

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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## PEACE ON EARTH

**Children's Liturgy**

Children from JK to Grade 5 are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during our Sunday Eucharist.

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

**MASS INTENTION****December 26 (Sunday)**

7:30 AM Special Intention of Mary Kelly

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Melina

Capillio, +Evelyn Macalagim

11:00 AM Special Intention of

Marissa Calalo, +Alfredo Fonseca

12:30 PM Special Intention of Ferdie Pimenta

**December 27 (Monday)**

7:00 PM +Beneto D'Souza

**December 28 (Tuesday)**

7:00 PM Special Intention of Editha Lucila

**December 29 (Wednesday)**

7:00 PM Special Intention of Marissa Calalo

**December 30 (Thursday)**

7:00 PM Special Intention of Fr. Mark

**December 31 (Friday)**

5:00 PM For the Parish community

7:00 PM For the Parish community

**January 1 (Saturday)**

9:00 AM For the Parish Community

11:00 AM For the Parish Community

12:30 PM For the Parish Community

**Please note that there will be no Mass on Saturday (December 25 and January 1) at 5:00 PM.**

**Sacramental Preparation**

Please visit our Parish Website for updated schedule of Gatherings and Rites

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

In St. Luke's gospel, the angels proclaim to the shepherds and to us: "To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." All too often, when we find ourselves at the crossroad of our lives, we always ask for a major sign and yet, when the angels gave a sign that was crucial for the well being of humanity, the sign was nothing extraordinary. In fact, it was rather simple - a baby born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. A baby born in poverty, defenseless, and in great need of love and care.

In the Scriptures, we are commanded to love God with all our heart and with all our soul, and with all our mind. How can we even begin to know Him when our minds can barely reach Him? God has chosen to make Himself small, fit into a manger, so we can understand and love Him. But not only that. God has also signaled His profound respect for humanity. By becoming like us in all things, God is no longer distant, no longer unknown, no longer beyond the reach of our hearts. God has also set for us an example how to live our lives fully.

Christmas is a time to remember God's most precious gift - the gift of Himself to us. "Among the many gifts that we buy and receive," Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, "we should not forget the true gift: to give each other something of ourselves, to give each other something of our time, to open our time to God. In this way, anxiety disappears, joy is born, and the feast is created. During the festive meals of these days, let us remember the Lord's words: "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite those who will invite you in return, but invite those whom no one invites and who are not able to invite you." This also means: when you give gifts for Christmas, do not give only to those who will give to you in return, but give to those who receive from no one and who cannot give anything back. This is what God has done; He invites us to his wedding feast, something which we cannot reciprocate, but can only receive with joy. Let us imitate Him! Let us love God and, starting from Him, let us also love man, so that, starting from man, we can then rediscover God in a new way!"

On behalf of Sister Cristina, Sister Nocy, Deacon Michael, and Fatima, I would like to greet all a blessed Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year. To those of you who find these days difficult, rest assured that you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a program designed for individuals who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and to be baptized. It is intended also for those who have been away from the Church or wish to complete their Christian Initiation, or for Christians who have been baptized in other Christian traditions and desire to enter into full communion in the Catholic Church. The official program begins in the Fall leading to the celebration of the Easter Sacraments. However, the RCIA is a process that can begin at anytime during the year and depending on the journey of each person, it may be short or extended. If you are interested to participate in our RCIA program, our contact person is Roman Lim.

**Youth Ministry**

We call on the young people from Grades 7 to 12 of our parish to join the Youth Ministry. Come and share in our laughter as we make friends, and as we learn to encourage each another in the fulfillment of our hopes and dreams. The Youth Ministry is usually held on the afternoon of the third Sunday of each month at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School. Our contact person is Nisheeta Menon.



The Knights of Columbus was founded by the

Servant of God, Father Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Since its inception, the Order has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Spain. If you are interested in knowing more about the Knights of Columbus and our local council of St. Josephine Bakhita, please contact our present Grand Knight, J.C. Cadieux.

**The Daughters of Isabella**

The first circle of the Daughters of Isabella was formed in New Haven, CT in 1897 as an Auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus for the purpose of uniting all Catholic women into a fraternal order for spiritual benefits, and to promote higher ideals within society. Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, is also recognized as the founder of the Daughters of Isabella. Present membership is divided almost equally between the United States and Canada and numbers over 55,000 members. Membership in the Daughters of Isabella is open to all Catholic women, age 16 and over. Our motto is: Unity, Friendship, and Charity. The Daughters are organized in three different levels, similar to the Knights of Columbus - the International Circle, the State Circle, and local Circles. Our local circle of St. Josephine Bakhita meets every first Saturday of the month at the Rectory. If you are interested in knowing more about the Daughters, please contact the current Regent, Rita Venantius.

The work of our parish and our desire to see a church built on Thomas Street in the near future is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners and friends. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy and to assist you in your giving, our parish employs the method of Pre-Authorized form of Giving. Forms are available at the desk if you wish to participate.

**Thank you for supporting our Building Fund  
\$480,000**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

December 27 (Monday) St. John the Apostle  
9:00 AM St. Peter's Mission Church

*December 28 to 30 Regular Schedule*

December 31 (Friday) New Year's Eve  
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

5:00 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School  
7:00 PM St. Peter's Mission Church

January 1 (Saturday) New Year's Day  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School  
11:00 AM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School  
12:30 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

January 2 (Sunday) Epiphany of the Lord.

7:30 AM St. Peter's Mission Church  
9:00 AM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School  
11:00 AM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School  
12:30 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

**Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary is the largest lay apostolate in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion. They dedicate two hours each week in pairs and under the guidance of their spiritual director to do God's work. Our parish is privileged to have a praesidium under the title of our Lady, Queen of All Saints, a title chosen to mark the day the praesidium started (November 1, the Feast of All Saints). The Praesidium meets every Saturday at St. Peter's Mission Church on the Ninth Line at 9:45 a.m. (following the 9:00 a.m. Mass). We invite all Catholics to join the Legion of Mary. Come as our guest at any of the meetings. The contact person is Raul Manzanares



**Ministries**

Our parish community has many ministries: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music ministry, Altar Servers, Ushers, Social Concerns, Arts and Environment, Children's Liturgy, RCIA Teams, Marriage Preparation Team, Fundraising, Finance and many more. If you are interested, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Anusha de Silva.





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