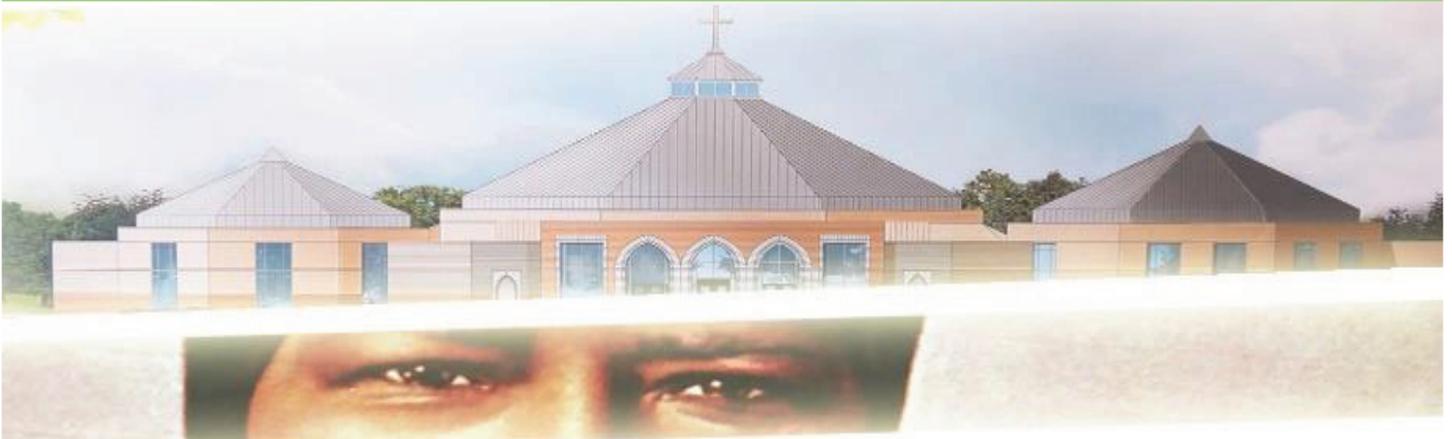


# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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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 Friday after the 7 PM Mass

## 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

## 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.

OFFERINGS	
Offertory	\$ 4,959.05
Building Fund	\$ 1,450.40
Liturgical Fund	\$ 226.15
Stipend	\$ 295.00
Pew	\$ 1,000.00
Statue	\$ 100.00
Chairs for the Hall	\$ 2,500.00
CBW III	\$ 293.00
Sanctuary Light	\$ 100.00
Sacramental	\$ 40.00
From the box	\$ 54.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,978.00</b>

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Half an hour before every Mass  
throughout the Lenten Season

### Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own. March 18 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

### Our Sanctuary Light is offered by:

March 2, 2018 Shaker and Maija Farbat  
March 6 Jacinta Fernandes  
March 10 Sarmiento Family  
March 14 Sarmiento Family  
*If you wish to light a 5-day candle on our sanctuary lamp, the donation is \$20*

### How well do you know the different parts of our church?

In a series of weeks, we will explain to you about the different parts of the church. On the façade of the church, as you stand in the corner of Thomas Street and Oscar Peterson Blvd., we find a landscaped plaza. The landscaped plaza is our ceremonial plaza. Here we will gather at certain times of the year, such as at the Easter Vigil for the blessing of fire. It is also here that wedding or funeral procession begins. Four removal bolards, two on each side on the rotunda, are put in place to separate the people from moving vehicles. There are three outer arches flanked by two rectangular entrances. Symbolically to represent the Trinity and the Dual nature of Christ. Practically, to serve as shade from the natural elements. Park benches are also provided. Please note that our grounds are smoke free zones. Let us make the surrounding grounds of our church always clean and beautiful at all times.

The Narthex in Greek means "giant funnel" and our architectural design of the narthex looks indeed like a funnel. It is the place where we greet one another before and after Mass. It is the area between the outside doors of the church and the inner doors leading into the worship space. This is where we are welcomed each Sunday, where baptisms begin. It is a place for religious literature and for parish notices or displays.

