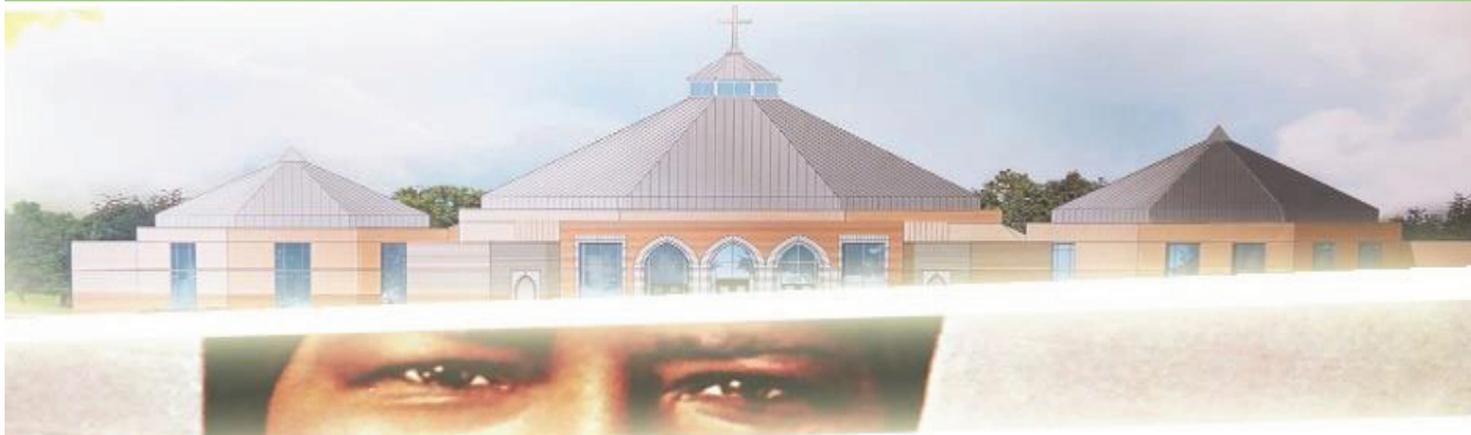


THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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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

Rev. Mr. Gerry Steyn

Rev. Mr. Michael Ho

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

Rectory

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent

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Schools

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Faustina

St. Simon 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

The Sanctuary Candle is a five-day candle that is lit above the Tabernacle to signify the real presence of Jesus in our midst. It is like the star that appeared and guided the wise men from far away lands to where Jesus was born. If you wish to sponsor a candle, the suggested donation is \$20. We assign the date in the order that the offering is made. Please see the reception desk.

August 23 +Brenda Lemay
 August 27 +Brenda Lemay
 August 31 Agnes Bolivar
 September 4 Albert & Vicky de Leon
 September 8 Rene & Paz de Leon
 September 12 Lewellyn & Clarissa Fernandez
 September 16 Pamella Allen
 September 20 Anonymous donor
 September 24 Edwin & Maria Azanon
 September 28 Inacio & Paulo Lee-len
 October 2 Inacio & Paula Lee-Len
 October 6 Inacio & Paula Lee-Len
 October 10 Pol and Cora Cruz
 October 14 Yannick Villegas
 October 18 Xavier Rodrigues
 October 22 Anastasia and Johan Jackson
 October 26 +Noella D'Souza
 October 30 Celeste White
 November 3 Bernadette & Charles Wong
 November 7 Venantius Family
 November 11 Ronaldo & Charito Sta Mina
 November 15 + Jose and Petra Feril
 November 19 + Socorro & Feliza Singson
 November 23 + Jose & Josefina Villanueva

We thank Fr. Idara for helping us throughout the years. He will soon be returning to Nigeria to teach.

Annual Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland

Our parish will be joining the Western Pastoral Region's Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario. The Regional pilgrimage, led by His Excellency The Most Reverend John Boissonneau, D.D., will be held on the second Saturday of September. The cost of the bus trip is \$30 per person. A sign-up sheet is located at the Reception Desk to reserve your place.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children

Our parish offers the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA and RCIC) to those who wish to explore the possibility of becoming Catholics through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. We encourage all parishioners to take an active interest in this noble work of evangelization as members of the Team or sponsors to the candidates and catechumens. The RCIA and the RCIC usually commence in September to Easter, but the ministry of evangelization continues all year round.

