

# 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.

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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
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>	
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	Raul Manzanares		
	Ronald Pasajol	<b>St. Peter's Mission Church</b>	
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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.



### Sunday of the Divine Mercy

"Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus, quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius"; "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever" (Ps 118: 1). So the Church sings on the Octave of Easter, as if receiving from Christ's lips these words of the Psalm; from the lips of the risen Christ, who bears the great message of divine mercy and entrusts its ministry to the Apostles in the Upper Room: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20: 21-23).

Before speaking these words, Jesus shows his hands and his side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in his heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. From that heart Sr Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that heart and illuminating the world: "The two rays", Jesus himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, p. 132).

2. Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (cf. Jn 19: 34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5; 4: 14; 7: 37-39).

Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: "My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified", Jesus will ask Sr Faustina (Diary, p. 374). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who, in the Trinity, is the Person-Love. And is not mercy love's "second name" (cf. Dives in misericordia, n. 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?

Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.

Jesus told Sr Faustina: "Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy" (Diary, p. 132). Through the work of the Polish religious, this message has become linked for ever to the 20th century, the last of the second millennium and the bridge to the third. It is not a new message but can be considered a gift of special enlightenment that helps us to relive the Gospel of Easter more intensely, to offer it as a ray of light to the men and women of our time.

*-Excerpt from the Homily of Blessed John Paul during the canonization of St. Faustina*

### Mass Intention

Saturday (April 14)  
5:00 PM +Kristopher Pinto

Sunday (April 15)  
7:30 AM For the parish  
9:00 AM +Diane Poirier, +Dory de Leon  
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Marcia Buenaventura, +Teofilo Buenaventura, +Dionisio Paguicana, +Elizabeth Ducal  
12:30 PM +Barsabas Peralta

Monday (April 16)  
7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (April 17)  
7:45 AM Thanksgiving of Michelle Encarnacion

Wednesday (April 18)  
7:00 PM +Donata Carandang, +Joao Vieira Colaco, +Raphael & Alice Ng Wing Wye

Thursday (April 19)  
7:45 AM Open

Friday (April 20)  
7:00 PM +Sheldon Gomes

Saturday (April 21)  
9:00 AM Open  
5:00 PM Open

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The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred to our Confirmation Candidates from St. Simon Stock School and Parish Religion Class on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM, Merciful Redeemer Church by His Excellency Most Reverend John Boissonneau, D.D.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY**

The weekly Bible Study is held every Thursday from 7:30 PM to 9 PM at the Parish Rectory Basement. If you are interested in participating, please call Fr. Mark or send him an email at [frmark@stjosephinebakhita.org](mailto:frmark@stjosephinebakhita.org)

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**Camp Ozanam** (formerly Four Winds Boy's Camp) c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul (416) 364-5577, [info@svdptoronto.org](mailto:info@svdptoronto.org)

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If you love children and willing to share your time and talent to make a difference in their faith-journey, come and join us for the Vacation Bible School Programme we are offering from July 9-13, 2012 at 9 AM to 12 Noon. Volunteers from grade 8 to High School, young adults, and adults are welcome. Please pickup your Volunteers' Form on weekends at all Masses, either from Sr. Linda or Sr. Nedy.

**Come and See - Xavieres  
Missionaries of Christ Jesus**

Saturday, April 21, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A one-day retreat for women between the ages of 20 and 35 years old. Come and share the life of the Xavieres sisters for one day, and discover more about your own calling. Please register before April 14 by contacting Sister Gabrielle at 647-343-3811



Thank you to the Daughters of Isabella for organizing the Paupers' Dinner last Holy Wednesday. Thank you to all parishioners who came to support the work of the Daughters.

**Update on the Squires**

The Squires of the Knights of Columbus of our parish have been given a name by the Supreme Council. Henceforth, they will be called St. John Berchman's Squires. St. John Berchman made kindness and courtesy as well as constant fidelity an important part of his holiness.

We invite young men, age 10 to 17 to consider becoming a member. This is a great opportunity to acquire leadership skills and establish new friendships. You will also make a difference as you serve the parish community and beyond.

The Pastoral Team wishes to say thank you to all volunteers, from the Altar servers to Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Musicians, Choir members, Arts and Environment, Children's Liturgy Committee, the Knights of Columbus, and the Daughters of Isabella for your time and talent during

the Holy Week. It takes much of preparation and execution of the various celebrations that without your assistance we would not be able to minister properly to the needs of our growing parish community. May the Good Lord return to you a thousandfold over your generosity of spirit.



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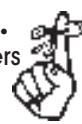


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