Guardian Angels Paris

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday to Friday: 7:30 a.m. First Friday: 7:30 p.m. (after the 6 p.m. Holy Hour & First Friday Devotion)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 30 minutes before Masses

## **BAPTISM IS CELEBRATED**

Only for those parishioners of this parish who are currently practicing their faith. Pre-Baptismal instructions are required.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. This means that you must take a marriage course.

**OUR SCHOOLS: Guardian Angels** 905-595-0909 Principal: Maria Limarzi 62 Heatherdale Dr., Brampton, ON L7A 2H4

St. Angela Merici 905-840-1505 Principal: Diana Linardic 83 Edenbrook Hill Dr., Brampton, ON

St. Bonaventure 905-970-9069 Principal: Tom Condotta 35 McCrimmon Dr., Brampton, ON L7A 2Z5

St. Edmund Campion 905-846-7124 Principal: Maria Locicero 275 Brisdale Dr., Brampton, ON L7A 3C7

St. Lucy 905-840-3121 Principal: Laurie Condo 25 Kanata Road, Brampton, ON L7A 3R2

905-840-3042 St. Aidan Principal: Adrienne Dalli 34 Buick Blvd., Brampton, ON L7A 3B9

St Daniel Comboni 905-495-4621 Principal: Monica Thompson 120 Veterans Drive, Brampton, ON L7A 3Z7

## **PARISH MINISTRIES, COMMITTEES & LAY ORGANIZATIONS**

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild Altar Server Eucharist Lector Music

## **OTHER MINISTRIES**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Marriage Preparation Course Sacramental Preparation Lay Pastoral Visitor Youth

## COMMITTEES

**Building Maintenance Collection Counters Finance Council Fundraising Committee** Joint Stewardship Council and Volunteer Screening Committee

## LAY ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Women's League Knights of Columbus Legion of Mary Rosary Apostolate

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#### Sunday, February 4

 9:00 a.m.
 No Mass Intention

 10:30 a.m.
 +Giuse Pham Thanh Ngac by Pham Family

 12:00 p.m.
 Thanksgiving (25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary) by Braganza Family

 Thanksgiving of Nalde Correa by Correa Family

 +Rodolfo & Luz Mariano by Menchie & Wilie Tuano

#### Monday, February 5

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intention

#### Tuesday, February 6

7:30 a.m. Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary by Braganza Family +Karl Frey

#### Wednesday, February 7

7:30 a.m. Spec.Int.-Catalina Castillo by Castillo Family

#### Thursday, February 8

7:30 a.m. +Janet Hermosa by Hermosa Family

#### Friday, February 9

7:30 a.m. +Larry Martinez by Hermosa & Martinez Families

# Saturday, February 105:00 p.m.Spec. Int.-Carolina Siasat by Zeny Vega

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B cause us to reflect on Jesus' power to heal us, both physically and spiritually. In the first reading, Job laments that he is experiencing so much misery and despair. But the psalm reminds us to "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted." The Gospel tells how Jesus cured Peter's mother in law, freed those possessed by demons, and preached in the

area." (www.young-catholics.com)

#### **THE LORD'S PROMISE:**

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit." (*Ps 147:5*)

Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca



#### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the

Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

## REFLECTION ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Raised to Serve

Excerpts from young-catholics.com

"In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17–19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the broken-hearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41–42). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1-2).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation."

#### What every Catholic should know ....

#### THE CHIEF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- 1) To feed the hungry
- 2) To give drink to the thirsty
- 3) To clothe the naked
- 4) To ransom the captive
- 5) To harbor the harborless
- 6) To visit the sick
- 7) To bury the dead

#### WEEKDAY MASS AT 7:30 AM

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Children who have completed the catechism classes for the sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion or Confirmation and have submitted all the mandatory requirements will be eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### DATES OF FIRST RECONCILIATION prior to FIRST HOLY **COMMUNION:**

St. Angela Merici & St. Aidan - Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 6:30 PM Guardian Angels & St. Lucy - Thursday, April 11, 2024 | 6:30 PM St. Daniel Comboni, St. Bonaventure and

Other schools - Thursday, April 18, 2024 | 6:30 PM

#### DATES OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2024

St. Angela Merici & St. Aidan - Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 3:00 PM Guardian Angels & St. Lucy - Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 3:00 PM St. Daniel Comboni, St. Bonaventure and Other schools - Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 3:00 PM

