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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6:00 PM



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" (John Paul II) and "Model of Hope" (Benedict XVI).

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 woman and man, child and youth, of all cultures, to equal discipleship in Jesus Christ.
- 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 [of us] is called to be the strand that God will use to weave a tapestry in this place; a tapestry that will be intricate and exquisite.

All new parishioners are welcome to register. Registration forms are available at the entrance to our worship space on Sundays. You can also register online at:

www.stjosephinebakhita.ca

Please do not forget to request for your box of Sunday Envelopes after you register. You may also wish to use the Pre-Authorized Form of Giving. Forms are available.

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St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Tel. (905) 285-0050

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Ms. Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

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RCIA	Roman Lim	Legion of Mary	Cristina Manzanares
First Reconciliation/Eucharist	Chanel D'Mello		905-812-0891
Confirmation	Clara Fernandes		

We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Secondary School
3801 Thomas Street
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM
	12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday	7:30 AM
Wednesday, Friday	7:00 PM

St. Peter's Mission Church
Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday	7:30 AM
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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	7:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday after the 7 PM Holy Mass
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7 PM Holy Mass
- Solemn Vespers and Benediction every First Friday at 7:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 PM or any time by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a baptismal form to be submitted to the parish office. The baptism form is available on our parish website, at the parish office, or at the desk at the entrance to our worship space. We celebrate baptism during our Sunday Eucharists or anytime by agreement with the pastor.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest one year in advance. A marriage course is required. The wedding will either be held at Merciful Redeemer Church or at St. Peter's Mission Church.

Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan the funeral, please contact the parish office. We will hold the Liturgy at Merciful Redeemer or at St. Peter's Mission Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

will be celebrated on Friday, April 24 starting at 7 PM
at Merciful Redeemer Church
for Grade 8 Students of St. Simon Stock School
with His Excellency Most Rev. John Boissonneau, D.D.

Caregiving from the Heart: A Spirituality of Caregiving

April 23 – 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Live call-in seminar – access by phone or internet

Hosted by the Henri Nouwen Society and The Upper Room, with Gordon Peerman and Marjorie Thompson. Visit <http://bit.ly/CareSeminar> for more information and to register. Questions: contact Maureen Wright, Nouwen Legacy Manager at mwright@henrinouwen.org or 416-925-3745.

Men’s Day of Retreat

May 9 – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 1617 Blythe

Theme: “A biblical journey into a deeper relationship with Christ.” The facilitator is Greg DeMarchi, deacon, surgeon and scripture scholar. The day begins with coffee, tea and muffins and a four-course lunch will be served in our dining room at noon. Suggested offering is \$35. To register, contact the Centre at 905-278-5229

**Papal Blessings
for various occasions**

Please note the Papal Almoner has announced that Papal Blessing scrolls no longer be sold by stores outside the Vatican, and will be available directly from the Office of Papal Charities within the Holy See. As such effective January 2015, the Archdiocese ceased to provide this service for parishioners. Parishioners wishing to order a scroll should visit the Vatican website, www.vatican.va and click on the ‘Roman Curia’ tab, and then the tab labelled ‘Institutions Connected with the Holy See,’ and then go to the ‘Office of Papal Charities.’

CFC-Youth Mississauga West Presents:

CAMP VICTORY

The youth camp is scheduled on May 9-10, 2015 at Blue Springs Scout Reseve (14045 6th Line Nassagaweya, Milton ON)

The camp aims to provide an experience for the young people to know Jesus Christ in a personal way, build lasting friendships, and discover how each individual is destined for greatness! A Parent’s Orientation will be held on April 25 at St. Peter’s Church (Ninth Line) starting at 1:30 PM

We are hoping to once again organize a Vacation Bible Camp for the children from July 6 to 10. In order to do so, we are looking for volunteers, please contact Liz Capule or Cecilia Vaz if you are interested to participate.

