

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 26)

5:00 PM +Albert E. Kelly, + Mary D. Kelly, +Rosario Lopez, +Rosie D'Mello, Departed members of D'Mello Family, + Peter Paul D'Mello and +Joseph D'Mello

SUNDAY (April 27)

7:30 AM Open

9:00 AM +Tom Anthicques, +John D'Silva, +Rufina Fernandes, +Jovito Pinto

11:00 AM +Jose San Diego, +Julie Manego, +Josephine Dimen, +Anselma Ramirez Ng, +Sister Margaret Tersa Ho

12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Lopus Family, Thanksgiving of Alsosa and Lapidante Family, Thanksgiving of Leni Mendoza

MONDAY (April 28)

7:00 PM + Jose Llanes Sr., +Paulita & Jose Javate

TUESDAY (April 29)

7:30 AM +Gerald Saboriendo, +Augustia Saboriendo

WEDNESDAY (April 30)

7:00 PM +Anthony Carneiro, +Luis Pereira

THURSDAY (May 1)

7:30 AM +Narcisa Eduardo & Alberto Nicomedez, +Maria Rolinda Hodgkinson

FRIDAY (May 2)

7:00 PM +Rosa Maria Buemi, Thanksgiving of Natasha De Souza, Thanksgiving of Elmer Solcruz

SATURDAY (May 3)

9:00 AM +Amado, Lusing, & Judith King, +Tony Pavao, +Teresa Babcoch



POPE FRANCIS

1936-2025

pope

As we mourn the death of Pope Francis, let us join with Catholics worldwide in praying for the repose of his soul.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Roman Missal)

If there is a message that has most characterized Pope Francis' pontificate and is destined to remain, it is that of mercy. Mercy, he said, is "the air we breathe," meaning that it is what we need most, without which it would be impossible to live.

The Holy Father showed us in various way how this mercy is applied especially to those who were wounded by sin. There were those who were uncomfortable, scandalized in some quarters, how the pope brought the church closer to the people by gestures of welcome and closeness towards all especially those who were "outcasts" and have no place at the Table. "God forgives not with a decree, but with a caress."

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 7,153.20
Building Fund	\$ 1,145.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 315.00
Liturgical Offering	\$ 199.60
Candle Offering	\$ 722.00
Flower	\$ 225.00
ShareLife	\$ 830.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 35.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 20.00
Good Friday	\$ 3,673.80
Easter	\$ 13,267.65
Total	\$27,575.35

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate 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 an increased support of various archdiocesan charities such as your Parish, ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary and many others. For further information, contact the Development Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 561 or send an email to development@archtoronto.org.

OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES
YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE

The Knights of Columbus is inviting all parishioners to a two hour Saturday Night Bowling from 7 PM to 9 PM on May 10.

The Two hours of Bowling cost \$15 at Streetville Bowl

Tickets will be available starting on April 26.

Come and enjoy a night of fun with fellow parishioners!

You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for living the Gospel!

The Canonization of Blessed Carlo is postponed because of the death of Pope Francis. It was scheduled to be this Sunday, April 27, to coincide with the Jubilee for young people.

Blessed Carlo was an ordinary boy who lived his childhood and youth between family, school and the games children play, but lived a life of faith nurtured by his love for the Eucharist!

His canonization will take place when the successor of Pope Francis will be chosen and at a time and date that will be determined. In the meantime, we ask Blessed Carlo to intercede for the Church at this time of prayerful waiting.

Life-giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. to Sunday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$340 per person (\$200 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. Limited subsidies are available if cost is a concern. Please contact lgwtoronto@proton.me. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2025>.

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT SPRING 2025 May 22 to 25

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
Mississauga

ACTS is a three-day retreat led by those who have attended prior ACTS retreats under the guidance of Catholic clergy and certified spiritual companions. The retreat focuses on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guidelines. For more information, please contact the Women's Retreat Director: Rebecca Williams CONTACT: Rebecca Williams or Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre PHONE: 905-978-3507 or 905-278-5229 EMAIL: Rebecca7623@gmail.com or office@qoa.ca

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!

PARTICIPATING IN THE FEDERAL ELECTION BY EXERCISING YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE on April 28, 2025

is not only your Civic duty as a citizen but also a Christian duty. Familiarize with the issues and make your voice heard by voting wisely!



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