

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

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Faustina

St. Edith Stein

St. Simon Stock

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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 (February 22)
 5:00 PM +Ignatius Wadya,
 +Manuel & Eleuteria Quinsay,
 +Cipriano & Mario Orfano

SUNDAY (February 23)
 7:30 AM +Brad Mckay
 9:00 AM +Clarita, Zenaida,
 Oscar Invierno, +Rosemary
 Rambuyan, Nemesia Villa, Alexis
 Lobo, Thanksgiving of Aicee Cark
 Sarmiento, Special Intention of
 Steve Pereira
 11:00 AM +Betty Rebello
 12:30 PM +Perfeccion Meriel

MONDAY (February 24)
 7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (February 25)
 7:30 AM +Tering, Dionisio, Rinaldo
 Taguicana, +Rosaria D’Mello

WEDNESDAY (February 26)
 7:00 PM +Paul Monteiro

THURSDAY (February 27)
 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of DeSouza
 and Perera Families

FRIDAY (February 28)
 7:00 PM Open

SATURDAY (March 1)
 9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Daniel &
 Conceia Ramo Carreiro, +Maria
 Apolonia Gomes

5:00 PM +Beulah Wright, +Roy
 Freeman, +Theodore Fernandes,
 +Mary and Raymond D’Souza

As Catholics, our participation in the polls is both our civic duty and Christian responsibility. Vote if you can.



Have you ever ended a relationship, or refused to see or speak with someone, because he or she betrayed your confidence, spoke critically of your child or spouse, or didn’t do what you thought should be done? From whom are you withholding forgiveness these days? When have you condemned or made a judgment about someone else’s life and then enjoyed sharing the dirt with another? In what ways have you hit back with thoughts, words, or fists? Have you ever wanted to get even and hurt someone because they hurt you or someone you love?

Those, and a thousand others like them, are the real life struggles that today’s gospel holds before us. I know what that struggle is like and I’ll bet you do too. We’ve all been there.

The world is complex. Relationships are difficult. Life is fragile. That’s why we need today’s gospel. And that’s why it matters. But it’s not easy.

I don’t think Jesus intends his words to be a “how to” lesson. He’s not telling us how to love, reconcile, forgive, be merciful, or offer generosity. That’s ours to figure out, not his. His words are intended “to stir thought, trouble sleep, and provide some wider perspective” (Hollis, Finding Meaning in the Second Half of Life, 15).

OFFERTORY	
Offertory	\$ 1,641.60
Building Fund	\$ 387.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 9.00
Stipend	\$ 450.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 107.55
Funeral	\$ 600.00
Baptism	\$ 340.00
Total	\$ 3,535.15

Please be mindful of where you are walking while you are in church. There may be wet spots because of wet shoes from so much snow outside.

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 are having a collection to financially assist our Parish Youth Ministry this weekend of February 22/23.

LET US PRAY FOR THE QUICK AND FULL RECOVERY OF OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS.

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.

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.

Provincial Election Guide 2025

A provincial election is set for Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025. Catholic Charities urges all eligible voters to make their voices heard and cast their ballots on Election Day.

To help you navigate the key issues and make informed decisions, they teamed up with their Social Justice Committee to create a concise election guide. This guide highlights the most pressing concerns in our communities and poses the right questions to consider.

We're excited to share this guide with you! Feel free to share it with your family and friends.

The guide is available in the narthex if you are interested.

A DAY WITH MARY

Save the Date: On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day With Mary" will be taking place at Villa Nova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music and fellowship and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal Archbishop and so many others who love the Blessed Mother. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

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@archtoronto.org. Registrations 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.ca

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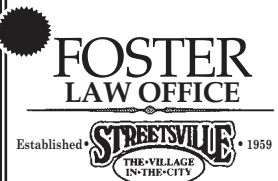


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