

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 Assisstants

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

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

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (March 15)

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

SUNDAY (March 16)

7:30 AM +Milagros & Juanito Umali, Evelyn & Revel Macalaguim
 9:00 AM +Mercedita Quizon
 11:00 AM +Bert Baldovino, Zosimo Lopez
 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Patrick Joreman, Thanksgiving of Hayley D'Souza, +Felipe Paculaba, +Alban Mendes, +Josie & Gene Daronila, +Fernando Angeles

MONDAY (March 17)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Joseph, Departed members of Mathew Family

TUESDAY (March 18)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Shaji Mathew, Mathew and Thersia

WEDNESDAY (March 19)

7:00 PM +Dorothy Uku, +Rufina Fernandes, +Maria Rolinda Hodgkinson, +Rosaria D'Mello, Peter, Paul, Joseph D'Mello

THURSDAY (March 20)

7:30 AM +Cecile Pamaong, Thanksgiving of Anna Pamaong

FRIDAY (March 21)

7:00 PM +Filemon Aguila

SATURDAY (March 22)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM + Julia Calada



A good number of us may not have been on top of a mountain, but there are probably times in our lives when we felt we were on top of the world. What was the experience like for you?

Perhaps, it felt like everything was just right, full, soaring, perfect. Perhaps, it was a feeling of being part of something larger and beyond yourself. Perhaps, you have exclaimed you never want that moment to end. Could it be that the Transfiguration was like that? Yes, something wonderful happened on Mount Tabor, but the story did not end there. Jesus and the disciples had to come down from the mountain into the valley of disfiguration, where life is hard.

As soon as they arrived below, they were met with a very difficult situation - a desperate and scared plea from a father and the utter helplessness of the other disciples. When have you felt overwhelmed, powerless to do anything? When did it look like everything was falling apart and you were crashing?

The gospel story seems to present to us this tension, the contradiction in our lives. There are valleys and there are mountains. You may feel so blessed today and the person sitting beside you in Church is feeling the opposite. Perhaps as we gather around the Table of Plenty, we come in our joy and in our sorrow. Whatever we may be experiencing at this moment, may we find at this Table, the transformation we are looking for, the deepening of love that we are yearning for, and God revealing Himself to us even more.

YOU EXTEND THE HANDS OF CHRIST TO THOSE IN NEED

ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is [insert goal amount].

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Our parish goal this year is \$46,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

PASCHAL CANDLE

every year, at the Easter Vigil, we light a special candle, we call the Paschal Candle. This candle is lighted throughout the Easter Season until Pentecost Sunday and every time we celebrate a Baptism or when there is a funeral in the Church. If you wish to sponsor the 2025 Paschal Candle, the cost of the Paschal Candle is approximately \$600. Please see Fr. Mark or the Parish Desk if you want to donate towards the purchase of our Easter Candle as thanksgiving for yourself and your family or in commemoration of someone you loved.

WAY OF THE CROSS
 every Friday following 7 PM Mass



Our Archbishop, His Eminence Cardinal Leo speaks to us...

“We live in challenging times and there are myriads of voices that proclaim fear, despair, and desolation. Taking seriously the call to be Pilgrims of Hope, we readily listen to the voice of Christ, knowing that “hope does not disappoint” (Rom. 5:5). Pope Benedict XVI wrote: “The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life” (Spes Salvi, 2). Let us boldly dare to live differently, to live as one who has hope. What does that “difference” look like in your life and relationships?

Hoping as intended by the Lord necessitates that we are willfully engaged in a continuous process of interior purification and repentance, which means we are striving to reorient our entire life, to return back to the Lord and away from sinful thoughts, words and deeds. Welcoming the grace of renewal entails desiring and deciding to place all our trust and all our hope in God’s truth and mercy and walk resolutely in His presence.”



JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU
drop by at the church from 12 noon to 7 PM, Tuesday to Friday

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.

2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally
Theme of Adult and Youth Rally: “POWER FROM ON HIGH”

Speakers: Bishop Scott McCaig, Fr. Rasto Dluhy, Deacon Larry Oney, Peter Herbeck and Katey Norman

Adult Mass (with Sunday readings) - celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins

Youth Mass (with Sunday readings) - celebrated by Bishop Scott McCaig at a separate adjacent youth event (13 to 18 years)

Powerful Praise & Worship Music, Prayer Ministry for Healing & Empowerment, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

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COST: Adult \$49 and Youth \$25

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