

# 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 Asistants*

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 (September 21)  
5:00 PM +Zdislav Adamczyk,  
+Presentacion Maluenda

SUNDAY (September 22)  
7:30 AM +Loreta Storey,  
+Anselmo & Pia Parente, +Adolfo  
Parente, +Cyril & Clotilda Mathias,  
+Felix and Heloen Pinto, +Shalini  
Kamath  
9:00 AM +Ken Singh  
11:00 AM +Joseph Hoang,  
Thanksgiving of Boy and Wai  
Moreno  
12:30 PM +Erik Demetrio Onate,  
+Elmer Lapidante, +Erlina  
Lapidante, +Teodoro Lopus,  
+Hermosa Alsosa and souls in  
Purgatory

MONDAY (September 23)  
7:00 PM +Emilio Merlo

TUESDAY (September 24)  
7:30 AM +Chita Cordero & Jeremy  
Villanueva

WEDNESDAY (September 25)  
7:00 PM +Theresa Mathew,  
+Mariam,a George

THURSDAY (September 26)  
7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (September 27)  
7:00 PM +Nenita Talagtag

SATURDAY (September 28)  
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Emilia D’Souza, +Mercy  
Venantius

Offering a Mass is easy, just  
approach the Parish Desk.



For the most part, we all aspire for greatness including the political arena. If being great, holding the number one position, means being last of all and servant of all, then we have completely misunderstood what greatness is really about. And the disciples don’t understand greatness any more than we do. “What were you arguing about along the way?” Jesus asks them. “But they were silent for they had argued with one another who was the greatest.” Jesus didn’t get an answer to his question, only silence. It was the silence of having been caught, found out. Jesus isn’t asking for his sake but for theirs. He seems to have already known what they were arguing about.

Jesus is not saying that we should not or cannot be great. He never says that. Rather, he is asking us to reframe our understanding of greatness. Jesus does not say that greatness is in being a child and he doesn’t say that greatness is in being childlike. Greatness is in welcoming the child. The child is a symbol for something else. The child is a symbol of vulnerability, powerlessness, and dependency. The child in Jesus’ day had no rights, no status, no economic value. The child was a consumer and not a producer. Greatness, Jesus says, is in welcoming and receiving into our arms one like this, regardless of his or her age. Greatness is found not in what we have accomplished and gained for ourselves but in what we have done and given to “the least of these” (Mt. 25:40), the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, and imprisoned; the symbolic children in each of our lives.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,705.67
Building Fund	\$ 2,145.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 420.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 117.90
Wedding	\$ 500.00
Candle Offering	\$ 247.20
Flower	\$ 100.00
First Communion	\$ 280.00
Food Festival	\$ 9,813.00
Rectory Fund	\$ 341.16
Confirmation	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 17,838,23

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
OUR PARISH

Please note that the Wednesday Collection is applied to our Liturgical Fund. What that means? Your donation is used to buy supplies for the altar, such as sacramental wine, eucharistic bread, paraffin oil, and whatever items associated with the Liturgy.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION  
FUND

On October 5/6 Please prayerfully consider supporting the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The Archdiocese as a whole have raised close to 50% of our \$6 Million commitment. In walking together with Indigenous Peoples of this Land, let us draw on the profound words offered by the Holy Father during his visit to Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta, a sacred site of pilgrimage: May the Lord help us to move forward in the healing process, towards an ever more healthy and renewed future.”

Our parish also happens to have the First weekend of the month for our Building Collection. To avoid confusion, please use the proper envelope to indicate where your donation is being applied.

Thank you so much!



**CURIOUS ABOUT SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?**

Frequently Asked Question on Spiritual Direction

Who should seek a Spiritual Director?  
Anyone who has a desire to deepen his or her relationships with God and to live a life fully alive in union with God.

What is Spiritual Direction not? Spiritual Direction is not therapy or counseling. There may be aspects of psychological processes that are brought into spiritual direction but only as a means of exploring the directee's relationship with God in light of his or her relationships with significant others in the directee's life.

What is the role of a Spiritual Director? A spiritual director is one who listens with a directee to God's movements and call within the heart to deepen the relationship between God and the directee so that the directee may grow in the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love.

How often does one go to Spiritual Direction? Meetings are 45-50 minutes once a month. There may be certain times when the meetings are scheduled more frequently than once a month but that is not typical.

Is there a fee for Spiritual Direction?  
Donations only.

If you're interested in pursuing Spiritual Direction, please see Deacon Roman or email him at [rlim@archtoronto.org](mailto:rlim@archtoronto.org).

**THE NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH**

The needs of the Canadian Church is an annual collection to assist the bishops of Canada in the ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. The collection will take place in our parish next weekend, September 28/29. A special envelope for this purpose is available in the narthex.

**FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**

The Daughters of Isabella thank all parishioners and friends who supported the International Food Festival. Your participation at the International Food Festival enabled the Daughters to raise about \$10,000 for our Building Fund.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

Our Church Office is now accepting Registrations for those who wish to prepare and receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

First Reconciliation and First Communion start at Grade 2 and older.

The Sacrament of Confirmation starts at Grade 7 and older.

Children who are not baptized and wish to receive the sacraments must register for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC). Please see Cecilia to inquire more about our Sacramental program

This invitation is also extended to all children in public or private schools. or home schooling.

ADULTS CAN APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RCIA

**LIFE CHAIN**  
Sunday October 6  
corner of Thomas St. and Winstorn Churchill.  
Please see JC for more information

**BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD BASIC TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP #1**

Are you interested in helping other women find the missing piece in the puzzle of their fertility? Billings Ovulation Method Basic Teacher Training Workshop #1, Tuesday evenings, via Zoom on Oct. 1, 15, 29, Nov. 12, 26, Dec. 10 (2024) and Jan. 7 & 21 (2025) from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Instead of a "one-size-fits-all" approach the Billings Ovulation Method works with each woman's unique patterns of fertility & infertility in all circumstances & all stages of reproductive life. Women learn to identify their natural signs of fertility & infertility through charting, which is a reflection of her hormonal patterns. The Billings Ovulation Method Basic Teacher Training Workshop (Part 1 of 2) is an in-depth, highly interactive study of the Billings Ovulation Method. The objective of this program is to provide teachers-in-training with the scientific basis of the Billings Ovulation Method so that they can learn to confidently teach couples to plan & space their families, taking the guesswork out of preventing & achieving pregnancy. Who should attend? Anyone interested in learning more in-depth information on the Billings Ovulation Method - those using this method, Teachers-in-Training, Teachers who need updating. Registration Fee: \$150. CONTACT: To register or ask questions email Rose at: [rosmary.heron@naturalfamilyplanning.ca](mailto:rosmary.heron@naturalfamilyplanning.ca) or call our NFPA office at our new number: 437-600-9333

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