In the early history of the Church, the narthex was a waiting area for the unbaptized and penitents not allowed inside the worship space and not allowed to participate in all or part of the Mass. Through the centuries the restrictions on Mass attendance have been relaxed, but the term "narthex" remains.

In the narthex, we mentally discard our worldly ways, knowing that we are about to enter a holy ground and that our attitude, body language, and even our attire need to reflect the sacredness therein.

### Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary

March 23, 2018 starting at 7:00 pm  
2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 23 (7 p.m.) to Sunday March 25 (1:30 p.m.) 2018, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations can be done online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca).

### Pastor's Desk

Time for a checkup. Our lives have been extended, and for many, the quality of life has been improved because of rapid advances over the past few years for both medicine and communications. By better using the means of communication, especially television and the internet, the medical profession has been able to effectively alert the public to the danger signs of certain disorders. They have also devised means of self-examination and through early detection and treatment, lives have been saved and renewed hope for those whose health have already been adversely affected.

The Church has also a special time set aside to warn us of the danger signs of the one illness that touches all of our lives. That illness is sin, that which separates us from God and from one another. That special time is Lent.

Lent is a time for self-examination; a time to seek healing and a fuller more satisfying life. I am quite positive that if you are made aware of the danger signs of sin just like the danger signs of cancer, you will most likely examine yourself and seek help before it is too late. While the list below is not exhaustive, it will provide you with a good starting point for self-examination. Do you have any of these symptoms?

- Persistent anger
- Jealousy
- Constant dissatisfaction
- A constant desire to accumulate more of the "good things of life"
- Self-centeredness
- Constant criticism of others and a desire to change them
- Being out of communication with God – failure to attend church and pray regularly
- Lack of charity
- Loss of your sense of humor
- Lack of hope

If you have one or more of these symptoms, don't delay, take immediate steps. Start by contacting Jesus. He still makes house calls.

### Wish List for the Church

*These items can be sponsored by one individual or group of individuals. Donation can be given in full or by installment.*

- Whenever we expose the Blessed Sacrament, we need two 7-lite Altar Candelabra Brass High Polish 18" H x 7" D with Brass utility Holder and Votive glass to grace the altar. Each candelabra is priced at \$1650.
- We would like to see two marble statues of angels carrying a Holy Water font to grace our church. The marble statues are handcrafted pieces of art. Each marble statue costs \$3500.
- The Catholic Book of Worship that you have in the pews are not fully paid. About 175 books have been spoken for. If you wish to sponsor a copy or several copies, the cost is \$22 per copy.
- We got a good deal for the chairs that we need for the Parish Hall, Each chair costs \$45. About 60 chairs have been donated.

### MASS INTENTION

#### Saturday (March 3)

5 PM +Theo Fernandes and the departed souls, +Millie Arsenault, +Isaura Martins

#### Sunday (March 4)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community  
 9:00 AM +Aramita Sequeira  
 11:00 AM +RJ D'Souza and Family, +Peter Lai Nguyen, +Peter Tu Pham, +Maria Thin Vu  
 12:30 PM +Loreen Stewart, +Nelson Jumawan, Healing of Rodolfo Gallardo

#### Monday (March 5)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Arbie Sarmiento

#### Tuesday (March 6)

7:30 AM Special intention of Joanna Zee

#### Wednesday (March 7)

7:00 PM Open

#### Thursday (March 8)

7:30 PM +Joselito Feril

#### Friday (March 9)

7:00 PM +Feliza Singson

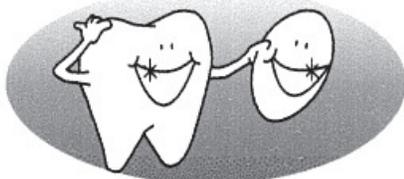
#### Saturday (March 10)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors and their families  
 5:00 PM Open

To offer a Mass intention, please see the desk when you come to church or call the parish office. You can also use the form available on our parish website. Thank you.

#### Volunteers needed for the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass

We are looking for volunteers to serve at the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass. As choir members, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers. and Altar Servers.



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