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.

PASTORALTEAM

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 Asisstants 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 Mississauga, ON L5N 7W2 (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 116 - 1

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MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (February 1) 5:00 PM +Romi Fernandes, +Tiweri Maraj

SUNDAY (February 2) 7:30 AM +Annette D'Souza, Poor Souls in Purgatory 9:00 AM +Mary Lee Wuk Len 11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Winston & Maribel Obidos, Thnaksgiving to the Infant Jesus, +Bianca Ligia Sanches,, +Anotnia Lige, +Victory Honnodie 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Wilfred D'Souza, +Han Karpiuk, +Thomas Pienkos, +Dorotha Moskal

MONDAY (February 3) 7:00 PM For the Parish Community

TUESDAY (February 4) 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Terence Tan, Departed members of Jincy's Family

WEDNESDAY (February 5) 7:00 PM +Abelardo Borral, +Percy Pereira, +Vicente & Dolores Godawen

THURSDAY (February 6) 7:30 AM For the Parish Community

FRIDAY (February 7) 7:00 PM +Ernesto Occhituo, Departed members of Amalsad Family

SATURDAY (February 8) 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of DeSouza & Pereira Families, Thanksgiving of Prollamanate Family

5:00 PM Open



What you are waiting on today. What has yet to be fulfilled in your life?

We do a lot of external waiting and it's not unimportant or to be ignored. But there's also internal waiting when we're waiting for something to shift or change within us. We're waiting for things like wholeness, something to be healed, forgiveness and reconciliation, something to come alive, a sense of fulfillment and completion. I think that's what Simeon was waiting on.

So when I ask what you are waiting on today I'm asking you to look deeply into and examine your life. I'm asking about what really matters and makes a difference to you. What would change your life and the way you relate to yourself and others? What would let you walk away fulfilled, without regret or second guessing yourself, satisfied and confident that you have faithfully and fully lived your life? I think that's what happened for Simeon.

I think Simeon took the child into his arms, looked in the face of Jesus, and saw the fulfillment of his life. Maybe that's what Simeon is describing when he says, "For my eyes have seen your salvation."

Simeon has given his life to waiting for, anticipating, and living in expectation of this moment. What about you? What is that moment for you? What does salvation look like for you? What fulfillment might you experience if you take the child into your arms? What is the most important, the most significant, the most meaningful thing that you are waiting on today?

OFFERTORY	
Offertory	\$ 4,575.45
Building Fund	\$ 735.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 43.20
Stipend	\$ 490.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 128.40
Flowers	\$ 20.00
World Mission	\$ 5.00
ShareLife	\$ 1,000.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 25.00
Total	\$7,032.05

Thank you for your continued Financial support to the Parish.

BLESSING OF THROATS & AND OTHER AILMIENTS Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr February 3 7 PM

The custom of blessing the throats of the faithful developed, with priests holding two tapered candles — blessed the day before on Candlemas, Feb 2 — over the head or the throat while invoking the intercession of St. Blaise against any ailment of the throat and body.

It's an ancient custom of the Church to bless the sick, rooted in the ministry of Christ and his apostles. According to the Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum, the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. The blessing is ordinarily given during Mass or a celebration of the Word of God on February 3, the memorial of St. Blaise, following Candlemas, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

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.

COME AND SEE Men's Weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary Register at 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

For Credit Card please click the Donate Button below - Specify Come & See For Cash or Cheque please make out to the Office of Vocations and bring in person*

No one will be turned away due to financial reasons

Pray for Vocations. Encourage your children to consider the Priesthood.

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 cebrating 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.

TWO CHURCHES ARE DESIGNATED AS PILGRIM CHURCHES FOR US IN THE WESTERN PASTORAL FOR THIS JUBILEE YEAR

Our Lady of sorrows Church in Etobicoke & St. Mary's Church in Brampton

How to Make a Jubilee Pilgrimage or Visit a Jubilee Parish

- Consult the parish schedule for Mass and Confessions.
- For individual visits, it is not necessary to alert the parish about your planned pilgrimage if you are simply attending a regularly scheduled Mass or Confession time.
- Contact the pastor before making any plans for group visits outside of regularly scheduled Mass and Confession, or for special arrangements, such as Mass, Confessions, Adoration or Celebrations of the Word of God.
- Be mindful that the designated Pilgrimage sites are active parishes with their own scheduled liturgies and events, as well as a regular schedule of the times when the church is open or closed for visits.

Celebration of the Jubilee Year (Western Region)

Wednesday, February 05, 2025 07:00 PM - Wednesday, February 05, 2025 08:00 PM Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke

All are welcome to attend Regional Masses to celebrate the launch the Jubilee Year.

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