# 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.

#### PASTORALTEAM

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 Asisstants 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 (289) 997-2105

#### 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 (November 16) 5:00 PM Special intention of Bert Librado, +Arecia Paul, +Jeoffrey D'Souza, +Henry & Iris, Antony & Vincent Alvarez, +Maria Cajetan Fernandez

SUNDAY (November 17) 7:30 AM +Milagros, Juanit Umali, Fiel Raymundo, Evelyn, Ruel Macalaguim 9:00 AM +Raynaldo Lucila, +Jaime Mosquera Fong, Thanksgiving of Vaz Family, Thanksgiving of Milagros Wiborg 11:00 AM Open 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Lopos Family, +Suzie de Vera, +Roma de Vera, +Tessie Naluz, +Gricelio Najar, +Alba Maria Rojas, Thanksgiving of Mora Family

MONDAY (November 18) 7:00 PM +Charles D'Souza, +Michael Patel

TUESDAY (November 19) 7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (November 20) 7:00 PM +Dulce, Gerundio Lape, Eduardo, Virginia, Ditto Maruhom

THURSDAY (November 21) 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Mikaeleh Rizvi, +Terry Chua

FRIDAY (November 22) 7:00 PM +Avelino & Mericia Vaz +Jason Avelino Mistry, +Raquel Castro

SATURDAY (November 23) 9:00 AM +Victor Tang,

5:00 PM +Alfonso Rodrigues



Just a a few days ago, we were enjoying the explosion of colors all around us. And now, many of the trees are barren, the clouds are darker, and the days are colder. We are in-between the summer that has gone and the winter that is not yet.

Today's gospel takes us to this type of moment - the in-between. Just as there is in-between in our natural surroundings, there are also inbetween moments in our lives. These in-between moments are times of change and transitions, invitations to self-reflection and growth, and opening to something new and unknown. They are unsettling and sometimes painful, but they can also be redeeming and renewing.

What in-between moment have you experienced thus far? Maybe you are in-between moment right now. What happened? How did you get there?

Perhaps, you feel the sun is no longer shining nor the moon in the darkness of the night or the stars have fallen or are crushing down. Keep awake. Do not despair. Jesus is saying to you today because where you are right now holds hope.

Remember the story of creation, it started in darkness, but out of the darkness came light. Don't be afraid of the dark. It is not the end.

OFFERTORY		
Offertory	\$	4,064.80
Building Fund	\$	4,645.00
Liturgical Fund	\$	87.50
Stipend	\$	420.00
Candle Revenue	\$	307.10
World Mission	\$	5.00
All Souls	\$	180.00
Sunday Missal	\$	285.00
ShareLife	\$	50.00
Baptism	\$	280.00
Flowers	\$	45.00
Confirmation	\$	450.00
Konkani	\$	646.55
Youth Ministry	\$	5.00
Total	\$	8,470.95

The new Sunday Missal for 2025 is now available at the Parish Desk for \$5 a copy.

You can either keep your old Sunday Missal or throw it for Recycle. If you decide to keep it, you can use it again after 3 years.

## Breakfast With Santa

Sat Dec 7 from 10 am - 12:30 pm St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Hall Tickets: \$10 per person - Children 2 years and under are free. This event is for children 12 years and under. ALL children must be accompanied by a paying adult

Give the Gift of Warmth! Campaign from Nov 2 - Dec 7 ONLY NEW ITEMS PLEASE (Mittens, Gloves, Socks, Scarfs, and Hats) All items will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Drop off box placed in the Narthex

## GLORIA! St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert at Massey Hall Saturday, December 14 at 7 PM

#### St. Michael's Choir School presents GLORIA!

A magical blend of secular and sacred choral repertoire to usher in this Christmas season. A Toronto holiday tradition, this is the Choir School's 59th annual Christmas concert, packed with exceptional works including Vivaldi's Gloria, Carol of the Bells, and The Star Carol. With close to 300 voices, 5 choirs consisting of students, and alumni, taking the stage, this year's programme is sure to be one of the best yet! Tickets are now available at www. masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: STARLIGHT. For more information, please call 416-397-6367.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As Christmas draws near, our parish is once again partnering with St. Vincent de Paul at Merciful Redeemer Parish to solicit from our parishioners grocery gift cards from FreshCo, Walmart, and Loblaws as these are the stores visited by families in the area. We would like to receive these gift cards and given to SVP by December 13, 2024 in time for their distribution to the families who needed this help to get by the Christmas holidays. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

**RENEW** Toronto is almost here!

Join us on Saturday, November 23rd The Shepherds' Trust supports the and Sunday, November 24th for needs of the retired diocesan clergy an unforgettable experience at our of the Archdiocese of Toronto who annual conference for young adults have served our family of faith, aged 19 - 39! This is your chance to bringing us the sacraments and grow in faith alongside like-minded enriching our parishes, homes, individuals who are in the same schools, hospitals and countless exciting stage of life. Whether you're other gatherings through their a student, young professional, young ministry. couple, or part of a young catholic family, this conference has something The Trust was started by lay people special for you!

Our theme this year is Isaiah 40:31: establish the Trust as a reflection "Those who hope in the Lord will run of the gratitude and appreciation and not be weary." Come be inspired by our keynotes, workshops, Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. vendors and organizations to live out this message in your everyday life.

Don't miss out! Save your spot today by registering on our website renewtoronto.org. Today is the last all our Mass this Sunday, November day to purchase your ticket!

## Christmas Tree

Our parish will be again setup a real Christmas Tree in the Narthex, if you would like to contribute towards the purchase of the tree, you can do so by dropping your donation in our regular offertory collection. We ask that you please indicate on the envelope where your donation is going to be applied. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS CAKES

The Knights of Columbus will be taking orders for your favourite Christmas cakes. Please ask JC Cadieux for more information.

## The Shepherds' Trust

who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to of the faithful parishioners in the

There are 107 retired priests in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

There will be a second offering in 17/18 for this purpose. On behalf of all the priests in the Archdiocese, we express our deep gratitude for your continued support.



Are you homebound? Do you miss serving in the church?

There is a ministry waiting for you right where you are - at your own home, while sitting in your armchair, or laying in your bed. Active or not, you can be the heart of our parish, pumping new blood, praying for us all. It is called the Ministry of Intercession.

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