# 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 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**

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#### **SCHOOLS**

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#### 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 23) 5:00 PM +Terry Chua, +Rizalina Obidos, +Alfonso Rodriguez

SUNDAY (November 24)
7:30 AM +Beatriz Marbella
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Pereira
Family, +Basilio Borremeo
11:00 AM +Nirmala Parvatham,
+Esmeralda & Clement Cardozo,
+Edmundo de Medeiros,
+Magdaline Anthicques
12:30 PM Special intention of
Janna & Jenso Sevilla, +Remedios
Romano, +Yvette Lainez Slopast

MONDAY (November 25) 7:00 PM +Remegio Y. Tan, +Ester D. Tan, +Sebastian Dimatulac, +Fe & Gabriel Olalia

TUESDAY (November 26) 7:30 AM +Gye Soo Kim

WEDNESDAY (November 27) 7:00 PM +William Alex Cruz, +Annete De Castro, +Consolacion Arnaiz, +Edgardo & Edeliza Maruhom

THURSDAY (November 28) 7:30 AM +Marredy Parvatham, +Josefina Ramos, +Dominic & Lourduswamy Naidu

FRIDAY (November 29) 7:00 PM +Romeo Cardozo

SATURDAY (November 30) 9:00 AM Departed members of the Lobo Family

5:00 PM +Zosimo Lopez

If you intend to offer a Holy Mass for yourself or someone you love, please see the desk.



Do you ever feel conflicted? A person here and there? Someone who is different dependent on who you are with. Do you aspire for integrity and alignment of who you say that you are, your words and actions, the values and truths that you hold. Are you comfortable with your own skin? To be who you truly are is one of the hardest things we do these days I think at the core of the conversation between Pilate and Jesus in today's gospel has something to do with authenticity and integrity.

As we enter into the Season of Advent next week, let us take the opportunity to go deeper into our lives. Jesus spent considerable time in the desert and in quiet places, in all likelihood wrestling with his identity, what he would do, and the truth to which he would testify, Who am I? What I am about? What values guide my life? What are the truths to which I bear witness?

As we wrestle with these same questions today, let us not be discouraged. It is a lifetime process. Our Lord himself would be severely tested again and again throughout his life. May He look after us.

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Sunday Missal	\$ 285.00
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Baptism	\$ 50.00
Flowers	\$ 49.00
All Souls	\$ 100.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 1,754.35
Total	\$ 8,302.00

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

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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

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#### GIORIA!

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

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# 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.

#### 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.



## DAY OF REFLECTION

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners for a Day of Reflection to prepare for the Season of Advent

Theme: Advent Hope

Fr. Peter Poel will guide the Day of Reflection

The Day of Reflection is FREE, but registration is required.
A Sign Sheet is provided at the Parish Desk.
The Legion of Mary will be providing for a Light Breakfast.

# ADVENT RETREAT at St. Augustine's Semianry December 14

The Institute of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary presents this retreat as part of its Spirit & Life Series for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

In this Advent day of retreat, we will follow Mary and Joseph through their moments of saying "ves" to Our Lord's will for them. As we follow the moments of the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus, Joseph's dreams and the flight into Egypt, we realize how many times the Lord seemed to ask of them what was unexpected and uncertain, uncomfortable and even changing. As we enter the Advent season, this retreat will allow us to strengthen our own many "yeses" to God, with the model and help of Mary and Joseph.

RETREAT LEADER: Rev. Edwin Gonsalves

FORMAT: In-Person Only

COST: \$45 - Includes warm pastries, coffee and tea on arrival, as well as lunch. Mass, Confession and Adoration will also be offered. REGISTER: Capacity is limited and attendance is by registration only. To register, visit our website: staugustines.on.ca/events

Looking for more resources for the Advent Season?

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