

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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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.org](http://www.stjosephinebakhita.org)

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.

## SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Tel. (905) 542-9203  
St. Edith Stein Tel. (905) 824-5777  
St. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434  
St. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-2606

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

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Sr. Necy Guan, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

## MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	<b>Financial Council</b>	
Children's Liturgy	Rory Agellon	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz		
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Ushers	Miguel Basurto	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Altar Servers	Hartoni Ashali		
Choirs	Jamie Marr	<b>Building Committee</b>	
	Suzanne Pereira	Chairperson	Rita Borg
	Raul Manzanares		
	Ronald Pasajol	<b>St. Peter's Mission Church</b>	
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Youth Ministry	Jamie Lyn Venantius		
Social Concerns	Patricia Scire	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Tony Ciuffo 905-542-9883
<b>Sacramental Preparation</b>		<b>Daughters of Isabella</b>	Rita Venantius 905-824-7223
RCIC	Liza Capule	<b>Couples for Christ</b>	Toti Quijano 905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Cristina Manzanares 905-812-0891
First Reconciliation/Eucharist	Chanel D'Mello		
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	7:45 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.

**Why six and not two**



Every Sunday, our Arts and Environment Committee transform the Cafeteria into our Worship Space. Part of our Altar decor is the images of the Crucified Lord and the Blessed Mother. This arrangement stems from our desire to be formed as a community of faith, committed to the greatest love of Jesus Christ Crucified, and Mary, Mother of Charity at the foot of the Cross. On the altar table, we have six candles, a crucifix facing the priest, and two relics that of St. Magdalen of Canossa and St. Josephine Bakhita.

In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, “The altar is to be covered with at least one white cloth. In addition, on or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles: at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a Holiday of Obligation...(no. 117). We choose

six for its symbolism. According to the Book of Genesis,

God created the heavens and the earth in six days and on the seventh he rested. As most of us live busy lives: work, school, and chores; on Sunday we come together to give thanks and to draw from God all the graces that we need each day. When the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, was still a cardinal, he suggested that Holy Mass should be celebrated Ad Orientem. By placing the candles and the crucifix on the altar, we create somewhat a liturgical east. For the priest, the Crucifix becomes a constant reminder of the mysteries that he is celebrating. So, the Crucifix must always face him.

At the beginning of Holy Mass, as the General Instruction of the Roman Missal also indicates to us: “On the altar itself may be placed a Book of Gospels distinct from the book of other readings, unless it is carried in the Entrance procession.” The Gospel Book is carried when the Deacon is present and when he is not present, it is carried by one of the lectors. The Gospel Book is placed flat on the altar and is brought to the Lectern at the singing of the Alleluia accompanied by two candle bearer for the Proclamation of the Gospel.

**Vita Centre**

Vita Centre is a not-for-profit Catholic agency in partnership with the Peel community that provides services to pregnant and parenting youth. They provide counseling, support programs, education and advocacy. They can be reached at 905-502-7933.

Vita Manor is holding their Bowl-a-thon fundraiser on Saturday, May 26th at Streetsville Bowl at 7 PM. The event is open to all including families, seniors and youth. Register your team at [events@vitamanor.org](mailto:events@vitamanor.org)

**Retreat Day for Ministers of Care**

The Retreat Day will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Mississauga. The theme for this retreat is “Living as Disciples through the Beatitudes.” The retreat will be guided by Fr. Michael D’Cruz. For further details, please contact Sr. Linda.

**Please remember to include in your daily prayers**

**our desire to have a church building**

A prayer card with the picture of Mother Bakhita is available at every Mass. The prayer card is free.

