

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

The Sanctuary Candle is a five-day candle

- March 3 Cris Sia
- March 7 Thanksgiving for Anastasia & Johan Jackson
- March 11 Thanksgiving for Arbie and Caridad
- March 15 Victoria Hermes
- March 19 Victoria Hermes
- March 23 Clarissa Fernandes
- March 27 Charlie, Mr. & Mrs. Attard
- March 31 Thanksgiving for Honorio & Diane Oliveira
- March 4 Joseph & Maxima Kattar
- March 7 Thanksgiving for D’Souza Family
- March 11 Thanksgiving for Pereira Family
- March 15 Thanksgiving & Healing for D’Mello Family
- March 19 + Alarcon & Dela Cruz Family
- March 23 Thanksgiving for Prollamante Family
- March 27 Thanksgiving for Rajkumar & Family
- March 31 Thanksgiving for OJeda-Carvajal Family
- April 4 +Mario Carvajal
- April 8 Healing of Florentino Peniera
- April 12 Thanksgiving for Garcia Family
- April 16 Patrick & Eva Mendes

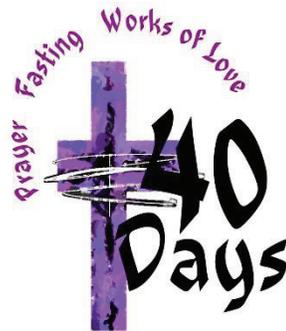
Sunday Offering

Offertory	\$ 4,794.30
Building Fund	\$ 850.65
Candle Offering	\$ 205.10
Liturgical Fund	\$ 137.80
Mass Stipends	\$ 460
Blinds	\$ 1,623.79
Baptism	\$ 468
From the box	\$ 48.15
Total	\$ 8,587.79

The first weekend of every month is our Building Fund Collection. Thanks to your continued generosity, we can pay the Loan and interest.

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s gospel encourages us to pray that we may see clearly. There is much to see, if only we could – much more than meets the unaided eye. The most important aspects of insect life, for example, go unnoticed because we cannot see that far down on the visible spectrum. Think of the things important to us that are out of sight but no less real for being unseen. There are love and pleasure and joy; there are the ecstasy of winning and warmth of friendship. These things are as real as it gets. Though they are unseen, we miss them unless we really see them.



Lent has a penitential character. During Lent, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one’s obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more on the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

- 7:30 AM Holy Mass and Distribution of Ashes
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Distribution of Ashes in the Schools

- 9 AM St. Bernard of Clairvaux School
- 10:30 AM St. Faustina School
- 1 PM St. Simon Stock School
- 2 PM St. Edith Stein School

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and teachers are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. The actions modelled by adults will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the Season of Lent, Monday to Friday, from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross will be held every Friday after the 7 PM Mass.

Mass Intentions**Saturday (March 2)**

5:00 PM: +Manuel Fonte, +Antonio Lobo, +John G. D'Souza, +Theodore Fernandes & All Deceased Family Members

Sunday (March 3)

7:30 AM: +Carolina & Sua Hin Lao

9:00 AM: +Estrella T. Latorre, +Victor Pinto, +Charlette Pinto

11:00 AM: Open

12:30 PM: Healing for Sylvanus Forbin, +Anita D'Souza

Monday (March 4)

5:00 PM: +Rosario R. Gaerlan

Tuesday (March 5)

7:30 AM: Thanksgiving for Arbie Sarmiento

Wednesday (March 6)

7:00 PM: Open

Thursday (March 7)

7:30 AM: +Claudia Lee-Len

Friday (March 8)

7:00 PM: +Jose & Petra Feril

Saturday (March 9)

9:00 AM: For our Parish benefactors and their families

5:00 PM: +Aquileo Villanueva

Knights of Columbus

4th Annual Dinner and Dance

Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Capitol Banquet Hall, 6435 Dixie Road, Mississauga, ON starting at 6:30 PM
Adults: \$50 Children 12 and under \$25

For Tickets, contact J.C. Cadieux (905) 302-0158, Serge Poirier (467) 518-4814 Narciso Rodrigues (416) 303-1337 or Claude Fernandes (647) 230-7594

Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

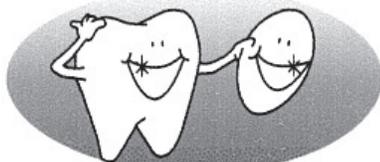
We invite you to read Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship available on the archdiocesan website www.archtoronto.org

Cardinal Collins' pastoral letter, "Stewardship", is both a reflective guide and an urgent exhortation for Catholics to be aware of God's gracious gifts and to live fully, gratefully, in service to others through sharing of time, talent, and treasure. He begins by unpacking the meaning of stewardship in Christian life. In this section, he offers the context for stewardship: the acknowledgement that we have received everything from God, and are "asked to make good use of what has been entrusted to us." We are called to live as stewards with "creativity and boldness" and to regularly examine how we use the gifts that we have been given.

The second section of the letter defines the spirituality of deep stewardship. A "proper spirit of gratitude for all that we have received from God" and the resolve "to act as responsible trustees of God's gifts" characterize deep stewardship. It involves a profound conversion, both as individuals, and as a community, to give generously of our time, talent, and treasure, and to be totally, joyfully engaged in discipleship in our parishes and communities.

Cardinal Collins goes on to identify seven reasons why deepening the spirit of stewardship would be valuable for the Archdiocese of Toronto. He notes that stewardship is: 1) clearly a central theme in Scripture; 2) undeniably fruitful; 3) realistic; 4) not a new program, but is continuous and permanent; 5) addresses the engagement dilemma; 6) comprehensive, and enhances already existing activity; and 7) proactive.

Finally, Cardinal Collins maps out for us the way forward. His first point, importantly, is that the spirit of stewardship is already present in parishes. With guidance from the Pastoral Plan, the way forward includes increasing awareness of stewardship as a conscious, active engagement in parish life and outreach, a fuller engagement with the whole life of faith, and a greater ability for each Catholic to live as disciples in the world. The way forward is nurtured by the sacramental life, and results in growth in gratitude and a deepening life of service and witness. Stewardship, concludes the letter, "means a change of heart for each of us, an 'attitude of gratitude' that permeates our whole life as disciples."



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