Our Parish Sacramental Preparation Program

The registration for **First Reconciliation and First Communion** will be held before or after the Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

- September 8/9 for St. Bernard of Clairvaux School and St. Edith Stein School
- September 15/16 for St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School

The registration for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held before or after the Sunday Mass on the following dates:

- September 22/23 for St. Bernard of Clairvaux School and St. Edith Stein School
- September 29/30 for St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School

To our Lectors

We encourage all our lectors to practice reading at our Ambo and familiarize themselves with the use of our audio system. As many of you are aware, our church has a little bit of reverb. Each lector needs to know how to modulate their voice and measure the speed of their reading in order to be effective. There is nothing more annoying to those seated in the pew than not hearing properly what has been read. Your attention on this matter is of utmost importance. Thank you.

The Maintenance of our Church Facility

We thank our parishioners who volunteer every week to help clean the church. We depend on them a lot because we are not in a position financially at this time to hire a custodian. Our volunteer cleaning crew sweeps and mops the church after the 12:30 Sunday Mass; the Hall, Offices, Meeting Rooms and Toilets are cleaned on Mondays at 10 AM. If you are able to lend a helping hand once a month or every week, the parish community will be most grateful.

You can also come any time during the week to help, there is always something that needs to be attended to – the fixing of the song books in the pew, collecting the trash and throwing them in our garbage bins, dusting and removing cobwebs, to name a few.

Update on Our Church Facility

Deacon Roman and Fr. Mark continue to coordinate with our Architect and Melloul-Blamey in the completion of our church project. Like any project that has been recently built, there will always be deficiencies that need some attention – from broken tile to lighting fixtures. We will continue to do this until all deficiencies have been addressed.

We thank you for your continued financial support to our Building Fund. In recent weeks, we have installed four motorized blinds in our worship space. As many of you have experienced during our Masses, the sun can be blinding especially when it shines through our huge windows during late afternoons. The motorized blinds costs \$5000 each and were made possible by your monetary contributions.

We have also installed security camera all around our building, in our parking lot, and also inside the church for security. For several months, our church including our parking lot were lighted throughout the night. We are now in a position to turn off some of these lights at some point in the night because of these security cameras. We ask all our parishioners to continue to be vigilant, even with the security cameras in place, there is no better security than our own eyes and ears.

Reserve the date

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

September 14, 2018 in our Church Hall and Grounds

Organized by the Daughters of Isabella

If you wish to sponsor a table to represent your country of origin, please contact Yasmin or any of the members of the Daughters

THE SCHEDULE OF MASS INTENTIONS IS LOCATED IN OUR BULLETIN BOARD.

We will resume printing them on a weekly basis in our Parish Bulletin in September.

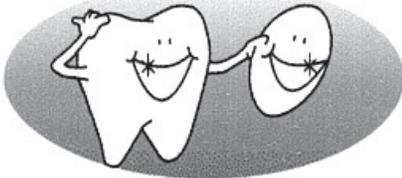
Join us on the First Saturday August 4, 2018 for an All-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations!

A Walk for Msgr. Terence D'Souza

Msgr. D'Souza enjoyed walking, even when he came to celebrate Masses at our Church. We are organizing a 5 Km Walk to honour his memory on Saturday, October 27. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

The Outdoor Stations of the Cross

The Outdoor Stations of the Cross will be installed sometime in October. We were able to purchase the 14 Bronze Stations that will be mounted on special weather proof wooden crosses. What we did not factor in is the cost of the 14 crosses and its installation. The cost will be about \$12,000. If you wish to donate towards it, please go to our parish website and use the Donate Now at the top of the screen as you click on the "Enter and Welcome or Photo of our church", Parish Special projects. Please make sure your donation goes to our parish by scrolling down the list of parishes and typing "outdoor stations of the cross" on the comment box. Let us make this possible before the winter and ready for our Lenten devotions. Thank you for your generosity!



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