

# 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 (April 12)

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Joycy  
Nelson Pereira, +Edna Coutinho,  
+Gregoria Katibah, Lucy & John  
Texeira

SUNDAY (April 13)

7:30 AM Jacintha Fernandes,  
+Joseph Mathew  
9:00 AM +Julio Cueto, +Barbara  
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Robyn  
Cecilia Rodrigues, +Mariano,  
Fatima, Serfina, Louis Cabral,  
+Isidro San Diego, +Nouriga  
Chamis  
12:30 PM +Thanksgiving of Tony  
Meriel, +Elizabeth Paculaba,  
+Herminigilda & Jesusa Nillos,  
+John & Anne Braganza, +Peter,  
Paul, and Joseph D'Mello, +Rosie  
D'Mello

MONDAY (April 14)

7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (April 15)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Jojo  
Sevilla, +Adela Llanes, +Querobin  
Lopez Sr. +Erlinda Reyes,  
+Pomemario Perez

WEDNESDAY (April 16)

7:00 PM +Graciela Peretti, +Isabel  
D'Sa, +Luis Pereira, +Jason Mistry,  
+Anthony Carneiro, +Manuel &  
Eleuteria Quinsay



Haven't you noticed the gospel today from St. Luke does not speak of palms? The people spread their cloaks on the road but there is no mention of palms! St. Luke does not describe the usual triumphal entry that we are used to. What Luke describes might be more accurately called the tearful entry because immediately following on verse 41, the gospel writer tells us that "as Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it". I wonder if that is also how we should approach the Holy Week - with tears and weeping.

We have much to weep these days - just look at the global economic chaos unleashed by one man and the trust that was already fragile and further weakened. This Holy Week however reminds us once more about the river of love, compassion, and heartbreak flowing between Jesus and the city - but the city is not just Jerusalem, it is also our beloved Mississauga, where we are right now. If ever there is lack of hospitality and welcome, if income inequality prevails, if fear and hate based politics are present, if we refuse to humble ourselves and ask for forgiveness, Jesus weeps.

If we are not happy how our lives are going, if we are running away rather than face the problem, God is calling us back and the way of return is through the Holy Week. Jesus wept, so we must also weep. Let our tears mingle with His.

## SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,950.75
Building Fund	\$ 5,076.51
Mass Stipend	\$ 380.00
Candle Offering	\$ 250.00
Flower	\$ 25.00
ShareLife	\$ 980.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 40.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 225.00
Baptism	\$ 580.00
Total	\$ 12,507.26

## SHARELIFE

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Thus far we have raised \$6,313.05 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](http://sharelife.org/donate).

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

EASTER MONDAY MASS WILL BE  
AT 9 AM

## THE PASCHAL FAST

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection.

## THE HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION

### Holy Thursday

7 PM Commemoration of the  
Lord's Supper and Washing of the  
Feet

Following the Holy Mass, the  
Church will be opened for  
Adoration from 8 PM to 12  
Midnight.

### Good Friday

The Church will be opened from  
9 AM.

12 Noon Celebration of The  
Passion of the Lord

3 PM Celebration of The Passion  
of the Lord

7 PM The Way of the Cross

### Holy Saturday

10 AM Blessing of the Easter  
Food Basket

7 PM The start of the  
Easter Vigil

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

There are no evening Masses

### Easter Monday

9 AM

The church and office will be  
closed for the day. Regular  
Schedule on Tuesday.

### The Pauper's Meal

Since the start of our Parish journey, the Daughters of Isabella have been organizing a Pauper's Meal on the evening of Holy Wednesday. This simple evening meal of bread and soup introduces us to the paschal fast. What is a paschal fast? It can be likened to the day of your wedding or before any momentous events in our lives. Few of us are hungry on the morning of the big day! It is that kind of fast, the fast of excitement, the fast of being so full of what is to come that food is almost forgotten. It is the fast that lifts up our hearts and make us ready to welcome the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, which celebrates the event of our salvation.

Join us for the the Pauper's Meal. It is not a fundraising! But an introduction to something wonderful and yet, all too often forgotten.

### The Easter Food Basket

The blessing of the Easter Food Basket is a Catholic tradition where baskets containing food are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday, marking the end of Lent and the start of the Easter celebrations.

### EASTER FOOD DRIVE

The Parish is accepting food items to be donated to our local food bank. You can bring these to the church today until Easter Sunday. The Knights will deliver these items to Eden Food Bank on our behalf. Thank you for your generosity!

### A DAY WITH MARY

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, 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 located at 2480 15th Sideroad 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 by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for the adults, inspiring personal witnessings and children's catechesis for the kids. There will be music, food and fellowship and we hope that you will consider joining His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo and so many others who love the Blessed Mother.

A Day With Mary will be held rain or shine, please plan according to the weather. In case of severe rain or thundershowers, the event will move inside the school.

Registration is now open on the Archdiocesan Website. Admission is free for all ages!

### JOIN US

as the young people in our parish  
leads us in the

### WAY OF THE CROSS

around the church  
on Good Friday  
starting at 7 PM.





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


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