

# 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 Assistants*

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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(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

**MASS INTENTION**

**SATURDAY (March 22)**

5:00 PM +Jula Calaoa

**SUNDAY (March 23)**

7:30 AM +Milagros & Juanito

Umali, Evelyn & Revel Macalaguim

9:00 AM +Joseph & Veronica

Fernandes, +Jovit Pinto

11:00 AM +Germana Joveilano,

+Mary Pillai, +Fernando Angeles,

+Eufronia Leyritana, Thanksgiving of Raj

12:30 PM +Rosaria D’Mello

**MONDAY (March 24)**

7:00 PM +Mary D’Souza

**TUESDAY (March 25)**

7:30 AM Open

**WEDNESDAY (March 26)**

7:00 PM +Esmeralda & Clement

Cardozo, +Anthony Vaz, +Filemon Aguilar

**THURSDAY (March 27)**

7:30 AM +Percy Pereira

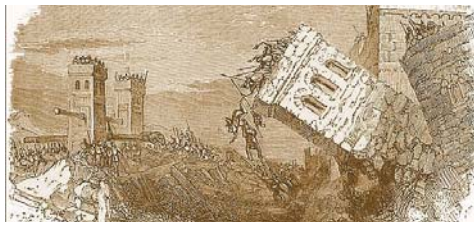
**FRIDAY (March 28)**

7:00 PM Open

**SATURDAY (March 29 +Ju)**

9:00 AM +Aley Kalty

5:00 PM +Inacin & George Pereira



Siloam was not the last tower to fall and Pilate was not the last leader to hurt or kill people. Tyrants and towers are part of our everyday reality. They come in different forms - accidents, disease, crime, divorce, famine, poverty, war, natural disasters, just to name a few. Life, as we all know it, is fragile, unpredictable, and often tragic. We seek explanations where there is none. Sometimes, we say phrases like: “They got what they deserve,” or “God has a plan”, or “Everything happens for a reason,” or when somebody dies, we say “He is in a better place.” Jesus himself is not foreign to these types of explanations as we hear in our Gospel story this Sunday.

Bad things happen to both good and bad people...”unless you and I repent, we will all perish just as they did.” But these words of Jesus offer no consolation, explanation, or comfort, isn’t it? It may not be obvious to us but Jesus in this instance is not offering pastoral care, but exercising the role of a prophet and prophets speak hard truths, truths we do not want to hear. Jesus is looking into the condition of our lives and challenges us.

This season of Lent is an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on our lives and where it is heading. Is my life bearing fruit? Where do we need to spend time, care, and energy so that our lives can become better. What are our priorities and do they need adjusting? Are we wasting soil where we are planted? These are just some of the questions that we might want to consider - we pray that this Lenten season becomes truly transformational for us.

**OFFERINGS**

Offertory	\$ 4,770.20
Building Fund	\$ 780.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 114.90
Mass Stipends	\$ 580.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 181.30
Youth Ministry	\$ 45.00
Sunday Missal	\$ 10.00
ShareLife	\$ 45.00
Konkani	\$ 674.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,255.65</b>

**SHARELIFE**

Thank you for heeding the Lord’s call to feed the hungry

For many children, the snacks and meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can’t learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a difference across our community. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FoodShare program at ShareLife-funded agency Rosalie Hall “is a lifeline for families,” says their Executive Director, Jane Kenny. “It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be.”

Thus far we have raised \$45 toward our goal of \$46,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

every Friday following 7 PM Mass

Pauper’s Hearty Soup Meal  
 Holy Wednesday, April 16, 2025  
 6 pm - 8:30 pm  
 \$5.00 Per Person Per Meal  
 Hosted by the Daughters of  
 Isabella

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**Family  
Movie  
Night**

**29**  
March  
6:00pm

Sponsored by: **SJB Youth**  
"Be The LIGHT"  
**\$5 a ticket**  
Includes Snacks

Double feature of The Chosen:  
"The Wedding at Cana" & "Jesus Loves The Little Children"

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ON FIRE**

## LENTEN RETREAT

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre invites all to Our 2025 Lenten retreat Day Saturday April 5, 2025. The day starts with registration at 8:30 a.m. The retreat will be preached by The Centre Team. Cost: \$50 per person includes a hot lunch. Contact: Jean at 905-278-5229

## ARE YOU LOOKING TO GROW YOUR FAITH AT YOUR OWN PACE?

Our parish has an annual subscription to Formed.org. As a member of the parish, you can avail of this great resource by visiting the website [formed.org](https://www.formed.org), sign in as a member of the parish by providing your email, a confirmation email will be sent to you that will enable you to enjoy the site. You will have a treasure trove of spiritual resources at your finger tips. It is like having your own personal library.



**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"

March 29, 2025 starting at 9 AM

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 Mc-  
Caig at a separate adjacent youth event (13 to 18 years)

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