

# 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

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St. Edith Stein

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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 25)

5:00 PM +Thanksgiving of Aulhong & Lita, +Fely Robles, +Lancelot D’Souza, +Alwyn Rego, +Zita Duggal

SUNDAY (January 26)

7:30 AM For the Parish community  
 9:00 AM +Filomeba Rivera, +Vida Pajatin, +Jovito Pinto  
 11:00 AM +Monica Noronha, +Pierre, Gregory & Theresa Fernandez, +Mariano, Fatima, Luis & Serfafina Cabral  
 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Lopos Family, Thanksgiving of Isan & Susie, +Agripina Meriel, +Alain Nkenda

MONDAY (January 27)

7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (January 28)

7:30 AM +Raymond dela Cruz, +Leonardo & Emma dela Cruz

WEDNESDAY (January 29)

7:00 PM +Dulce & Gerundio Lape, +Edeliza, Edgardo & Eduardito Maruhom

THURSDAY (January 30)

7:30 AM +Florentino Gorospe, +Lambertino Baldovino, +Cecilio, Teodora, Narcisa, Conrado Nicomedez

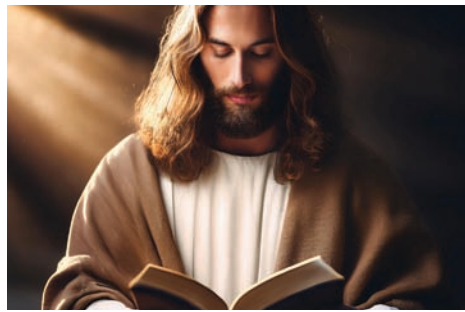
FRIDAY (January 31)

7:00 PM +Nenita & Jamie Talagtag

SATURDAY (February 1)

9:00 AM +Tony, Manuel, Teresa Pavao

5:00 PM +Romi Fernandes, +Tiweri Maraj



In today’s gospel Jesus has returned to Nazareth, the town where he grew up, to the synagogue where he worshipped as a child, and to the people who know him. He takes and unrolls the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah. And then he announces, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Those words from Isaiah and Jesus’ comment on them are the first recorded words of Jesus’ public ministry. The words Jesus reads from Isaiah are not an exact quotation of Isaiah. Jesus has chosen and arranged particular portions of Isaiah’s text to create a specific message.

I think what Jesus does today is an expression of his baptism and his time in the wilderness. Love and suffering have been doing their work on him. He’s been paying attention and listening to the life that wants to enter the world through him. He’s been discerning what matters most to him and the values he wants to embody and live.

It’s as if Jesus is saying, “This is who I am and what I’m about. These are the values that energize and drive my life. Today I am giving myself to something larger than myself and my own interests.” What if that’s our work too? What would that look like in your life today? In what ways have love and suffering shaped who you are and revealed the life that wants to enter the world through you?

OFFERTORY

Offertory	\$ 3,743.00
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Flowers	\$ 53.00
Konkani	\$ 610.00
2024 Donation	\$ 100.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 6,386.75

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\*

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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.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE  
PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1 starting at 9 AM

Learn:

- How to avoid problems: in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through Proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your own legacy
- About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials, and funerals

To register: [grco.de/WebFeb01](https://grco.de/WebFeb01) or send an email to [Development@archtoronto.org](mailto:Development@archtoronto.org) and write: "webinar February 1 in the tile line + your name(s) in the body of the message.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE  
February 2, 2025

On February 2, we observe the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, honoring Jesus Christ's presentation in the Temple when he was a young child.

Jesus' presentation in the Temple reflects how he fulfills the Old Covenant. According to Old Testament law, a sacrifice had to be offered in the Temple when a child was consecrated to the Lord. Mary and Joseph honor this tradition, as Luke 2:22-24 describes "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord."

Simeon, a devout and upright man, had been told by the Lord he would meet the Messiah before his death. When Jesus comes to the Temple, we see the fulfillment of this prophecy. Simeon and the prophetess Anna, acting – in the words of Pope John Paul II – as "representatives of the Old Covenant" – recognize Jesus' Lordship as Messiah in this culmination of their watchful waiting. When Simeon receives Jesus, he blesses him, and prophesies Jesus' future as Savior, proclaiming him the Light of the world.

On this day, we also reflect on the gift of consecrated life. While the momentary satisfaction of selfish living ultimately leads to emptiness, living a life of holiness, dedicated to God's service, will give true contentment and peace. As Pope Francis has expressed: Consecrated life is born and reborn of an encounter with Jesus as he is: poor, chaste and obedient... And while worldly life soon leaves our hands and hearts empty, life in Jesus fills us with peace to the very end, as in the Gospel, where Simeon and Anna come happily to the sunset of their lives with the Lord in their arms and joy in their hearts.

BRING YOUR CANDLES TO BE BLESSED AT ANY OF THE SUNDAY  
MASSES YOU WILL ATTEND ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 1/2

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. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaels-cathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.



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