

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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

*He Lives!*



*Alleluia, Alleluia!!*



### Children's Liturgy

Children from JK to Grade 5 are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during our Sunday Eucharist. Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

### MASS INTENTION

#### April 23 (Saturday)

7:30 PM For the Parish community

#### April 24 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish community

9:00 AM +Lidia D'Souza, +Hilda Rodrigues, +John Da Costa, +Filomena Crispo

11:00 AM +Robert Cameron Headrick, +Joe Furdado, +Teofilo Buenaventura, Special Intention of Maria Buenaventura & family

12:30 PM +Cesar Beley

#### April 25 (Monday)

9 AM Thanksgiving for Tessie Buena, Colin D'Souza

#### April 26 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM For the Parish community

#### April 27 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Mary Laitao

#### April 28 (Thursday)

7:45 AM For the Parish community

#### April 29 (Friday)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving for Susan & Joe Lobo

#### April 30 (Saturday)

9:00 AM For the Parish community

### Please note

**The Holy Mass on Monday**

**April 25, 2011**

**will be held at 9 AM**

**St. Peter's Mission Church**

### On the third day...

Every time we recite the creed, we declare that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. The phrase "on the third day" has a long and well established history in the Bible. The third day is traditionally the day of deliverance, of reversal, of victory snatched from the jaws of defeat or death. Recall the invitation the prophet Hosea extended to his contemporaries: "Come, let us return to the Lord...he will revive us after two days; on the third day, he will raise us up to live in his presence" (Hosea 6:1-2). On the third day, as Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac, God told him to spare the life of his son (Genesis 22:4). Joseph freed his brothers from the Egyptian prison on the third day (Genesis 42:18). On the third day, God appeared to the wandering tribes on Sinai (Exodus 19:11, 16). On the third day, David received the news that Saul, who was trying to kill him, had died (2 Samuel 1:2). The prophet Isaiah told Hezekiah that he would be healed from a grave illness on the third day (2 Kings 20:5). On the third day, when their situation seemed most hopeless, Esther initiated her plan for saving her fellow Jews (Esther 5:1). In the book of Jonah, freedom the belly of the great fish came on the third day (Jonah 1:17).

Given this rich and colourful history, it is not surprising that the early Christians were quick to describe Jesus' liberation from the grip of death in terms of the third day. The phrase "On the third day," therefore, served as a clarion call to God's people that God has reversed the finality of death. Jesus who was dead is vindicated and lives forever.

Today, on the third day after remembering Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross, we have reason to rejoice and celebrate. Christ's resurrection stands as a sure pledge of what each of us will eventually share. Christ's resurrection also signaled his dynamic and abiding presence among us everyday. For every day is the third day.

*Fr. Mark, Deacon Michael and Isabel, Sister Cristina, Sister Nancy, and Fatima wish all parishioners and friends a blessed Easter!*

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS THE RCIA AND RCIC NEOPHYTES

This Easter Sunday six catechumens and candidates are received in the Church, through the sacraments of Christian Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We welcome our brothers and sisters to our faith community here in St. Josephine Bakhita Parish:

Andre Kyei  
Dino Mustafa  
Susan Pereira

Charlotte Camara  
Theadora Matthew Crawsby  
Almas Parkar

**RCIA**  
The Rite  
of  
Christian Initiation  
of Adults



We thank their families who supported and encouraged them; their godparents and sponsors who are with them in this Journey of Faith to the Easter sacraments; the RCIA and RCIC teams for their generous sharing of their wisdom, time, and witnessing their Catholic Faith; the parishioners for their prayers and moral support. God bless you all.



**Vacation Bible School (VBS)  
is coming to Saint  
Josephine Bakhita Parish**

VBS is a unique opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children and their families. The activities offered are: Bible time, Arts and Crafts. Music, Games and more. It is scheduled from Monday through Friday (July 4-8, 2011) at 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. If you are interested please contact Sr. Neczy at 289-997-2105 or email: [srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.org](mailto:srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.org).

**You can work wonders!... ShareLife.**

Because of ShareLife, everyone in our region has access to a Catholic Family Services counseling office, regardless of their background. Housebound seniors receive care from Society of Sharing volunteers. ShareLife helps our brothers and sisters overseas through Development & Peace, Canadian Food for Children and the Pastoral Mission Fund. Immigrants and refugees are helped through Catholic Cross-Cultural Services and the Office for Refugees. Priests, deacons and religious workers are trained with ShareLife support at Serra House, Redemptoris Mater and St. Augustine's seminaries. With ShareLife, our community is a brighter, happier and safer place for us all.

**Current ShareLife Collection: \$6,114**

**Parish Goal for 2011: \$21,000**

2nd ShareLife collection – May 1, 2011

Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

*Remember to do your regular exercise and  
be ready to walk 5 km for our church!*

Our third St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Walkathon of Hope will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Through this walk, we hope to fundraise for our future Worship space. You can register and participate in the walk, donate, or gather donations and come out for a fun day! We will be walking a picturesque 5 km. The cost is \$10 to register, and all registered walkers receive a free t-shirt. After the walk we have a bbq lunch, face painting for the children, live music, entertainment. It should be fun for all. All donations to the cause will receive a tax receipt.

**Thank you for supporting our Building Fund  
\$543,095.92**

*Every donation you make, no matter how small and done regularly, will bring us closer to the \$5 Million target to start the construction of our new church.*

**GOOD BYE AND THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL**



With this beautiful and meaningful celebration of Easter, I express my heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Mark and the Pastoral Team, the volunteers in various ministries, and all parishioners of this great parish of ours.

I came to St. Josephine Bakhita's in September 2008, and I am leaving it in May 2011. The time in-between

is one of growth, spiritual renewal, challenges of every kind, memorable relationships, and a clearer understanding of the meaning of "mission". I have been privileged to be part of the very beginning of our parish, a history in the making. For this, I will ever be grateful.

Thank you, Fr. Mark, for having invited the Canossian Sisters to lay the foundation of SJBP with you. I will treasure my pastoral experience working and serving with you. I was able to do all that have been done and developed because of your trust, support, and ability "to think outside the box". I believe that what we have begun will continue to grow, because of the leaders and volunteers who love our parish with sincere hearts. We are truly blessed to have them.

Thank you, Deacon Barry and Sheila Woods, for your friendship and encouragement during my first months, showing me the "face of the Canadian Church". You taught me how to be proactive as I tried to "winterized" myself.

Thank you, Sr. Neczy, Fatima, Deacon Michael and Isabella, for being great partners in the ministry this year, I wish you God's bountiful blessing as you continue to serve His people in Mississauga.

Thank you, parish volunteers and parishioners for your time, talents and treasure. For welcoming me from the very start, and making me feel at home.

Lastly, I want to apologize for the hurts I may have caused you, due to my human weakness. I will leave with happy memories, as I assure you all of my prayers. As we celebrate a new season, I look forward to another springtime in my life as I move on to a new mission assignment. Please pray for me, my new community, and the people I will serve in the USA.

May St. Josephine Bakhita, our Universal Sister, keep us ever faithful to "whatever the Master desires".

I wish you all the peace and joy of the Risen Christ, now and always. Till we meet again.

Sr. Cristina Ovejera, FdCC



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