

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

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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 (March 1)

5:00 PM Thanksgiving for George & Family, +Beulah Wright, +Roy Freeman, +Theodore Fernandes, +Mary & Raymond D’Souza

SUNDAY (March 2)

7:30 AM Open
 9:00 AM +Tony Pirotta
 11:00 AM +Eugene & Doming Branzuela
 12:30 PM +Felix Jeevarathnam, +Patricia Ceballos

MONDAY (March 3)

7:00 PM +Mieczyslaw Ksiezopolski

TUESDAY (March 4)

7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (March 5)

7:00 PM +Maria Marques, Thanksgiving of Arbie Sarmiento, Thanksgiving of Sia Family, Special intention of Josephine Celho

THURSDAY (March 6)

7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (March 7)

7:00 PM Open

SATURDAY (March 8)

9:00 AM Open
 5:00 PM +Ana Principe, +Alphonso, John, Celine D’Souza, Thanksgiving of the Sequeira Family

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 AM, 12 Noon, and 7 PM

A Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Today, there are apps that help a blind man to “see”. There are ways for them to be actively engaged in the world. But during the time of Jesus, this isn’t so. The situation that is described for us in the gospel today is a rhetorical question. We all need to see clearly, with open eyes, noticing, before anything else, how our own personal vision is distorted. Only then can we see clearly enough to guide others, even to remove the speck we might see in their eyes. I wonder, in the age in which we now live, if people are at all conscious about how tightly they keep their eyes shut.

The breathtaking changes we have seen in the last 40 years – the birth, then utter dominance, of the internet, the ubiquity of talk radio, tribal television, changing moral norms, increased diversity, increased gap between the richest of the rich and everybody else, constant war, the fading influence of mainline Christianity and the rise of partisan Christianity – have blinded us. We feel their corrosive effects not only in labeling and name calling, tribalism, fake news, alternative facts, and whataboutism, but in the full-throated insistence from far too many people to protect and defend those who profit from such corrosion.

We seem to have arrived at a point in time that has rendered so many of us with the inability, or the stubborn refusal, to engage in the kind of healthy self-reflection which is required if we have any hope of seeing the log in our own eyes. Our civil discourse has sunk to such childish depths that it is no wonder that all that divides us appears to be winning the day.

Grant us the courage, the wisdom, and the willingness to seek truth in ourselves, in our lives, in our world, lest we fall into pits that we should have seen coming.

OFFERTORY	
Offertory	\$ 4,575.50
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Liturgical Fund	\$ 70.00
Flower	\$ 7.00
Stipend	\$ 370.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 138.40
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,492.95
Rectory	\$ 342.76
Total	\$ 7,847.61

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall the Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God’s Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin, as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offense against God.

Let us determine to make us this season of grace a fruitful one.

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 will be serving Pancakes and Sausages on Tuesday. Please see the Knights of Columbus for tickets.

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.

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE
FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY
5 PM TO 6 PM
AND ON SATURDAY FROM 4 PM
TO 5 PM

other times are possible. Please check the availability of Fr. Mark at the Parish office before you come.

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 Villanova 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!

PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE

RULES ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own sui iuris Church.

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

WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?

An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. Sin is both personal and social; it leaves a mark on the individual soul and has an effect on the lives of others. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation our sins are forgiven, and we are restored to a state of grace, but the aftermath of our sin remains. Indulgences work to remedy this both in this world and the next, for ourselves or those who have gone before us into eternal life. As a remission of temporal punishment, indulgences can be partial or plenary depending on whether part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin has been remitted. Indulgences truly are an outpouring of God's abundant grace and mercy.



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