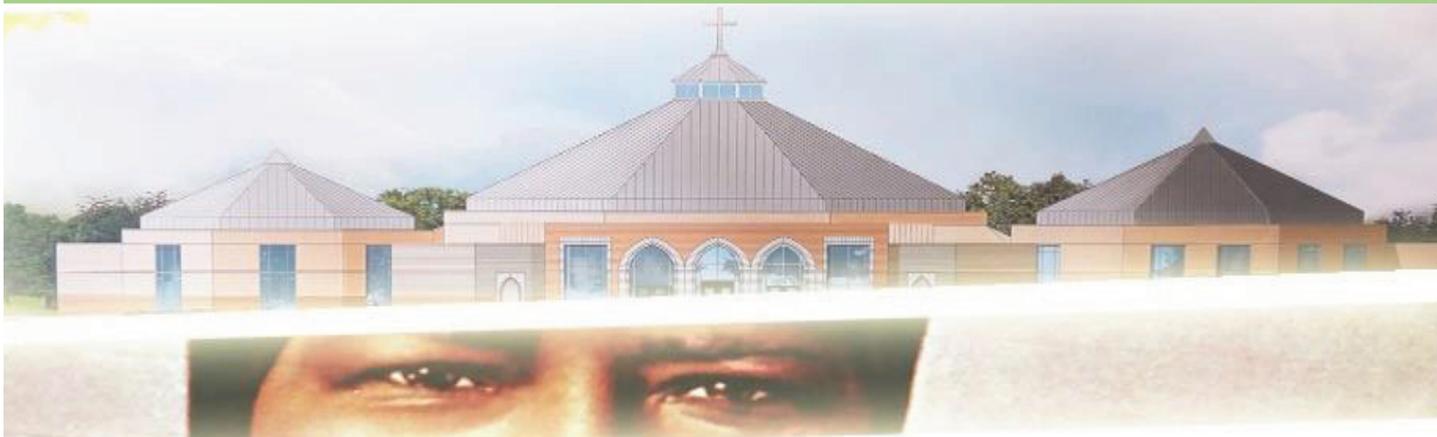


# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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## SUNDAY MASS

Saturday

5 PM

Sunday Mass

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and

12:30 PM

## WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday

7:30 AM

Saturday

9:00 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

Solemn Vespers and Benediction

Every First Saturday at 4 PM

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out the online baptismal request form available in our parish website

## 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 of faith, 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 Christ 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

Daniel Mathew

Clifford Jumapit

### Office Hour

Monday 5 PM to 9 PM

Tuesday to Friday at 9 AM to 9 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 7 PM

Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM

### Schools

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Faustina

St. Edith Stein

St. Simon Stock

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

### Sacrament of Marriage

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.

**Our Sanctuary Light**

December 1 Thanksgiving for Chris D'Costa and family  
 December 5 Thanksgiving for Paul & Vicky Holganza  
 December 9 +Eduardo Palacio  
 December 13 + Charlie, Mr. and Mrs. Attard  
 December 17 +Dolores Sta Mina  
 December 21 Frances Khor  
 December 25 Susanna & Michael D'Sa  
 December 29 Victoria Hermes  
 January 2 Victoria Hermes  
 January 6 +Alysious & Sabina Pinto  
 January 10 Thanksgiving for Arbie & Caridad Sarmiento and Family  
 January 14 Jeevaratnam Family  
 January 18 Jeevaratnam family  
 January 22 Louis Nazareth  
 January 26 Theodora Fernandes  
 January 30 Aline Liew Yee  
 February 3 Chari Agellon  
 February 7 Thanksgiving for Branzuela Family  
 February 11 Thanksgiving for Lim Family  
 February 15 Victoria Hermes  
 February 19 Alex & Patricia Prollamante  
 February 23 Castelino Percy & Family  
 February 27 Margaret Silvery & Family  
 March 3 Cris Sia

Our Parish is now accepting gift cards to bring cheer to struggling families in our community this Christmas. We are once again partnering with St. Vincent de Paul Society. We ask parishioners to donate Gift cards on or before the weekend of December 15/16. You can drop these cards on the box at the desk. Thank you for your generosity!

**2019 Donation Envelopes**

The 2019 Donation Envelopes are now ready for pickup in the Parish Hall corridor.



**Congratulations on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 of the Knights of Columbus in the Parish**

**Lighting of the Christmas Tree**

Saturday, December 1 following the 5 PM Mass

**December 7**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the Evening Mass until Midnight

**December 8**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
 Mary**

9 AM Holy Mass

**Come and Join us for an Advent Evening of Song, Prayer,  
 and Scripture**

**December 9, 2018 at the Church  
 Starting at 7 PM**

**Christmas Novena Mass**

**December 15 to 23 at 7 PM**

Amidst all the busyness of the Christmas season: buying gifts and parties, it is so easy to miss out on the real reason for the holidays. We invite everyone to join us for nine consecutive evenings to spiritually prepare for the Birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

December 15 to 23 at 6 PM

**Parish Christmas Potluck Party**

December 23 following the 7 PM Novena Mass

### Season of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near. Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unending love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. (Loyola Press, 2018)



*Ring in the New Year with fellow parishioners and friends*

Dinner and Dance in the Parish Hall  
Organized by the Knights of Columbus  
\$50 per person and \$25 for children

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday (December 1)

9:00 AM: +Ananias Ceniza

5:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Knights of Columbus (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), +Pierre Fernandez, +Flavy Fulgado, +John & Angelina Ferns, +Thomas & Muriel Ferns

#### Sunday (December 2)

7:30 AM: Thanksgiving for Franklin & Wilma D'Silva, Thanksgiving for Gloria Sarmiento

9:00 AM: +Gerarda Swandajani Gani, +Cora Añis & Josie Añis

11:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Alfred Victor Aguilar, +Peter Lai Nguyen, +Peter Tu Pham, +Maria Thin Vu, +Maria P. D'Souza

12:30 PM: Holy Souls in Purgatory, +Eduardo Sarroca,

#### Monday (December 3)

7:00 PM: For the Souls in Purgatory

#### Tuesday (December 4)

7:30 AM: +Msgr. Terence D'Souza

#### Wednesday (December 5)

7:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Crispina San Pablo & Adina San Pablo, Souls in Purgatory, +Jamie Guevarra, +Melecio Capillo Sr.

#### Thursday (December 6)

7:30 AM: Open

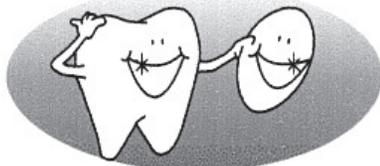
#### Friday (December 7)

7:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Cipriano Orfano, +Arturo Dela Cruz, +Manuel & Hortencia Navarro, +Gertrude D'Sylva

#### Saturday (December 8)

9:00 AM: Open

5:00 PM: +Manuel Fonte, +Damsey Vaz



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