**Mass Intention**

- Saturday (April 28)  
5:00 PM +Nancy & Yazdi  
Almalsad, +Thomas Anthicques,  
+Maria Bui
- Sunday (April 29)  
7:30 AM For the parish  
9:00 AM Open  
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Maya  
Pereira, +Emerita Tadeo, +Elvira  
Geronimo  
12:30 PM Open
- Monday (April 30)  
7:00 PM +Adeline & Charles  
Gomes
- Tuesday (May 1)  
7:45 AM Open
- Wednesday (May 2)  
7:00 PM +Wilma Bonifacio,  
+Veronica Fernandes
- Thursday (May 3)  
7:45 AM Open
- Friday (May 4)  
7:00 PM Open
- Saturday (May 5)  
9:00 AM Open  
5:00 PM +Maria Bui

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First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 5 at Merciful Redeemer:

- 11:00 AM for children enrolled at St. Bernard School
- 2:00 PM for children enrolled at St. Faustina School

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### The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Ontario Charity Foundation is conducting its annual drive in support of the Arthritis Foundation. Raffle Tickets are available at the door after each Mass on May 5/6. The cost is \$5 for three tickets. Prizes to be won are 7 Vehicles, 5 Trips, and 12 cash prizes (up to \$50,000).

### Saint Elizabeth Health Care

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St. Elizabeth's provides high-quality, compassionate professional nursing care to people in their homes and communities, promoting client independence, well being and quality of life. Home care clients can be served at home, workplace, school or location of choice, 24 hrs/day.

### Thank you for your support of ShareLife

*Total collection: 7,529*

As the annual charitable appeal of the Catholic community in our diocese, ShareLife supports a large family of Catholic agencies that truly do feed, clothe and shelter people, befriend the isolated and lonely, and care for the sick and frail. They guide and counsel the troubled, protect the vulnerable, visit people in prison, and give a voice to the voiceless. ShareLife agencies meet people where they are, whatever their religious beliefs or personal background, treating them with the dignity and respect we all deserve.

- Thomas Cardinal Collins

### PRAYER GIVES ESSENTIAL MEANING TO OUR DAILY ACTIVITIES

If prayer and the the Word of God do not nourish our spiritual life, we run the risk being suffocated by the many cares and concerns of daily existence. Prayer makes us see reality with new eyes and helps us to find our way in the midst of adversity. These words were pronounced by Benedict XVI in his catechesis during the general audience held in St. Peter's Square.

“Ever since the beginning of her journey the Church has had to face unexpected situations, new questions and emergencies, to which she has sought to respond in the light of faith, allowing herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit. This was already evident at the time of the Apostles. In the Acts, Luke the Evangelist recounts a serious problem which the first Christian community in Jerusalem had to face and resolve...concerning the pastoral care of charity towards the isolated and the needy. It was not an unimportant issue and risked creating divisions within the Church... what stands out is that, at that moment of pastoral emergency, the Apostles made a distinction. Their primary duty was to announce the Word of God according to the Lord's mandate, but they considered as equally serious the task of making loving provision for their brothers and sisters in situations of need, in order to respond to Jesus' command: love one another as I have loved you.” The Apostles made a clear decision: it was not right for them to neglect prayer and preaching, therefore “seven men of good standing were chosen, the Apostles prayed for the strength of the Holy Spirit, then laid their hands upon them that they might dedicate themselves to the diaconate of charity. This decision shows the priority we must give to God and to our relationship with Him in prayer, both as individuals and in the community. If we do not have the capacity to pause and listen to the Lord, to enter into dialogue with Him, we risk becoming ineffectually agitated by problems, difficulties and needs, even those of an ecclesial and pastoral nature.”

### PENNIES FOR CHARITY

*Three years ago, Sister Cristina and the Social Concerns Ministry launched the Pennies for Charity and a plastic container was placed on the hallway for those who wish to donate their pennies for a good cause. Since its inception, we have collected about \$2200. Thank you*

*for your continued support for the Social Concerns Ministry. Don't forget to drop a few cents in our poor box. I notice that some parents would let their children drop the few cents. This is a good practice and a wonderful teaching moment for the children. Even a few cents can do wonders!*







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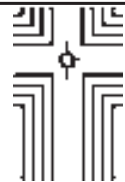
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