

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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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 (April 5)
5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Dela Cruz Family, +Maria Apolonia Gomes, +Michael John Gomes

SUNDAY (April 6)
7:30 AM +Conchita Go Lao, +Alfonso Tababa and Hedy Pico, +Matilde and Irene Pasuca Pico
9:00 AM +Numeriano Samboa, +Bernard D’Mello, Thanksgiving of of D’Mello Family
11:00 AM Open
12:30 PM +Remigio, Ester Tan, +Perfecto & Simeona Delmoro, +Lolita Cogo, +Francisco Cogo Jr.

MONDAY (April 7)
7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (April 8)
7:30 AM Open

WEDNESDAY (April 9)
7:00 PM Open

THURSDAY (April 10)
7:30 AM +Fortunato and Fernanda Teixeira

FRIDAY (April 11)
7:00 PM +Clarina Rodrigues

SATURDAY (April 12)
9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Daniel Ramos Careiro

5:00 PM +Edwin Countinho, +Lucy & John Teixeira

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



One of the practical messages in today’s gospel is this: If you are going to pick up a fight or enter a context, you better know your opponent’s strengths. Paul was smart to realize this. He had chosen to persecute the new religion, embodied in the person of Jesus Christ. But once he knew him, he did a 180-degree turn. In today’s reading, Paul “considers everything as loss, because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus.

But the Pharisees, intelligent and educated, never did catch on to the fact they were no match for Jesus. The day before this incident, they had sent guards to arrest Jesus. The guards were so overwhelmed by the power of his message and the majesty of his presence, they returned to the Temple without him. To the enraged Pharisees all they could say was: “No one ever spoke the way this man does?”

Instead of learning from this, the Pharisees immediately started looking for other ways to vanquish Jesus. They didn’t have long to wait, for the very next day they set a trap they thought was foolproof.

Picture in your mind as described to us in the gospel story - Jesus knew exactly the right balance between justice and mercy - something most of us have a hard time achieving. After he had finished writing whatever it was he wrote, he stood up, looked directly at the crowd, and extended the invitation: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

OFFERINGS	
Offertory	\$ 5,077.00
Building Fund	\$ 565.25
Liturgical Fund	\$ 123.45
Mass Stipends	\$ 440.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 101.75
Youth Ministry	\$ 90.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
ShareLife	\$ 3,749.05
TOTAL	\$ 10,166.50

OUR GUEST

Please welcome Dr. Andrew Simone, founder of Canadian Food for Children, a charity which collects funds for starving children around the world. He will be speaking in all our Masses this weekend.

SHARELIFE

You open the door to safety from abuse

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve.

Thus far we have raised \$3,844.05 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.

CONFESSION

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.

Please do not wait until the last minute to make your confession. Fr. Mark may not be able to accommodate your request during Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

As part of our Parish Easter tradition in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, we will again be collecting food items on the weekend of April 12 and 19, to be delivered to Eden Food Bank on April 21 or 22. Please note of the date. Thank you for your generosity.

MAPLE SYRUP

The Knights of Columbus will be getting orders for Quebec Maple Syrup on the weekends of April 12 and 19. Delivery to parishioners will be on May 17 and 24. Thank you for your support.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We are now planning for our upcoming Easter celebration. The altar will be decorated festively to mark the most solemn day in our Church's calendar. If you would like to donate funds to purchase the flowers to decorate our worship space, please use the envelope available to you in the Narthex. Any gift is greatly appreciated. You can also donate online via our parish website - under Special Projects. Thank you so much.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKET

Saturday, April 19 at 10 AM

The blessing of Easter Food Basket is a tradition of bringing baskets filled with symbolic foods to Church on Holy Saturday to be blessed, signifying the joy and abundance of Christ's resurrection. Symbolic foods: Bread, representing the risen Christ, Eggs, symbolizing new life and resurrection, Meat, representing God's goodness, Sausage, symbolizing the chains of death, Cheese, representing moderation and the end of Lent, Salt, symbolizing purification and freedom, Horseradish, reminding the bitterness of Christ's Passion, Wine, symbolic of the Blood of the Lord, Sweets, suggesting the promise of eternal life or good things to come.

OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 12 at 5 PM

Sunday, April 13 at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday
will follow regular schedule

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

7:00 PM The Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet

Please note that there will be no 7:30 AM Morning Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will begin at 8 PM until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon Commemoration of the Passion

3 PM Commemoration of the Passion

7 PM Way of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL

April 19 will start at 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, AND 12:30 PM



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7 PM, Tuesday to Friday



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


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