

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 (November 30)
 5:00 PM Departed members of the Lobo Family, +Juliet Gerochi, +Zosimo Lopez, Thanksgiving of Tisa Mary Pius

SUNDAY (December 1)
 7:30 AM +Cora Sandico
 9:00 AM +Lucas D’Souza +Sylvia D’Souza, +Ruben , Aurea, Reynaldo Esteron, +Lydia Nedo Calcetas, +Lima Olfato
 11:00 AM Open
 12:30 PM +Joaquino Tibadoiza, +Israel Pinto, +Hermosa Alsosa, +Erlinda, Elmer Lapidende, For the Souls in Purgatory, Special intention of Mark Penalosa

MONDAY (December 2)
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Alfred Aguilar and Gloria Sarmiento

TUESDAY (December 3)
 7:30 AM +Belen King & Natividad Lim

WEDNESDAY (December 4)
 7:00 PM +Alzira Pinto

THURSDAY (December 5)
 7:30 AM +Rosaline Martin

FRIDAY (December 6)
 7:00 PM +Percy Pereira

SATURDAY (December 7)
 9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Daniel & Conceicao Ramos Carreiro, +Vivian & Gertrude D’Sylva

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Adrew & Flavia Fernandes

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



Everywhere we turn these days, we are reminded that Christmas is drawing near. But we need to be reminded that before we celebrate the birthday of our Lord, we have four weeks to prepare. We need to recognize that our world is not that simple and life is not that easy. The Gospel reading today warns us of the end of the world and speaks about the signs that will accompany that ending. How is that Good News, you might ask? Well, it is not just about the end of the world. In fact, it is our story that is played out in our everyday lives.

In every development in our life’s journey, there are signs leading up to them. We need to be able to read these signs. They are not necessarily warnings and threats, but rather signs of hope and reassurance. They are there to help us prepare, to draw closer to Jesus, and to have the confidence that God is always on our side.

We are not to despair or shrink from life at any time. Just as we saw the changing of the trees, from green to red to almost no leaves, we know that in a few months time, they will begin to sprout again. So let us face our reality with courage and confidence, even if at times we may find that our lives can be long, difficult, and painful. Let this Advent Season provide us with a new sense of compassion and hope. May it strengthen us to do the work God has given us to do.

OFFERTORY	
Offertory	\$ 3,994.90
Building Fund	\$ 1,295.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 90.00
Stipend	\$ 315.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 95.00
First Communion	\$ 35.00
Confirmation	\$ 350.00
Sunday Missal	\$ 180.00
Baptism	\$ 180.00
Flowers	\$ 90.00
All Souls	\$ 55.00
Shepherds’ Trust	\$ 85.00
Total	\$ 6,765.40

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.

**ADVENT RETREAT
at St. Augustine's Seminary
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 "yes" 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, even uncomfortable and life changing. As we enter the Advent season, this retreat will allow us to strengthen our own many "yesses" 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?

formed.org and Amen app

Each parishioner of SJB can access Formed for free!

**MORE ADVENT RESOURCES FOR
YOU**

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "Journey through Advent." This year's English reflections will be led by Archbishop Leo. The reflections in French will be offered by the Most Rev. René Guay, Bishop of Chicoutimi. The series is intended to help the faithful prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord by offering meaningful reflections on the Gospel readings during each of the four Sundays of Advent. "Journey through Advent" will be released weekly and will be available on the CCCB website and on their YouTube channel. The series is also available via our own website at: www.archtoronto.org.

We also draw your attention to the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's Advent Retreat series, this year led by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins. These are short daily reflections that can also be accessed via www.archtoronto.org or the Daily Mass website: www.dailytvmass.com.

Friars Student Writing Contest 2025

(Nov. 11, 2024 to Jan. 13, 2025)

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)
High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org



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