

# 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 Asistants*

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 (May 17)

5:00 PM +Euripides Regala, +Mike Galloro, +Chandra &amp; Iris DeSouza

SUNDAY (May 18)

7:30 AM +Angelita Gretchen

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of David

Peralta, +Genaro +Julia Jasinto

11:00 AM +Isidro &amp; Maria San Diego,

+Graciela Peretti, +Luis Pereira,

+Shfawa Frah

12:30 PM Tomas Benarek, +Tomas

Pienkos, +Cipriano &amp; Pelagia Legaspi,

+Antonio &amp; Presentacion Maluenda,

+Rino Rossi, +Chad Mason

MONDAY (May 19)

7:00 PM +Sirila Josephine

TUESDAY (May 20)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Wilfred &amp; Marise DeSouza

WEDNESDAY (May 21)

7:00 PM Open

THURSDAY (May 22)

7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (May 23)

7:00 PM +Barry Francis Nelligan,

+Lia Carpio, +Carmencita Canicosa,

+Emiliano Tan, Clarita Tan

SATURDAY (May 24)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Fr. Mark

5:00 PM Thanksigivng of Alice

D'Souza, Thanksgiving of Roy Tejares,

+Corazon Tejares, +Geraldine Abaring

For Your Mass Intention, please see the Parish Desk. Thank you.

We invite our Grade 5 to Grade 12 for a get together on Saturday, May 24, starting at 3 PM at the Parish Hall. Come, meet, make friends, have some fun, eat, and pray with other young people of the parish.



This is the start of John's report of the great final teaching of Jesus at the Last Supper about the future of his Church and his disciples. From the sayings of Jesus, the Gospel writer has composed a great discourse of Jesus about the obligations, duties, and dangers which will come upon his disciples after his own death and resurrection.

As we approach the Birth of the Church at Pentecost we need to listen to how Jesus envisaged his community. This reading gives the essentials. At the head of the Christian community stands the glorified Son of Man, in whom God is glorified. But he will not be a figurehead. He will be present always. And how? In the love which his disciples show for one another.

I cannot help but appropriate these words of Jesus as I addressed you these days as your pastor. I have barely a month to go before I entrust this community to someone who will continue to shepherd you in the years ahead. My seventeen years with you were a blessing to me as I hope I am also to you. Our journey started small, celebrating our Masses in a school cafeteria for nine years, until we were able to build our own place of worship. Since our church was dedicated until now, we continue to grow. We have had our own share of struggles and difficulties, but we persevered.

As your founding pastor, I use the words of Jesus and urge you "to love one another...everyone will know that you are my disciples when you have love in your hearts."

## OFFERINGS

Offertory	\$ 4,497.65
Building Fund	\$ 1,029.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 80.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 490.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 150.00
Confirmation	\$ 3,073.60
Flowers	\$ 83.00
Indonesian	\$ 4,242.00
Accessories	\$ 115.80
ShareLife	\$ 580.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,381.05

## SHARELIFE

Your helping hand ensures that no one struggles alone

No one is turned away from ShareLife-funded agencies due to inability to pay. You make it possible for individuals, couples, and families to access mental health services. Like Aimee, who grew up believing that life's challenges were meant to be faced alone. She searched for the strength to speak with a counsellor, but felt hopeless, imagining that her struggles would be dismissed. Financial concerns weighed heavily on her, making it even harder to reach out. Imagine the relief Aimee felt when she learned about the sliding scale payment system at Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR). Because of you, Aimee received immediate care, free of judgement.

You can donate to Sharelife following the link provided on our parish website or directly to [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org) or use the appropriate envelope and drop it on our regular offertory collection. On behalf of ShareLife, we thank you for your generosity.

Our parish goal is \$45,000.

**FR. MARK'S LAST DAY IN  
THE PARISH WILL BE ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025.**

Fr. Mark was appointed in March as the Chaplain for Our Lady of Consolation Chapel at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Vaughan, Ontario. His primary responsibility will be to accompany families in their hour of grief. It is a ministry of compassion and consolation.

Planning is underway for a farewell party scheduled on Saturday, June 21 following the 5 PM Mass. In order to know how many are attending, the organizing committee will be selling tickets at \$5 per person. Children under the age of 5 will be free.

Tickets will be available for sale on the weekend of May 24/25 until June 15.

**A DAY WITH MARY**

During this Jubilee Holy Year, come spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope.

Join us for Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address with Dr. Josephine Lombardi, inspiring witnessings for the adults and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd activities for the children. Draw closer to Mother Mary in praying the rosary together.

Enjoy fellowship with families from across the Archdiocese of Toronto at this outdoor gathering. Admission is free but registration is required. All are welcome! Registration is open until May 19. REGISTER: [www.archto-ronto.org/mary](http://www.archto-ronto.org/mary)

**MESSAGE OF OUR  
ARCHBISHOP ON THE  
ELECTION OF POPE LEO**

*Following the example of the first Christian community, united with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, we now look ahead and persevere in prayer, welcoming and embracing wholeheartedly the election of the Roman Pontiff to govern the flock of Christ with unfailing care as a gift of God's goodness and providence to Holy Mother Church and indeed to the entire world.*

*I invite the faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto to be united in faith and devotion, interceding earnestly each day for His Holiness, just as we do at every Mass, lifting him up in our prayer intentions. Let us be obedient and loving to this Servant of the Servants of God, supporting his leadership and shepherding ministry for the growth of the Church, walking along the path of holiness. It is truly a new chapter in the life of the ecclesial Body of Christ that has just begun and one which engages each of us in the evangelizing efforts to bring the Gospel to life in our families, communities and entire archdiocese, with renewed vigour and zeal, through both our words and actions. In a world in desperate need of hope, truth, unity and compassion, let us follow the lead of the Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff on this common and grace-filled journey of faith.*

*May the reign of our beloved Pope Leo XIV be marked by peace, communion, and a renewed commitment to carrying the saving message of Christ to all corners of the earth, reaching every heart, touching every life, strengthening every family.*

*May he be a visible source of unity in the Catholic and Apostolic faith and of communion for the entire Christian people. We call upon the powerful intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, to protect and inspire, comfort and assist the Vicar of Christ, our spiritual father, as he begins his Petrine ministry to build up the Kingdom of Christ, to the praise and glory of Almighty God and for the salvation of souls.*

**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](mailto: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>.

**Men's ACTS Retreat Spring 2025  
Thursday, June 19 to Sunday, June  
22**

**Queen of Apostles' Renewal Centre  
1617 Blythe Rd., 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 Men's Retreat Director: Don Schreader

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