFLECTION

From the dogmatic constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council (Lumen Gentium, 62)

This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace—from the consent which she gave in faith at the annunciation, and which she continued to give unhesitatingly at the foot of the cross—lasts without interruption until all the elect enter into eternal fulfillment. When she was taken up into heaven, she did not lay aside this saving role but she continues by her intercession for all to gain for us the gifts of eternal salvation

In her maternal love she cares for the brothers and sisters of her Son as they journey on earth in the midst of dangers and hardships, until they are brought safely home to the happiness of heaven.

RECITE A DECADE OF THE ROSARY - THE ANNUNCIATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Parent: As we knock at the door of her heart, may Our Lady intercede on our behalf with her Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as she did at the wedding of Cana, so that the new wine of hope, joy, holiness and peace may flow abundantly in all who call upon her maternal mediation.

All: Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, I/we, consecrate to you the members of our family together with all the faithful of the Church.

We lift up to you, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, all of our families, and all of those brothers and sisters of Your Son, who need your maternal care and your intercession. Through your powerful and loving prayers, bring the consolation of Christ our Lord to all the pastors and the

entire flock of your Beloved Son, Jesus: to the young and to the elderly, the sick and the abandoned, the lonely and the dejected, those who are to be born and those who are dying, those trying to find their way and those who have strayed away. With a mother's heart, welcome our petitions and show forth your great compassion and love to those who have become your children entrusted to your motherly care by the Crucified Redeemer.

By your merciful gaze, look upon all those who are persecuted for their faith, the victims of war and abuse, those who are afflicted by addictions, those who despair and have lost all hope. You who are the gift whom our loving Lord gave to us on Calvary, graciously receive our prayer and deny us not the graces we humbly implore from you.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
R. Pray for us.

Parent: Let us ask the blessing of almighty God, as we conclude this consecration: Merciful and loving Father, you have shown us in the Blessed Virgin Mary the model of sublime love and profound humility; grant that we your children may be like her, obedient to your commandment of love, so that by giving ourselves wholeheartedly to seeking your glory and to serving others, with eyes fixed on the Mother of your Son, we may be led to the harbour of eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. R. Amen

REGINA CAELI

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For Christ, your Son and Son of God,
alleluia,
has risen as He said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Parents may want to sign the Cross on the forehead of their children



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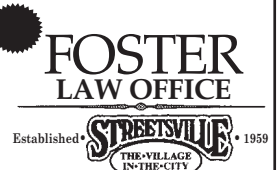


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