



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

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BUILDING BAKHITA AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

**Our Family of Faith Campaign has now raised
\$1,372,450
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 \$6,275



“The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. regardless of their religious beliefs or personal background, ShareLife agencies meet people where they are, treating them with the dignity and respect we all deserve.” —Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

Today is ShareLife Sunday – April 17, 2016 Thank you for your generosity. You can work wonders!

Mass Intention

Saturday (April 16)

5:00PM +Jose & Anne Skudutis, +Alfonso Tejido

Sunday (April 17)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM +Jose Barbosa

11:00 AM ++Isidro Sandiego

12:30 PM Open

Monday (April 18)

7:00 PM Special Intention of Esther O’Toole

Tuesday (April 19)

7:30 AM For the Friends and Benefactors of the Parish

Wednesday (April 20)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday, (April 21)

7:30 AM For the Parish Building Project

Friday (April 22)

7:00 PM + Open

Saturday (April 23)

9:00 AM +Peregrina Reyes

5:00 PM Open

To offer a Mass, you can use the form available on our parish website

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

The Church is not a community of the Perfect

At the Catechesis last Wednesday, the Holy Father, centred his reflection on the Gospel account of Jesus calling St. Matthew - a tax collector and a sinner - to be his disciple.

He said that by eating with the tax collectors and sinners, Jesus shows how even they can become disciples.

“Like the tax collector Matthew, every one of us relies on the Lord’s grace, despite our sins. We are all sinners. All of us have sinned.”

“The Church is not a community of the perfect, but of disciples on their way, who follow the Lord because they recognize they are sinners and need forgiveness.”

Pope Francis observed that those who are arrogant and proud are not able to recognize their need for salvation, thereby impeding their ability to see the “merciful face of God” and to act with mercy.

However, the Pope said Jesus is the “good doctor,” and there is no sickness he cannot cure.

God’s Word is “like a scalpel” which deeply penetrates us in order to “free us from the evil which lurks in our lives.”

“At times this Word is painful because it cuts into hypocrisy, unmasks false excuses, exposes the hidden truth.” However, it also “illuminates and purifies, gives strength and hope,” and restores us on “our journey of faith.”

Pope Francis spoke of the importance of the Eucharist as a “powerful remedy” which “renews the grace of our baptism.”

“Drawing near to the Eucharist, we nourish ourselves with the Body and Blood of Jesus, and yet, coming to us, it is Jesus who unites us with his Body!”

Turning to the prophet Hosea’s words on God’s desire for mercy and not sacrifice, the Pope said the Pharisees did not understand “God’s heart,” for they did not recognize the possibility of reformation and healing, trusting in the law over mercy.

“It was as though someone gave you a box with a gift inside and you, rather than looking for the gift, only looked at the paper in which it was wrapped: only the appearances, the form, but not the grace at the core, the gift which is given to everyone!”

Celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation

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

April 22 at 7 PM for St. Bernard

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)

We are looking for volunteers to our Vacation Bible School
If you are interested, please contact Fr. Mark or Cecilia.

OFFERING	
Offertory	\$ 2,682.00
Building fund	\$ 1,823.00
St. Peter’s Church	\$ 250.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 130.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Beads and Things	\$ 50.00
ShareLife	\$ 120.00
Stipend	\$ 300.00
Confirmation	\$ 2,020.00
Baptism	\$ 280.00
Total Offerings	\$ 7,955.00

Acts Canada Retreats

Women's Retreat – May 12-15, 2016

Men's Retreat – May 26-29, 2015

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
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This amazing retreat is a powerful and enduring personal conversion and renewal experience. Two separate retreats are offered. Men's retreat is led by men and women's retreat is led by women. Priests offer adoration, reconciliation and Masses. Retreatants agree it's a retreat like no other and can be life-changing.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:
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Celebrations of First Communion

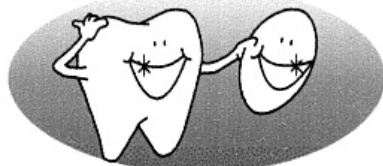
will be held at Merciful Redeemer on

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



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