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

#### DATES OF RECONCILIATION prior to CONFIRMATION:

St. Angela Merici & St. Aidan - Wednesday, April 3, 2024 | 6:30 PM Guardian Angels & St. Lucy and

Other schools - Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 6:30 PM

St. Daniel Comboni and St. Bonaventure - Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | 6:30 PM

#### **DATES OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024**

St. Angela Merici & St. Aidan - Saturday April 6, 2024 | 2:00 PM Guardian Angels & St. Lucy and

Other schools - Saturday April 13, 2024 | 2:00 PM

St. Daniel Comboni, St. Bonaventure - Saturday April 20, 2024 | 2:00 PM

## SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA Feast Day: February 8

Patron of Sudan

"Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born around 1869 in the village of Olgossa in the Darfur region of Sudan. Due to her family lineage, she grew up happy and relatively prosperous, saying that as a child, she did not know suffering.

Historians believe that sometime in February 1877. Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. She was bought and sold at least twice during the grueling journey.

Her first owner, a wealthy Arab, gave her to his daughters as a maid. The assignment was easy until she offended her owner's son, possibly for the crime of breaking a vase. As punishment, she was beaten so severely she was incapacitated for a month. After that, she was sold.

One of her owners was a Turkish general who gave her to his wife and mother-in-law who both beat her daily

She told about how the general's wife ordered her to be scarred. As her mistress watched, ready with a whip, another woman drew patterns on her skin with flour, then cut into her flesh with a blade. She rubbed the wounds with salt to make the scars permanent. She would suffer a total of 114 scars from this abuse.

In 1883, the Turkish general sold her to the Italian Vice Consul, Callisto Legani. He was a much kinder master and he did not beat her. When it was time for him to return to Italy, she begged to be taken with him, and he agreed.

She was given away to another family as a gift and she served them as a nanny.Her new family also had dealings in Sudan had when her mistress decided to travel to Sudan without Josephine, she placed her in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice.

While she was in the custody of the sisters, she came to learn about God. According to Josephine, she had always known about God, who created all things, but she did not know who He was. The sisters answered her questions. She was deeply moved by her time with the sisters and discerned a call to follow Christ.

When her mistress returned from Sudan, Josephine refused to leave. Her mistress spent three days trying to persuade her to leave the sisters, but Josephine remained steadfast. This caused the superior of the institute for baptismal candidates among the sisters to complain to Italian authorities on Josephine's behalf.

The case went to court, and the court found that slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Josephine was born, so she could not be lawfully made slave. She was declared free.

For the first time in her life, Josephine was free and could choose what to do with her life. She chose to remain with the Canossian Sisters.

She was baptized on January 9, 1890 and took the name Josephine Margaret and Fortunata. (Fortunata is the Latin translation for her Arabic name, Bakhita). She also received the sacraments of her first holy communion and confirmation on the same day. The Archbishop who gave her the sacraments was none other than Giusseppe Sarto, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, who would later become Pope Pius X.

Josephine became a novice with the Canossian Daughters of Charity religious order on December 7, 1893, and took her final vows on December 8, 1896. She was eventually assigned to a convent in Schio, Vicenza.

For the next 42 years of her life, she worked as a cook and a doorkeeper at the convent.

She was known for her gentle voice and smile. She was gentle and charismatic, and was often referred to lovingly as the "little brown sister" or honorably as the "black mother."

When speaking of her enslavement, she often professed she would thank her kidnappers. For had she not been kidnapped, she might never have come to know Jesus Christ and entered His Church.

In her later years, she began to suffer physical pain and was forced to use a wheelchair. But she always remained cheerful. If anyone asked her how she was, she would reply, "As the master desires."

On the evening of February 8, 1947, Josephine spoke her last words, "Our Lady, Our Lady!" She then died. Her body lay on display for three days afterwards." www.catholic.org/saints 

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#### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING**

Open to children 7 years and over who have received First Holy Communion Parents, please visit our Volunteer Screening Program Website (see QR code below) and submit all the requirements online by Sunday, February 11, 2024.



Saturday, February 24th & March 2nd 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Parish Hall

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