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

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MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (February 15) 5:00 PM +Bob Rabbito, +Alicia Jaojoco, +Maria Apolo, +Maria Apolonia Gomes

SUNDAY (February 16) 7:30 AM Open 9:00 AM +Aquilino Rivera, +Juan Cabading Jr. , +Arturo & Fely dela Cruz 11:00 AM +Luningning & Domingo Jr. Estrada, +Amado, Lusing, and Judith King, Arsenio King 12:30 PM +Marcelo Saguban, +Dolores Richards, +Lourdes Rante, +Lucia Salvador Limjaoco, Rafael Manio, +Rama & Suzie de Vera

MONDAY (February 17) 7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (February 18) 7:30 AM +Rose Majlath, +Emilia & Lauro Lobendino, Pura Tabuelog

WEDNESDAY (February 19) 7:00 PM +Betty Rebello, +Fernando Rodrigues, +Adelita Fombuena Sipin, Special Intention of Maria Azanon

THURSDAY (February 20) 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Pauline Fortes, +Federico Fortes

FRIDAY (February 21) 7:00 PM +Elvira Ferrer

SATURDAY (February 22) 9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Ignatius Wadya, +Manuel & Eleuteria Quinsay, +Sipriano & Mario Orfano



The gospel today is not simply about winners and losers. It is about whether we are getting closer to the Kingdom of God or moving away from it.

We live in a world today that seem to promote the idea that "I want all to myself" at the exclusing of everybody else. And if there are those who will be losers in the process, so be it so long as I am on top. Jesus is reminding us that this mindset should not be cultivated among us. There is enough in the Kingdom for everyone. If we persist on dividing the world into winners and losers, we are telling Jesus that He is wrong. There isn't enough to go around. Some can have it but others can't.

Do you really want to live like that? Thinking only of yourself. Dividing the world between winner and losers? I don't think. I certainly don't want that. Sure, there are hard choices to make, but we need to get closer not further away from the Kingdom of God.

There are those that do not want faith to be part of the public square. Someone once said: "Next time you are hungry, go to the cooking channel in your Television. See if your hunger can be satisfied." We cannot separate the body and the soul. We cannot separate our faith from our involvement in the world. We need to work towards a better tomorrow.

OFFERTORY		
Offertory	\$	3,028.15
Building Fund	\$	877.50
Liturgical Fund	\$	75.00
Stipend	\$	735.00
Candle Revenue	\$	408.00
Flowers	\$	77.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$	5.00
Youth Ministry	\$	30.00
Konkani	\$	626.25
Indonesian	\$	2,225.00
Total	\$	8,086.90

Thank you for your continued Financial support to the Parish.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you have blessed palms at your house, please do not discard them. Bring them to the church no later than Friday, February 28. We will burn these palms to make ashes to distribute on Ash Wednesday.

TAX RECEIPTS

Your 2024 Tax Receipts will be mailed to you directly. Please ensure that we have your correct address. In the event that your tax receipt does not jibe with your record, please do not hesitate to connect with Clifford at the Parish Desk to clarify and/or correct the matter. Thank you.

YOUTH MINISTRY COLLECTION

With the permission of the Parish Finance Council, we will be having a collection to financially assist our Parish Youth Ministry on the weekend of February 22/23.

THE LEGION OF MARY INVITES FELLOW PARISHIONERS TO JOIN THEM IN THE WORK OF THE LEGION.

You can be an active member or an auxiliary member. An Auxiliary member is someone who cannot actively attend the weekly meetings, but would like to participate in the work of the Legion through prayer and living out the spirituality of the Legion. If you are interested, please connect with any of the members of the Legion of Mary. They meet at the Parish Hall every Tuesday evening starting at 7 PM.

WHAT IS SHROVE TUESDAY?

Let's take a look at the festival itself. Christians believe that the 40 days before Easter (called Lent) mark the time that Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Traditionally, this time was spent praying and fasting, which meant not eating a range of foods including meat, eggs, fats and milk.

The word 'shrove' comes from a Roman Catholic practice. To 'shrive' meant going to confess your sins and being absolved by a priest. In the past, a 'shriving' bell was rung on Shrove Tuesday to call people to church to confess their sins before lent began.

Our parish is planning to serve Pancakes on March 4. More info to come.

ASH WEDNESDAY March 5, 2025

To help you in your planning, we are advising you of our intended Mass and Distribution of Ashes. We will be offering three Masses: 7:30 AM, 12 Noon, and 7 PM. We will also send ashes to the Schools attached to our parish for their own Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes. ONTARIO PRAYER BREAKFAST 2025 Thursday, March 6, starting at 7 AM Sheraton Centre, Toronto Hotel, 123 Queen St.

AN IN-PERSON EVENT RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN UNITY AND RELIGIOUS RELATIONS WITH JUDAISM

The Ontario Prayer Breakfast is an ecumenically organized gathering that unites a diverse array of professional, political, corporate and faith leaders from all over Ontario to offer prayerful support for elected officials.

This year the guest speaker is Shaila Visser (National Director, Alpha Canada, Global Senior Vice-President, Alpha International). Driven by her Christian faith, Shaila is known for her ability to witness, lead, challenge and bring others together.

Join brothers and sisters in Christ for prayer, reflection and to hear the witness of individuals whose faith has sustained and guided them in their civic service.

Please visit https:// ontarioprayerbreakfast.ca/ for more details and to register.

JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU

Spend a few moments of your time between 12 noon and 7 PM, Tuesday to Friday, with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, March 14, (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 16, (2 p.m.) to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. There will be time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@ Registrations archtoronto.org. must be done online at www. vocationstoronto.ca/comesee **CONTACT: Office of Vocations** EMAIL: vocations@archtoronto. org

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

The 17th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith full day conference held at the Old Mill in Toronto. The registration fee includes morning coffee and a light lunch.

CONTACT:

CatholicMomsGroup.com REGISTER: dwf2025.eventbrite.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE WINTER MONTHS WE WILL NEED TO CLOSE THE INNER COURTYARD FOR YOUR SAFETY.

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