



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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We celebrate Holy Mass at

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

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 AM
Wednesday, Friday 7 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church
Ninth Line, north of Britannia Rd.

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 7:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 PM
Saturday 9 AM

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena every Wednesday
following the 7 PM Mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
every Friday after the 7 PM
Mass

Solemn Vespers and
Benediction every First Friday
7:30 PM

Pastoral Team

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6 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 for the Twenty-first Century" (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 man and woman, 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 parishioner are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a Baptismal Request Form available in our parish website.

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.

Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan for the funeral, please contact the pastor.

Schools

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
St. Edith Stein
St. Faustina
St. Simon Stock
St. Joan of Arc Catholic
Secondary School

BUILDING BAKHITA AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

**Our Family of Faith Campaign has now raised
\$1,385,050
92 % of our \$1.5M campaign goal!**

- Thank you for submitting your pledges and for your generous support
- Please submit you pledge card soon
- Be a part of BUILDING BAKHITA!

Update on our Building Project

The Tender Process for our Building Project has commenced on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. The General Contractors have been given one month to offer their bid.

Working wonders in our families...

Our total contribution to date for ShareLife is \$9,905.85



Working wonders for our new arrivals in Canada...

“As an Iraqi Christian, the Office for Refugees (ORAT) has provided me with the opportunity to meet other people who have experienced the same thing that I have. We are able to help support each other in this new journey to Canada and without ORAT, I do not know where I would be today. It is possible I would still be in Jordan, afraid for my life, unable to practice my religion, and under threat of deportation. The work that ORAT did truly gave me hope and a chance at life free from persecution and fear. ORAT has also invited me to volunteer with them, and I am even able to sponsor a new person or family to come to Canada with their help.” —Sara, a Christian refugee from Iraq.

Since 2009, ShareLife-supported OrAT has sponsored over 2,500 families to be resettled in the GTA.

**Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016
Please give generously. Together we can work wonders!**

Mass Intention

Saturday (April 23)

5:00PM +Thanksgiving of Joseph and Carol D’Souza, +Thomas Anthicques, +Colin Lawrence

Sunday (April 24)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Rita Concessio
11:00 AM +Lydia DeSouza, +Julia Manego, +Ramon Lopez, +Sheldon Gomes
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Maya Fernandes, +Cesar Beley

Monday (April 25)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Tessie Buena

Tuesday (April 26)

7:30 AM +Stella & Louis D’Souza

Wednesday (April 27)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (April 28)

7:30 AM +Eduardo Alcantara

Friday (April 29)

7:00 PM + Open

Saturday (April 30)

9:00 AM +Irwin Coelho

5:00 PM Rita Concessio

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$870,942.21

Architectural & other Fees

\$1,140,305.37

**Total Building Fund
Collected**

\$2,011,247.58

*Please remember to pray daily
for our church building
project*

Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins concerning introduction of federal euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation

On April 14, 2016, the federal government introduced legislation that, if passed, will amend the criminal code to make euthanasia/assisted suicide legal in Canada.

At a time when our priority should be fostering a culture of love, and enhancing resources for those suffering and facing death, assisted suicide leads us down a dark path. At first sight it may seem an attractive option, a quick and merciful escape from the suffering that can be experienced in life, but fuller reflection reveals its grim implications, not only for the individual but for our society, and especially for those who are most vulnerable. Such fuller reflection is sorely needed now. Just days ago, Pope Francis stated, "Care and concern for the final stages of life is all the more necessary today, when contemporary society attempts to remove every trace of death and dying...Euthanasia and assisted suicide are serious threats to families worldwide."

In the coming days I, along with others who share deep concerns about assisted suicide, will study the proposed legislation carefully and continue to advocate for the most vulnerable among us. I thank the thousands of Canadians, of many faiths or no faith at all, who have reached out to elected representatives, respectfully expressing their concerns regarding the unsettling recommendations included in the parliamentary joint committee report.

I would encourage all those who are troubled by the prospect of assisted suicide to continue to dialogue with their members of parliament, both at the federal and provincial level to:

- Prioritize effective palliative care for all, and support for those experiencing chronic suffering of any kind. We must especially offer love and compassionate assistance to those who are tempted to suicide.
- Protect health care workers across Canada who oppose participating in euthanasia/assisted suicide, either by doing it personally or by arranging for it to be done (that is, referring for these procedures.) Their conscience rights are protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and those rights must be respected in practice. In protecting them, we protect those they serve.
- Protect health care institutions, hospices and long-term care facilities whose mission, vision, and values commit them each day to heal, not to hasten death. In a cold world of euthanasia, havens of hope are all the more needed.

A discussion about death is never an easy one. Yet now, more than ever, Canadians across the country need to be fully informed and mindful of the implications of this legislation.

In a familiar Catholic prayer we meditate on the two key moments of life: now, and the hour of our death. In these days ahead, may that reflection guide us as in a spirit of love, mercy and compassion, we journey with all those who are suffering.

Thomas Cardinal Collins
 Archbishop of Toronto
 April 14, 2016

OFFERING	
Offertory	\$ 3,216.05
Building fund	\$ 630.00
St. Peter's Church	\$ 259.70
Liturgical Fund	\$ 128.85
Stipend	\$ 120.00
Family of Faith	\$ 1,184.00
ShareLife	\$ 3,630.85
Confirmation	\$ 2,153.55
Total Offerings	\$ 11,323.00

Celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation

will be held at Merciful Redeemer Church for our young people on

- April 29 at 7 PM for St. Faustina
- May 13 at 7 PM St. Bernard (Grade 7)
- May 27 at 7 PM for St. Faustina (Grade 7)

Celebrations of First Communion

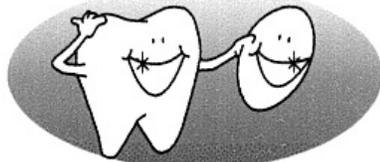
will be held at Merciful Redeemer on

- May 8, 2016 at 3 PM for St. Bernard
- May 15 at 3 PM for St. Edith Stein/Parish Religion Classes
- May 21 at 10:30 AM for St. Simon Stock
- May 22 at 3 PM for St. Faustina

Office of Vocations is hosting ORDINATION PRAYER VIGIL.

Let's pray together for an increase in vocations especially to priesthood, consecrated life and healthy marriages. Event will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral, 65 Bond St. Toronto on Friday, April 29 from 6pm until midnight.

Contact us at 416-968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org for more details.



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