

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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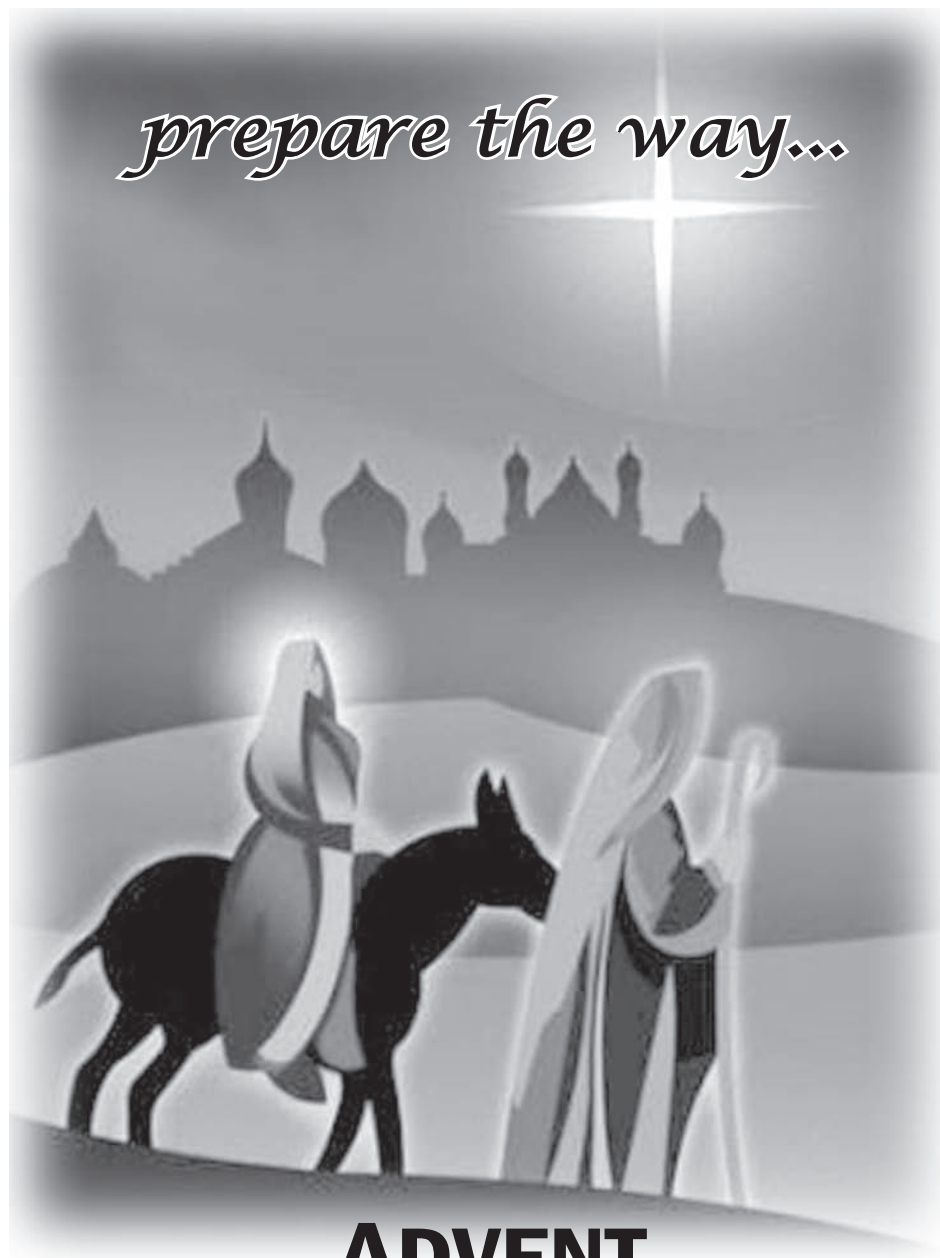
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ADVENT

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (December 21)
5:00 PM Open

SUNDAY (December 22)
7:30 AM +Mary, Julian, Joseph,
Stanney, Harry Fernandes
9:00 AM +Iris D'Silva, +Jessie &
Cyprian Roach, +Clarence Lobo,
+Angeline Quadras, +Michael
D'Souza, Thanksgiving of Ramil &
Monina Pajatin
11:00 AM +Jose Santiago
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of D'Mello
Family, Thanksgiving of Carolasan
Family

