

# 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

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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 18)  
5:00 PM +Alphonsa & Clifford  
D’Souza, +Josefina Poliarco

SUNDAY (January 19)  
7:30 AM Open  
9:00 AM +Lawrence D’Sa, +Julia  
Jacinto, +Francisco Coronel  
11:00 AM +Elvira Geronimo,  
+Emerita Tadeo, +Egypt Padilla,  
Thanksgiving of Jose & Sharmaine,  
Enrico & Chelsea, Patrick Collins,  
Caballero Family, Special Intention  
of Joan and family  
12:30 PM +Domingo Branzuela,  
+Peter Lai Nguyen, +Mark Elliot  
Frienkensen, +Richard Jinman

MONDAY (January 20)  
7:00 PM +Enrique Gabriel,  
+Buenaventura Dumadapat

TUESDAY (January 21)  
7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (January 22)  
7:00 PM Special Intention of Ian  
Gruenberg, +Florence Bengert

THURSDAY (January 23)  
7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (January 24)  
7:00 PM +Nenita & Jamie Talagtag

SATURDAY (January 25)  
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Aulhong  
& Lita

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



First of all, we wonder how Mary was feeling that day. Did she have mixed feelings? Her son is leaving for Capernaum. Like most parents, perhaps, whose children are off to start a career or marriage. Parents know this feeling very well.

Today’s readings tie in together Baptism, Marriage, and Mission. Paul assures us that each of us will receive the gifts we need, for we do not all receive the same gifts. The outpouring of grace we received on the day of our baptism proceeds from the same Spirit, for as Paul says, “...we were all baptized - different gifts.

The extravagance of the gift of wine at Cana is mirrored in the extravagance of these gifts of the Spirit, poured forth with the waters of baptism. If Jesus had offered one jar of wine - 20 gallons - that would have been spectacular. But later he would say, “I have come to that you might have life and have it more abundantly.”

Just as at Cana, the gifts we receive at baptism are extravagant. On that day, we were saturated with God’s love, strength, wisdom, goodness. We need to remember that the gifts were not given to us hoard. As the wine of Cana was shared, so, too, must our gifts be shared. We hear Mary’s voice: “They have no food, no shelter, no clothing, no freedom, peace or hope.” We call upon our baptismal gifts, our 120 gallons. This is our mission - for it is our actions that our voices are heard.

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Total	\$11,750.91

Thank you for your continued Financial support to the Parish.

COME AND SEE

Men’s Weekend Discernment  
Retreat at St. Augustine’s Seminary  
Register at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

On March 14 - 16, 2025, we are offering a weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine’s Seminary for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30pm and end on Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm. Meals & Accommodations will be provided.

\*A suggested donation of \$100 is appreciated

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\*No one will be turned away due to financial reasons\*

**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 CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**  
in the Archdiocese of Toronto

On the second Sunday of February each year, the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates Marriage Sunday. In 2025, it will be celebrated on the weekend of February 8/9. This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.

Parishes and the lay faithful are called upon to affirm the sacrament of Matrimony and to honour married couples in the community. We are also grateful to those who assist couples as they prepare for marriage and to those engaged in marriage enrichment programs or lay movements to support the sacrament of Matrimony.

We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a

broken relationship. If you are in need of assistance during these difficult days, please seek out programs and resources in your own parish or throughout our diocese so that we may accompany you through the healing process.

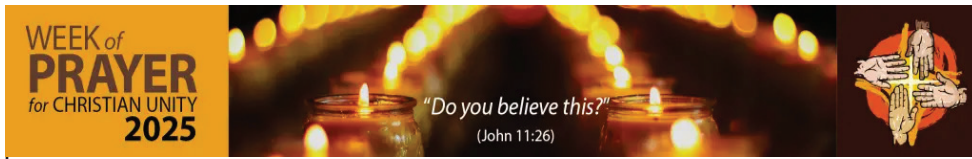
As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).

All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

**EMPTY BOTTLES FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

The Knights of Columbus is asking again for your empty bottles of wine and beer. They will exchange these empty bottles to help in the Special Olympics. Please bring them to the Church starting this weekend of January 19/20 to 26/27. Do not leave your empty bottles at the door. Bring them inside the narthex. Thank you very much.



**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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