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 Asisstants
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 Mississauga, ON L5N 7W2 (289) 997-2105

SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
St. Faustina
St. Edith Stein
St. Simon Stock
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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 24) 5:00 PM Thanksigivng of Alice D'Souza, Thanksgiving of Roy Tejares, +Corazon Tejares, +Geraldine Abaring

SUNDAY (May 25) 7:30 AM Open 9:00 AM Special Intention of Anthony Fernandes and family, +Departed members of Anthony Fernandes, +Jovit Pinto

11:00 AM +Alex San Diego, +Teresita Manego, +Benedicta and Donal Saldanha, +joseph, Florina, and Monica DSouza

12:30 PM +Rino Rossi, Chad Mason

MONDAY (May 26) 7:00 PM +Felipe Paculaba, +Manuel V. Cantillon, +Rosita M. Cantillon

TUESDAY (May 27) 7:30 AM +Abraham Rojas, Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY (May 28) 7:00 PM +Melecio Mandawe

THURSDAY (May 29) 7:30 AM +Eugenia Rodrigo, +Ashley Fernandes

FRIDAY (May 30) 7:00 PM +Vimal Lohale, Isaac Fereira, +Mathew Paul Tee

SATURDAY (May 31) 9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Suzanne D'Sa, +Tony Silveira

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

Santa Cruzan Festival
will be held at the Parish
on Saturday, May 31, 2025
following the 5 PM Mass.
The festival is in honour of the Blessed
Virgin Mary. You are all cordially
invited.



"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

We live in a troubled world. There is uncertainty in many places. The economy is precarious. Price of practically everything is skyrocketing and people are generally afraid. When people are afraid, they behave in ways that reflect their uncertainty.

How do we think the Gospel intersect with what is happening? How might the Gospel be a force for change in our lives? Because many hearts are troubled and afraid, the reaction can go in either direction: compassion for others or hardening of hearts. Regardless of how we are reacting ourselves, one thing is certain - we are all in need for the peace of Jesus within us and among us.

Peace is not necessarily the absence of cessation, conflict, the resolution of our problems, or agreement in all things. Peace is more about what is going on within us. It is transformative. A heart at peace sees the other as a brother or sister in the Lord even amidst conflict and disagreement. Even though we may not share the same hopes, fears, and concerns, they are as real to me as my own. A heart at war, on the other hand, sees the other as an object, issue, obstacle or irrelayent to me.

The Gospel always challenges us. We always have to make a choice - let us choose to stand on the side of humanity. Pray that we may imitate Jesus who always stood and reach out to those in need.

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OFFERIN	GS
Offertory	\$ 4,239.40
Building Fund	\$ 1,190.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 46.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 310.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 449.40
Youth Ministry	\$ 5.00
Baptism	\$ 1,000.00
Rectory	\$ 369.16
Flowers	\$ 40.00
Konkani	\$ 526.35
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 5.00
ShareLife	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,251.16

SHARELIFE

Your love can help others thrive

Mental health challenges can impact anyone, whether you're personally navigating them or supporting someone who is. These struggles transcend age and circumstance. Brenda was weighed down by shame, having battled anxiety and depression for decades. Through your support, she found a new perspective at a Catholic Family Services agency funded by ShareLife, where counselling lifted her up and allowed her to see her own worth. Your compassion is instrumental in helping others see themselves as God sees them: loving, important, and enough. Thank you for living the Gospel by helping relieve the pain of those facing silent battles.

Please donate to Sharelife.org or use the ShareLife Envelope available in the Narthex and drop it in our regular offertory.

Our Parish Goal is \$45,0000 Thank you for your gerosity!

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 organzing 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.

Pope's Pastoral Works

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity. The collection will be taken up today after Holy Communion. You can also contribute any time by using the appropriate envelope and dropping it at the Offertory.

WOUNDED HEALER

Women of the Word - Toronto is hosting a full day retreat for all women of the archdiocese on Saturday, June 14 at the St. Francis Retreat Centre, in Caledon.

Deacon Chris Elliott and Deacon Michael Carrera will speak on the theme of the retreat - Wounded Healer II. Participants will not only listen to powerful talks but also have the opportunity to spend time in Adoration, receive the sacrament of Confession, celebrate the Sunday Liturgy and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the retreat centre. The day will run from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will include a hot lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Tickets are \$70 and can be purchased through the website below. CONTACT: Women of the Word Toronto WEB: www.wowblessingstoronto.com

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individually directed retreat provides participants with a silent and peaceful environment for five days. You will benefit from all the usual Manresa amenities: silence, a private room, all meals, daily celebration of the Eucharist and access to the grounds at their summer best. A directed retreat offers you a daily meeting with an experienced spiritual director. That person serves as a guide, helping you and God to engage with each other. Otherwise, there are no group activities. Suggested offering: \$600. We also offer this retreat to those that do not desire spiritual direction, just quiet time away with God in prayer. Suggested offering: \$500. Both retreats include four night's accommodation with meals. retreat begins on Monday with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. and ends with lunch on Friday. REGISTER: Via email at manresaregistration@outlook.com

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PARISH SECRETARY POSITION

The parish will be opening a secretary position. If you are interested please send your resume to parishoffice@ stjosephinebakhita.ca Attn to Fr. Mark.

General Requirements

College education and/or equivalent related experience • Superior verbal and written communication skills and have competent administrative skills • Fluent in English • A faith-based understanding of the Catholic Church, its tenets and culture, and respect for its leadership and parish clergy • Have an above average knowledge in the use of technology • Proficient in Microsoft Office, Outlook, Word, Excel and Publisher • Have a formation/ training background suited for the work required in this position or be fully prepared to be formed/trained/ guided as such • Strong interpersonal skills • Demonstrate ability to set priorities and organize work effectively and efficiently including developing and maintaining effective recordkeeping systems • Able to compose correspondence, and/or minutes reports • Able to represent the parish to those who call, write or visit • Able to honor and maintain confidentiality • Work independently but also update and collaborate with the pastor • Must be legally entitled to work in Canada • A criminal background check will be required of the successful applicant.

More information will be made available online as soon as it is posted. This is just a head start.

The new pastor together with the Human Resource Department of the Archdiocese will be doing the interviews and hiring. The position will be opened until it is filled.





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