MONDAY (December 23)
7:00 PM +Ricarte & Corazon
Tayag, +Sister Philomina, +Sister
Felicita, +Aphonso Tababa Pico

TUESDAY (December 24)
7:30 AM Open

All Christmas Masses are for the
Parish Community

TUESDAY (December 24)

WEDNESDAY (December 25)

THURSDAY (December 26)
7:30 AM +Valerian Joseph
Saldanha

FRIDAY (December 27)
7:00 PM +Urbano Delpino,
+Nenita & Jaime Talagtag

SATURDAY (December 28)
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Edita
Lucila, + +Jovit Pinto

5:00 PM +Teodora, +Cecilio,
+Conrado, +Narcisa Nicomedez

Please see the Parish Desk to
request for your Mass Intention.



Mary sets out in haste to be with her cousin Elizabeth. I suspect that she went not only to assist Elizabeth with her pregnancy, but also to confide with her and Zechariah, two people whom she admired for their deep faith. In the midst of the unexpected and the unfamiliar events of our lives, we would want someone to stand with us, to help us navigate through it, don't you think? Mary probably did the same.

The trip was not an easy one to take. Ein Karem is about 160 km from Nazareth. I wonder how much walking that would entail. Regardless of the distance, I think, when you needed someone to talk to, someone you look up to, someone whose words will be a comfort and strength, you will embark on that journey no matter how far and arduous that would require.

One of the hallmarks of the Christian tradition is hospitality. It is more than just an open door, a warm welcome, and a place to stay. It was an affirmation, a prayer to God. Elizabeth greets her cousin and rejoices with her "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb," she exclaimed! Her words of affirmation, commendation, and blessing will carry throughout her life - through all its joys and sorrows as the Mother of the Redeemer of the World. May the the story of today's gospel be alive in you today.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,620.75
Building Fund	\$ 900.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 305.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 74.00
Candle Offering	\$ 279.45
Flower	\$ 197.00
Wedding	\$ 500.00
ShareLife	\$ 50.00
Baptism	\$ 155.00
Konkani	\$ 746.25
Total	\$ 6,877.45

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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
Feast of St. Stephen
7:30 AM
Please note that the Church will be closed following the Morning Mass. The Office will be closed December 26 and 27

December 27
Feast of St. John, Apostle
7 PM

The Church and Office will resume regular schedule on December 28

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on December 28

December 31
New Year's Eve
5 PM

January 1
New Year's Day
9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

You are all invited to our

**PARISH POTLUCK
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

on Sunday, December 22, in the
parish hall, following the 7 PM
Christmas Novena Mass.

Thank you to the Daughters of
isabella for organizing this event for
the whole parish community.

Hope does not disappoint...because it is grounded in love.

The above statement ushers for us the year of grace that is coming, 2025 is the Ordinary Jubilee. The Church has always marked a jubilee every 25 years since the 14th century. Once again, the people of God is given an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus and hope is the pertinent message that everyone needs to hear because in the world we live in today, it is so easy to be discouraged. The Jubilee is a journey of hope and patience. As a parish community, we will commit to participate as best as we are able following the guidance of our archbishop. For now, let us be attentive to the signs of hope around us.

A Note from the Parish Office

We request that you continue to use the 2024 donation envelope until the end of the year. The 2025 donation envelope should not be used unless you want your donation to be included in next year's Tax Receipt.

If you intend to top your donation for 2024 in January, please do so before January 19. The Archdiocese of Toronto expects us to send our Year End Financial Report at the end of January. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.

If there is any change to your information, please advise the parish desk. We will be sending all Tax Receipts via mail.

A Word from the Pastor

As we are in the winter season, there is always the possibility that we may have lots of accumulated snow on our church roof. When the snow starts to melt, we would like to advise you that we will close the inner courtyards. We ask that you please enter and exist through the Church Hall or the Main door of the Church. We do not want to see anyone hurt. We ask for your patience and cooperation when that happens.

A big dent to our Finances during the winter season is the cost of clearing the snow and salting the pavements to prevent slippage. It costs us close to \$30,000. Please be mindful of this heavy expense as you contribute to your Offertory donation. Thank you so much.

Our parish is heavily indebted to all the volunteers. Without volunteers, our parish will not be alive. Thank you for offering your time and talent in the service of the Christian community. For those who wish to participate more actively in the parish, there are many ministries that you can look at and there are many more than we hope we can start. Help build community!





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