

# 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 (June 2)

5:00 PM +Paulino Holganza,  
+Maria & Fernando D'Silva,  
+Angelo Nigro, +Alessandro  
San Antonio, +Marlene Clingan,  
+Guilherme de Costa

SUNDAY (June 22)

7:30 AM Open  
9:00 AM +Arturo & Fely dela Cruz,  
+Jovit Pinto  
11:00 AM Open  
12:30 PM +Juvencio Da Costa,  
+Shelewin Arasavithana, +John  
Topacio, Thanksgiving for Boy &  
Wai Moreno

MONDAY (June 23)

7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (June 24)

7:30 AM +Evelyn and Ruel  
Macalaguim, +Milagros & Juanito  
Umali, Thanksgiving of Marise  
DeSouza

WEDNESDAY (June 25)

7:00 PM +Roberto Paras, +Matthew  
Moolasseril

THURSDAY (June 26)

7:30 AM +Gregorio Padillo,  
+Remedios Caranto, +Simeona  
Azanon, Thanksgiving of Cora  
Cruz

FRIDAY (June 27)

7:00 PM Open

SATURDAY (June 28)

9:00 AM +Departed members of  
the Fernandes & D'Souza Families

5:00 PM Open



Jesus leaned against the side of the boat and looked out across the lake. A faint breeze filled the sail and pushed the boat along the northern coast. They were too far offshore to hear their voices, but Jesus could see the great throngs of people following them by land, keeping pace with the boat.

Jesus was weary from the relentless crowds. Only on the lake was there respite. The hope of finding a lonely place to beach the boat looked brighter as the breeze freshened and the boat began to outdistance the people on shore. Later they sailed into a quiet cove on the last gasps of the afternoon breeze. Climbing up the bank, Jesus and the disciples were astonished to find the people already there and waiting. There would be no quiet rest, even here.

When the five loaves and two fishes were presented to Jesus, he remembered back to the day at Cana with his mother when the first miracle took place. He also saw forward to another that would soon take place in Jerusalem. He then empowered the disciples to distribute the food.

## OFFERINGS

Offertory	\$ 4,358.50
Building Fund	\$ 665.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 67.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 330.00
Candle Revenue	\$ 140.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 5.00
Baptism	\$ 95.00
Wedding	\$ 1,000.00
Flowers	\$ 45.00
Konkani	\$ 572.35
Santa Cruzan	\$ 300.00
Hall	\$ 250.00
ShareLife	\$ 340.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,217.00</b>

## SHARELIFE

Thank you for bringing empathy to the table

Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, fosters a profound sense of belonging among at-risk children in the Youth in Transition program. Their community dinners create a welcoming space for shared experiences, made possible by your empathetic heart. "These gatherings are an opportunity for youth to learn more about each other and taste food from different cultures," says Fred Shayo-Mushi, Support Services Manager of Covenant House Toronto. "The dinners make everyone feel like they matter because of your love."

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

To all parishioners and friends, my beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Praise be Jesus Christ now and always!

My time with you has reached its conclusion. Our adventure commenced nineteen years back when I was first introduced to the concept of creating a new parish in northwest Mississauga. However, it took an additional two years for the endeavor to truly take flight. Though nineteen years may seem lengthy, it feels as though it was just yesterday. I can't help but reminisce about the thrill of those moments—the encouragement from the Regional Bishop, the christening of the parish, the adventure of tracing the path of the saint we were named after, the encounter with the Canossian Daughters of Charity, the backing of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, the warm invitation from our mother parishes: St. John of the Cross and Merciful Redeemer, and the first families who embraced the call to nurture a vibrant Catholic community. I am profoundly thankful for the support extended by the members of my previous parish in Don Mills. To Ronnie, who shared his musical talent, to the Knights of Columbus for gifting us the wooden cross for our crucifix, and to the Daughters of Isabella for their efforts in organizing our women's group, and to Linda, who look after the house and made the Rectory a welcome place for everyone to gather. Then came the choir groups of Susie and Jamie, and Deacon Barry and Sheila, Cora & Boyer, Wai & Boy, Cora and Pol. At first, we thought only of offering one Mass at the School Cafeteria, but Deacon Barry had the foresight that we will be full house starting on day one. That first Sunday (the second week of July 2008), we started with four Masses. Shortly thereafter, Sister Cristina, JC and the whole community of St. Peter's joined us and a 7:30 AM Sunday was started. JC and his team diligently managed St. Peter's Church. Boyer and Cora stepped up to oversee the preparations at St. Joan of Arc School Cafeteria for our worship gatherings. For nine years, we came together in prayer. On two occasions, we sought temporary shelter at St. Faustina School and another Catholic institution due to severe weather. New leaders began to rise among you, leading to the establishment of various ministries and programs. Deacon Barry and Sheila responded to a divine invitation to serve in Regina, and in this journey, God blessed us with Deacon Roman and Agnes, Deacon Michael and Isabel, as well as Deacon Gerry and Betty. Additionally, Sister Necy, Sister Linda, Msgr. Terence, Fr. Idara, Fr. Emmanuel, and many others joined us. Fatima was our first secretary and then Cecilia. Daniel, Clifford, and Ben, Nathan, Shawn, and Marina too.

After nine years filled with hope and aspiration, our church building was finally realized and received a heartfelt blessing from Thomas Cardinal Collins D.D. We cherished the beauty of our church for about a year. Thanks to the efforts of Pete and AJ Alcantara, who fine-tuned our camera and sound systems, we had a precious year to hone our skills in broadcasting our Masses. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, we were among the first to rise to the occasion. While you participated in the Mass online, you did so in real time and later received Holy Communion. Fr. Jason paved the way for Fr. Peter and Fr. Michael, sons of St. Francis, to become part of our community. Throughout these years, we have felt God's presence. Our patron saint has served as our universal sister and beacon of hope. Many other saints have also graced us: Padre Pio, Therese of Lisieux, Bernadette Soubirous, Catherine Laboure, John Vianney, Margaret Alacoque, Pius X, and Anthony of the Desert. The journey continues with the Konkani Community and the Indonesian Community building community with us.

As I bid you farewell, beloved brothers and sisters, I hold a steadfast belief that God will bring to fruition the work that has begun. As you embrace your new pastor, Fr. Mark, consider him an extension of my presence. Seventeen years ago, you welcomed me into your lives; now, I urge you to open your hearts to him as well, and together, let us persist in our mission alongside our Blessed Mother of Charity at the foot of the Cross. Please keep me in your prayers as I embark on a new journey of compassion for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Although this path may be challenging, I trust that with God's grace, it will be as fruitful and fulfilling as my time with you.

I am truly grateful, and I vow to beseech the Almighty to shower you with blessings a thousand times for the generosity you have extended to me, a humble servant. To anyone I may have inadvertently hurt or troubled, I sincerely apologize. My actions stemmed not from ill intent, but from human frailty. I earnestly seek your compassion and forgiveness.

*Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva*



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