

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

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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 (May 11)
5:00 PM +Aquileo Villanueva

SUNDAY (May 12)
7:30 AM +Julian & Mary
Fernandes, +Jessie Roach, +Joseph
& Stanny Fernandes
9:00 AM +Lucy & John Texeira,
+DJA Bendict, +Adoracion Doctor
11:00 AM +Gerald Saboriendo,
+Theresa Chiu, +Martha Qua
Tran,+Julieta Patricio, +Janet
Miranda Sanchez, Thanksgiving of
Emma and Salvador Collao
12:30 PM Healing of Maurizio
Rapisardi, +Francisco Cogo Jr.,
Lolita Cogo, Francisco Cogo IV,
+Hedy Pascua Pico, +Alfonso &
Irene Pascua Pico

MONDAY (May 13)
7:00 PM +Baby Jordon Emmanuel
Lindo, +Ja;intha Fernandes,
+Joseph Matthew, +Milagros &
Juanito Umali, +Evelyn & Ruel
Macalaguim, +Aplone Francisca,
+Nicholas Correa

TUESDAY (May 14)
7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (May 15)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Boy &
Wai Moreno

THURSDAY (May 16)
7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (May 17)
7:00 PM +Aurora Mascarenhas

SATURDAY (May 18)
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM Open



We often imagine that God is up there and we are down here or somewhere out there while we are all here. A literal reading of the Ascension story might give us the impression that this is true. But let me present to you another way of looking at this - the ascension is not about absence, but of presence. Jesus has not left us. Rather, Jesus has filled us and sanctifies us at all time and space. Christ, by His ascension, is “all in all” (Col. 3:11). The mystery of heaven and earth united as one is uncovered in the incarnation and brought to fullness in the ascension.

What did Jesus do with his body when he ascended into heaven? Did he put it aside? No, Jesus went up to heaven with his body! We believe therefore that the ascension has enthroned our humanity next to God and that is why St. Paul did not hesitate to say “our true homeland is in heaven.” Yes, Jesus is no longer physically present before us like any other human person, but present nevertheless within each of us.

Our Lord to further cement his presence among us, gave His Holy Spirit. Every possible way to help us achieve our full potential as God has created us is given to us. Come Holy Spirit...

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,621.95
Building Fund	\$ 3,802.80
Mass Stipend	\$ 585.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 141.10
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Candle Offering	\$ 196.60
ShareLife	\$ 855.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00
Total	\$ 9,414.45

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POPE’S PASTORAL WORK

The Pope’s Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope’s Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity. The collection will take place this weekend of May 11/12.

THE LEGION OF MARY
invites everyone

for Scriptural Rosary & Flowering
on Monday, May 13, 2024
6 PM

to commemorate the first apparition
of our Lady of Fatima.

Flowers to be provided by the Legion of Mary.

This devotion will be repeated
every 13th day of each month until
October.

OUR PARISH IS LOOKING FOR GREETERS

As many of you are aware, I started a daily Holy Hour at the start of the Covid Pandemic. I truly believe that our parish community was sustained by it and has spared our community from the virus. Yes, many of us had covid during that time at some point or another, but was not fatal except one. I have expanded the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Tuesday to Friday, 12 noon to 7 PM. Also to keep the church open from morning to evening so anyone who wants to have some quiet time with the Lord may be able to do so. There is nothing more frustrating when you want to visit the church or any church for that matter and find the door locked. I would like to see as I believe you do too to keep the church always open all day. In order to make this viable we need to have some parishioners volunteer as greeters and others as adorers. You don't want the Lord to be alone, do you?

The Greeters' Ministry is a service of hospitality and welcome. They do not only ensure the safety of the church, but more importantly to greet the people who come into the church with a smile, answer their questions if there are any, direct them to the Office Staff if they are looking to offer a Mass or want to see the priest.

The beauty of our Church architecture might draw some visitors to come. The Greeters also serve as guides, to explain the inspiration behind the architectural design. The visitor might want to know who the patron saint is. This ministry is a wonderful way of sharing the love of Christ to others. Remember our patron saint herself was a Greeter. In the convent, the Greeter is called "Porter". The Porter is the face of the community to the outside world. St. Benedict recognized the importance of Greeters that he dedicated a chapter of the Rule that he wrote to this ministry.

Please consider becoming a part of this ministry of hospitality and welcome. St. Benedict instructs the Greeter: "As soon the door bell rings, the Greeter must prostrate himself/herself on the floor because Jesus has come to visit." St. Benedict, St. Martin de Porres, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Brother Andre were all Greeters. You can join their company and be a saint of hospitality and welcome.

If you are interested, please give your name and contact number at the parish desk. Thank you so much.



PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day

We are fortunate and special. We are blessed because of all the mothers in our community and in our lives who by the grace of God are as caring, loving, and life-giving as they truly are.

We wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!



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