

# 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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(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 (January 11)  
5:00 PM +Felix Robles

SUNDAY (January 12)  
7:30 AM Open  
9:00 AM Open  
11:00 AM +Lucy and John Texeira  
12:30 PM +Anita, Michael & Rufino Jr. Santos, +Gloria Cordoba de Gonzales, +Joaquin Galindo, Thanksgiving of Paul & Vicky Holganza, Special intention of Francis and Betsy Sza

MONDAY (January 13)  
7:00 PM +Jacinta Fernandes, +Joseph Mathew, +Adele Zaccaria

TUESDAY (January 14)  
7:30 AM +Cyril Pereira

WEDNESDAY (January 15)  
7:00 PM +Helene Poirier, +Higino Cuenca

THURSDAY (January 16)  
7:30 AM Francisco & Eufrosina Reyes

FRIDAY (January 17)  
7:00 PM +Nenita & Jamie Talagtag

SATURDAY (January 18)  
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Josefina Poliarco

To offer a Mass for yourself or your Loved Ones, please see the Parish Desk.

Thankyouagain to all our volunteers who helped in our Christmas and New Year celebrations. Our parish community is deeply grateful.



The sacrament of Baptism is a one time event. Once you are baptized, you are sealed forever to be a child of God, a member of Christ’s body on earth, and an heir of the promised glory in heaven.

Although it is a one time event, the sacrament is renewed each day as we say “yes” to the Will of God, when we separate our life’s wheat from our life’s chaff, growing more fully and authentically ourselves, connecting and strengthening our bond with God and and with others.

So perhaps, we can start asking ourselves today if our lives are growing, expanding, and engaging to the fullest possibility of who you are as God’s child? Are you living your life or someone else’s? Whose voice are you listening to? Such questions help us to dig deeper - the winnowing fork is as much part of baptism as is the font. We all have wheat and chaff, yes, each one of us, but it is not a judgment. The separating is about discernment between what feeds, nourishes, and grows life and what does not.

But we need also to recognize that the chaff has a purpose. It is the outer husk that protects the wheat. Without the chaff the wheat cannot survive but at some point the chaff no longer serves a purpose. In fact, it restricts the wheat and needs to be removed and thrown away. What is the wheat of your life that needs to be gathered? What is the chaff of your life that needs to be burned?

OFFERTORY

Offertory	\$ 4,547.10
Building Fund	\$ 5,108.75
Christmas	\$ 671.00
Stipend	\$ 725.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 266.45
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
Wedding	\$ 500.00
ShareLife	\$ 100.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 2,483.00
Total	\$14,471.30

Thank you for your continued Financial support to the Parish.

2024 Donation

We have been informed by the Archdiocese that there might be a possible extension to the 2024 Donation. The Government is still going to decide on this matter. We will keep you inform as soon as we get the directive. In the meantime if you wish to top your 2024 Donation, please ensure that you date your cheque to December 31, 2024 or if you are making a cash donation that you indicate in the envelope of your intention.

2025 Donation Envelopes

Unless you are still topping your 2024 donation contribution, we ask that you refrain from using your 2024 envelopes. We ask that you discard unused envelopes and start using the 2025 ones. This will help our money counters to record your contribution properly and to avoid any confusion. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions)**

Confession is generally available here in our parish from Monday to Friday 5 PM to 6 PM and again on Saturday from 4 PM to 5 PM unless Fr. Mark is away or called somewhere. Please do not hesitate to call the Parish Desk to ascertain whether confessions are being held before you come.

**Basketball Free Throw Championship**

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the return of the annual Basketball Free Throw Championship! The event is free to join and is open to Boys and Girls between the ages of 9-17. It will start at 9:30am and run to 12pm on Saturday, February 1, 2025, The event will be held at St. Faustina Catholic Elementary School, 3420 McDowell Dr, Mississauga, ON L5M 6R7. We will be collecting registrations before and after each mass for the remaining weekends in January.

**A SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT FOR MEN**

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre  
January 24 to 26, 2025

A silent Ignatian Retreat for Men - Praying with Suffering. Suffering is something every human will have to encounter along their life journey. Some will carry big crosses and some small. Sometimes we are the ones who endure it and sometimes we knowingly or unknowingly will bring suffering to others. Suffering is meaningless, even inhumane by itself, but when we let the light of God shine upon it, everything changes. Facilitated by Fr. Henk van Meijel, SJ.

This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$260 per person which includes two night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program.

REGISTER: Email [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com), visit <https://manresa-canada.ca> or call 905-839-2864

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

January 19 to 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. In the northern hemisphere, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally held every year between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). In the southern hemisphere, it is often celebrated during the Pentecost season. Your communities are invited to choose the dates that would be appropriate for your context. In the Gospel of John, Christ prays for his disciples before going to the cross. He asks that his followers "may all be one," as he and the Father are one, "so that the world may believe" and have life in his name (John 17). Christian unity is here made central to the very being of the church and to its mission and witness.

Today, we live with divisions even as we yearn for the unity promised and commissioned by Christ. The long and often painful history of Christianity has sundered our churches for theological, liturgical, and political reasons. Many Christians now strive to heal these divisions, yet honour our diversity, through ecumenical dialogue, common action, and relationship-building. They also come together to pray for unity, joining Christ in his prayer to the Father. The worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is both the seed and the fruit of this striving for 'unity in diversity'. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year.



**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Lord our God, we confess together our faith in the mystery of your perfect unity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one and only God. We pray for the grace to grow in unity together as your Church. By baptism, we profess this unity in the gift of your Holy Spirit, born again as your sinless children, yet we quickly surrender to the temptation of division. Forgive us this sin and lead us to the miracle of being reconciled by the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sin and division lead to death and destruction. In Jesus, who conquered death forever by his supreme act of love, we are empowered in this world to build his kingdom of forgiveness and peace. We pray, heavenly One, to you as our Father, that we truly believe and trust in the promise of the Gospel, "that they all may be one." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





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