

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

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary
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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 (December 7)
 5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Cipriano Orfano, Andrew & Flavia Fernandes, +Ernest Spraggett

SUNDAY (December 8)
 7:30 AM +Fiel Raymundo, +Milagros Umali, +Evelyn & Ruel Macalaguim
 9:00 AM +Iris D’Silva, +Zenaida, Clarita, Oscar Sr. Invierno, Rosemarie Rambuyan, +Nemesia & Saturnino Villa, Deceased members of the Village of Moira
 11:00 AM +Elisa Pineda, +Gerald Saboriendo, +Alfred Lee
 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Maria Rufino, Tony & Rose Meriel, +Elpido & Gloria Rufino, +Humberto Rojas, +Orieta Campo, +Jeevaratnam Felix, +Peter and Cecilya Nararatnam

MONDAY (December 9)
 7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (December 10)
 7:30 AM +Honorata Tan yu, +Lolita Grant

WEDNESDAY (December 11)
 7:00 PM Open

THURSDAY (December 12)
 7:30 AM +Lucy & John Texeira

FRIDAY (December 13)
 7:00 PM +Augustine Fajardo, +Jolanda Pesaresse

SATURDAY (December 14)
 9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Eusebio and Lourdes Naluz



Perhaps this Sunday, you may want to do a little bit more introspection. Most often we talk about reaching out to the others. How about reaching out to yourself too? What does it mean to “prepare the way of the Lord?” What would it mean to “make room for God in your heart” today?

The valleys, mountains and hills, crooked paths, and rough ways of which John speaks are descriptive of our interior landscape. They are conditions and states of being within us. So let us think for a moment:

- 1) In what ways do you diminish or put down yourself? Could it be grief? Guit? Shame and/or embarrassment? Regret or disappointment? Fear? Failure?
- 2) Or perhaps, you may want to ask about those times you were more motivated by power, wealth, success, reputation, the need for approval or to be right? Live in excess? Full of ourselves?
- 3) How about those times perhaps when we were dishonest, lacking in integrity? Is your life crooked in any way?
- 4) What is missing in your life do you think? What is causing you to stumble? What relationships need some care or repair? What do you think is making your life bumpy?

What would life be if your walking on level ground and on a straight path?

Prayers and Best Wishes for Frank Cardinal Leo

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto offer our prayers and best wishes for the newest members of the College of Cardinals, including our chief shepherd, the Archbishop of Toronto, Frank Cardinal Leo. This weekend, Cardinal Leo is in Rome as one of the 21 new cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis. Please pray for our new cardinal as he begins this important role of service to the Church.



Our Christmas Tree will be raised up in our Narthex on December 13. Help us decorate it.

OFFERTORY	
Offertory	\$ 3,886.25
Building Fund	\$ 4,196.80
Liturgical Fund	\$ 111.85
Stipend	\$ 460.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 141.55
Confirmation	\$ 150.00
Sunday Missal	\$ 175.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 30.00
World Mission	\$ 5.00
Shepherds’ Trust	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 9,206.45

Thank you for your continued financial support of the parish.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

falls on Monday, December 9 this year. It is not a Day of Obligation for us Canadian Catholics, but our love for the Blessed Mother compels us to celebrate her. We will celebrate her feast at 7 PM Mass. You can bring your statues or icons of the Blessed Mother to the church to be blessed.

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.

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

OUR CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Simbang Gabi

All Masses will be in English

We will once again offer the Nine Day Preparation to Christmas (Novena Mass or Simbang Gabi) starting on December 15 to 23. December 15 is a Sunday, a 7 PM Mass will be celebrated. Please note that this is not going to be considered a Sunday Mass. The Novena Masses will follow the Votive Mass of our Blessed Mother for Advent.

Our Parish Christmas Potluck Party It has been decided that we will only have one party rather than nine days of partying as we have done in the past. The Daughters of Isabella are helping to coordinate this Parish Christmas Potluck Party. This will be held on Sunday, December 22 following the 7 PM Mass. Everyone is invited.

December 24

Christmas Eve Masses
5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 11 PM

December 25

Christmas Day Masses
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

December 26

St. Stephen
7:30 AM
The church and Office will be closed following the morning Mass. Regular schedule will resume on December 27

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

ADVENT RETREAT ONLINE

Cardinal Collins offers each day of Advent insights to prepare for the coming of the Lord in our hearts. The videos are available on Youtube. A link is provided in our archdiocesan website: www.archtoronto.org

COME A SPONSOR

We are inviting Parishioners to consider becoming a sponsor to someone who has desired to become a Catholic through the reception of the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you are interested to walk with new Catholics by offering your moral support and prayers, please see Fr. Mark or any of the RCIA Team.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confessions)

is available here in our parish from Monday to Friday 5 PM to 6 PM and again on Saturday from 4 PM to 5 PM. If these hours do not work with your schedule, please connect with Fr. Mark through the parish desk or by phone. Days of Confession are also available in the surrounding parishes.

Back to Basics: A Comprehensive Refresher on the Billings Ovulation Method with Christine Woods
December 7 at 10 AM to 12 Noon

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A DEEPER FOLLOWING OF THE GOSPEL?
DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY TIME TESTED SPIRITUALITIES THAT MAY HELP YOU FRAME YOUR LIFE?

You may want to belong to the Third Order as a lay person, married or single, without leaving your home or work. Explore become a Lay Carmelite or Franciscan. Brochures are available in the Narthex if you are interested.



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