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 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 First Sunday of Lent

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MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (March 8) 5:00 PM +Anna Priencipe, +Alphonso, John & Celine D'Souza, Thanksgiving of Sequeira and Padillo families

SUNDAY (March 9) 7:30 AM Open 9:00 AM Open 11:00 AM Thanksgiving for answered prayers 12:30 PM +Ana Gonsalves

MONDAY (March 10) 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Terence & Karen Tan

TUESDAY (March 11) 7:30 AM +Antonio Manzano

WEDNESDAY (March 12) 7:00 PM +Lucy & John Texeira, +John & Anne Braganza, +Peter, Paul, & Joseph D'Mello, Thanksgiving of Caridad Sarmiento and Esperanza Carandang

THURSDAY (March 13) 7:30 AM +Lourdes Fernandes, +Virginio Raposo, +Jacintha Fernandes, +Joseph Matthew

FRIDAY (March 14) 7:00 PM +Blaszczak Family, +Alfonso & Matilde Pico, Irene & Heddy Pico, +Yolanda Pasaressi, +Augusta Fajardo

SATURDAY (March 15) 9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM Healing of Delfina Nicomedez, Reynaldo Bolesa, Thanksgiving of St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's alumni

Parish Bulletin

What is Temptation?

It is possible that what you think is temptation is not really what temptation is. What we often think of temptation is a struggle between ourselves and some other thing or person. Temptation is much more than just being tempted to eat an extra candy or to give a piece of our mind or to cheat or lie or tempted by actractive person. Temptation is a struggle between the divisions and contradictions within myself. It is a struggle to clarify who I am and the values that orient and drive my life. It is the struggle to face the realities of my life and to take responsibility for myself and my life. It is the struggle to show up and not run away.

St. Luke tells us that Jesus was led to the desert to be tempted. For forty days, our Lord was faced with the question: " who am I and what does God want of me? His experience was about clarifying and deepening his life. What if that's how we approached our temptations?

Lent is a time for us to pause, look into our selves, where we have been, where our life is heading. If we keep looking at only the externals, this season will not be a season of grace for us. We will just end up giving sweets or access to social apps and nothing more. Lent will never become transformative for us as God intends this season to be.

When the devil came to tempt him, Jesus said no. He said no because he refused to violate or betray himself. He made a choice about who he wants to be and how he wants to live. His no was not turn away from himself or run from his life. That is the same choice before each of us. So, let us make us of this season, dig deeper into our very selves, and see where God wants to change us for the better.

OFFERTORY	
Offertory	\$ 4,237.70
Building Fund	\$ 3,708.90
Liturgical Fund	\$ 91.00
Flowers	\$ 37.00
Stipend	\$ 615.00
Baptism	\$ 630.00
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Hall Donation	\$ 150.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 5.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 97.15
Youth Ministry	\$ 140.00
Total	\$10,031.95

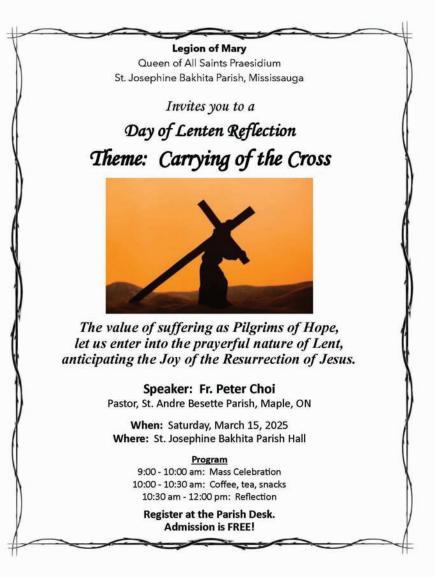
YOUR LOVE IS A GUIDING LIGHT DURING LENT

Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/ donate.

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SECURITIES AS A CHARITABLE GIFT OPTION

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities.

To donate securities, follow this link: Archdiocese of Toronto - Gift of Securities (archtoronto.org) and download the "How to Gift Securities Info Sheet" and the "Letter of Direction." For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org. FR. MARK will continue to make himself available to anyone who wish to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) throughout the Lenten Season. He will do his best to be around Monday to Friday from 5 PM to 6 PM. Please check the parish desk for his availability before you come. Thank you.

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC YOUTH

The Office of Catholic Youth is partnering with the Canadian Mental Health Association to provide a Mental Health First Aid course on Tuesday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Nativity of Our Lord parish in Etobicoke. Participants who complete the day receive from the CMHA a certificate Mental Health First Aid. There are a few spaces left for attendees for some parish staff or key ministry leaders from parishes to attend. Cost for attendees is \$275/person for the day. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact John MacMullen at the OCY at jmacmullen@archtoronto.org. Space is limited. CONTACT: jmacmullen@ archtoronto.org

HIGH SHCOOL COME AND SEE DAY RETREAT March 29,2025

The Office of Vocations is hosting a high school day retreat for high school men, in grades 11 & 12, at St. Augustine's Seminary, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This retreat is designed to help young men cultivate a deeper prayer life & relationship with the Lord. Seminarians will offer reflections on practical aspects of faith. This retreat will offer opportunities for communal prayer, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & socializing. Lunch will be provided.

Registration for the retreat is to be done online at: www.vocationstoronto.ca/ hscomesee.

For more information please email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

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