Mass Intention

Saturday (April 18)

5:00 Thanksgiving of Allan Lobo

Sunday (April 19)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass, +Jose Barbosa, +For the Souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM Open
12:30 PM +Querubin Lopez

Monday (April 20)

7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (April 21)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends of Felix & Rosalia Marasigan

Wednesday (April 22)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (April 23)

7:30 AM +Lydia DeSouza

Friday (April 24)

7:00 PM Departed family and friends of Katherine Yager

Saturday (April 25)

9:00 AM For Parish Benefactors and Friends

5:00 PM Open

To offer a Mass for yourself or your loved one, see Cecilia at the desk or use the form on our parish website.

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\$1,604,957.54

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\$208,206.34

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,813,163.68

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

The Complementary of Man and Woman

Vatican City, 15 April 2015 (VIS) – Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the family by dedicating this morning's general audience to the difference and complementarity between man and woman, recalling first of all that the Book of Genesis insists that both are the image and semblance of God. “Not only man as such, not only woman as such, but rather man and woman, as a couple, are the image of God. The difference between them is not a question of contrast or subordination, but instead of communion and generation, always in the image and semblance of God”.

“Experience teaches us that for the human being to know him- or herself well and to grow harmoniously, there is a need for reciprocity between man and woman”, said the Pope to the thirty thousand faithful present in St. Peter's Square. “When this does not happen, we see the consequences. We are made to listen to each other and to help each other. We can say that, without mutual enrichment in this relationship – in terms of thought and action, in personal relationships and in work, and also in faith – the two cannot even fully understand what it means to be a man and a woman”.

“Modern and contemporary culture has opened up new spaces, new freedoms and new depths for the enrichment and understanding of this difference. But it has also introduced many doubts and much scepticism. I wonder, for example, if so-called gender theory is not an expression of frustration and resignation, that aims to cancel out sexual difference as it is no longer able to face it. Yes, we run the risk of taking step backwards. Indeed, the removal of difference is the problem, not the solution. To solve their problems in relating to each other, men and women must instead speak more, listen more, know each other better, value each other more. They must treat each other with respect and cooperate in friendship. With these human bases, supported by God's grace, it is possible to plan a lifelong matrimonial and family union. The marriage and family bond is a serious matter for all, not only for believers. I would like to encourage intellectuals not to ignore this theme, as if it were secondary to our efforts to promote a freer and more just society”.

“God has entrusted the earth to the alliance between man and woman; its failure makes our emotional life arid and obscures the heaven of hope. The signs are already worrying, and we can see them. I would like to indicate due points, among many, that I believe must concern us with greater urgency”.

“Undoubtedly we must do far more in favour of women, if we want to strengthen to the reciprocity between men and women. Indeed, it is necessary for a woman not only to be listened to, but also for her voice to carry real weight, recognised authority, in society and in the Church. The way in which Jesus Himself regarded women, in a context that was far less favourable than our own, casts a powerful light illuminating a road that takes us far, on which we have travelled only a short distance. It is a road we must travel with more creativity and boldness”.

He added, “a second point relates to the theme of man and woman created in God's image. I wonder if the crisis of collective trust in God, that is so harmful to us, that causes us to ail with resignation to incredulity and cynicism, is not also connected to the crisis in the alliance between man and woman. In effect, the biblical account, with the great symbolic fresco of earthly paradise and original sin, tells us precisely that communion with God is reflected in the communion of the human couple, and the loss of trust in the heavenly Father generates division and conflict between man and woman”.

“This leads to the great responsibility of the Church, of all believers, and above all of Christian families, to rediscover the beauty of the Creator's plan that inscribes the image of God also in the alliance between man and woman. The earth is filled with harmony and trust when the alliance between man and woman is lived well. And if men and women seek this together between them and with God, without doubt they will find it. Jesus explicitly encourages us to bear witness to this beauty, which is the image of God”, concluded the Pontiff.

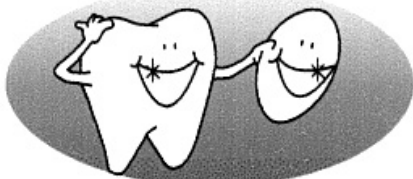
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Offertory	\$ 2,474.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,685.00
St. Peter's	\$ 395.00
Confirmation	\$ 1,150.00
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May 3, 2015*



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