

# 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

Mississauga, ON L5N 7W2

(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 (May 31)

5:00 PM +Suzane D'Sa, +tony  
Silveira, +Gilley D'Souza,  
Thanksgiving of Jayden D'Souza

SUNDAY (June 1)

7:30 AM Open

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of D'Mello  
Family, +anthony D'Mello,  
+Aquilino & Filomena Rivera  
11:00 AM +Victor Hanodie,  
+Ashley Fernandes, +Fernando  
Angeles, +Iris De Souza, +Sy, Leo,  
+Cristina Tolentino  
12:30 PM +Angelito Rafael Parcon  
Jr., +Gloria Lewis, +Sofia May  
Terrefranca, +Tresa Joseph &  
Joseph Paul

MONDAY (June 2)

7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (June 3)

7:30 AM +Corazon Prosser

WEDNESDAY (June 4)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Joshua,,  
+Joseph Mathew, +Roshen Juvekar

THURSDAY (June 5)

7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (June 6)

7:00 PM Mericia & Avelino Vaz,  
+William Pereira

SATURDAY (June 7)

9:00 AM +Fernando Ramos  
Carreiro, +Tony Pavao

5:00 PM +Antonia Da Silva



It is quite common for us to think of heaven as another place, as there are places in the world. So, when we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we naturally think of Jesus going to another place to be with his Father. But where is heaven, we may ask? Is heaven somewhere beyond the clouds? Again, the story in the Acts of the Apostles indicate to us that Jesus literally went up to the clouds. How far did he go? We probably mused.

Perhaps, another way of looking at the Feast of the Ascension is to see it as a presence not absence. Jesus has not left us. Rather, he has filled us. Before the ascension, like any human person, Jesus was bound by space and time. But once he rose from the dead, some of the earlier readings of the Resurrection, tell us that Jesus could enter a room even if the the door and windows were shut. To think of the Ascension, I propose that we think of it, not as a departure, rather his abiding presence everywhere on earth. Jesus fills and sanctifies all times, all places, and all peoples - as the Scripture tells us, "so that Christ is all in all!" (Col. 3:11). The union of the humanity and divinity as shown in the Incarnation (God in the womb of the Virgin and being born into our world) comes into completeness.

Jesus did not leave us. He is in the heart of us all. His ascension is our "eternalization". For this reason, we can truly say, heaven is our true homeland.

## SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 3,76.05
Building Fund	\$ 1,290.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 17.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 80.00
Candle Offering	\$ 310.55
Flower	\$ 95.00
ShareLife	\$ 62.00
Baptism	\$ 411.50
Youth Ministry	\$ 20.00
Konkani	\$ 200.00
Papal Charities	\$ 1,693.45
Total	\$ 7,947.55

Thank your for your generous financial contribution.

## SUPPORTING THE PARISH

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## SHARELIFE

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Save the date for Fr. Mark's  
Farewell party on Saturday, June  
21 following the 5 PM Mass



## CORPUS CHRISTI Mass & Procession

All are welcome to join Frank Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, for a Corpus Christi Mass & Procession at Saint Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.) on Sunday, June 22, 2025 following the Noon Mass. A procession (45 minutes) will take place in the vicinity surrounding the cathedral followed by Solemn Benediction and some time for fellowship. Join us as "Pilgrims of Hope" during this special Year of Jubilee

## FOR OUR PARISH CELEBRATION June 22

We will do the procession following the 9 AM Sunday Mass. The procession from the Church will conclude with Solemn Benediction.

What a fitting way for our parish community and for me as your pastor to conclude my tenure among you with the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It was for this purpose that we have been called to form community together in 2008 and it will also be as you receive your new pastor. So please, join me in honouring the most precious gift that the Lord has given - His abiding presence in our midst today.

## WOUNDED HEALER Saturday, June 14, 2025

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 our website.

CONTACT: Women of the Word Toronto WEB: [www.wowblessingstoronto.com](http://www.wowblessingstoronto.com)

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Queen of Apostle Renewal Centre Mississauga

Discover the Secrets to a Lasting,  
Supportive, and Transformational  
Marriage

Reconnect – Renew - Rekindle

The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. INFO: Elizabeth Arroba/416-554-7062 & Christian Arroba/416-554-4439 To register: <https://bit.ly/WWMEJune>

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MARYGROVE CAMP

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Toronto Central Council, helps over 1,000 girls each summer, registering eligible campers through home visits. Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on Georgian Bay in Ontario, open to eligible girls ages 5-13. Marygrove provides a camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Families who are experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society directly to determine their eligibility.

The Second Offering will take place on the weekend of June 14/15. Thank you for your generosity.

## THE PARISH WILL BE HIRING A NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

The position is now open for application. Details of the Job opening is available online at [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

## FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Learn how to avoid problems in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection. Learn how to create your own legacy and about our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. Follow the QR link: [qrqp.de/WebJune7](http://qrqp.de/WebJune7) or send an email to [Development@ArchToronto.org](mailto:Development@ArchToronto.org) and write "Estate Planning - June 7" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.





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