

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.ca

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. 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) 821-3256

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

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
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Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

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First Reconciliation/Eucharist	Chanel D'Mello		905-812-0891
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	7:30 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.



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, ICON OF GOD'S LOVE FOR HUMANITY

Vatican City, 2 April 2014 (VIS) - Pope Francis concluded his series of catechesis dedicated to the Sacraments by speaking about marriage. "A sacrament that leads us to the heart of God's plan, which is a plan of alliance with his People, with all of us, a plan of communion". To explain this, he quoted a phrase from the Book of Genesis: "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. - That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh". "The image of God is a married couple, man and woman, not only man, not only woman, but rather both.

This is the image of God: love, God's alliance with us is represented in the alliance between man and woman", he said.

"We were created to love, as a reflection of God and his love. And in matrimonial union the man and woman realise this vocation, as a sign of reciprocity and the full and definitive communion of life". When a man and a woman receive the Sacrament of marriage, "God is, so to say, 'mirrored' in them, he imprints in them the features and indelible nature of His love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us. Indeed, God too is communion: the three Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have always lived and live for ever in perfect unity. And this is the mystery of marriage: God makes married couples into one existence. The Bible uses a strong term: it says one 'flesh' only, so intimate is the union between man and woman in marriage. And this is the mystery of marriage: God's love that is reflected in the couple who decide to live together".

Francis mentioned that, in his Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul emphasizes that Christian married couples reflect the great mystery of the relationship that Christ establishes with the Church, which means that "marriage responds to a specific vocation and must be considered as a consecration. The man and woman consecrate themselves in their love. Married couples, thanks to the Sacrament, are invested with a genuine mission, that of making visible, starting with simple and ordinary things, the love Christ has for His Church".

"The plan inherent in marriage is a truly wonderful! It is expressed in the simplicity, and also the fragility, of the human condition. We are well aware of the many difficulties and trials there may be in the life of a married couple. ... The important thing is to keep alive the link with God, which is at the basis of the matrimonial bond. When a husband prays for his wife, and a wife for her husband, the bond remains strong; each one prays for the other. It is true that married life has many difficulties: work, there isn't enough money, there are problems with the children ... and often the husband and wife become irritable and argue amongst themselves. There are always arguments in marriages, and at times even plates are thrown. But we must not be sad about this: this is the human condition. And the secret is that love is stronger than the moments in which we argue, and I therefore always advise married couples never to let the day draw to an end without making peace. There is no need to call in the United Nations peacekeepers. A little gesture is enough: a caress, see you tomorrow, and tomorrow we start afresh. This is life, and we must face it in this way, with the courage of living it together. Married life is beautiful, and must be protected".

Congratulations to our First Communicants from St. Edith Stein School and St. Bernard School!

Mass Intention

Saturday (April 5)

5:00 PM Open

Sunday (April 6)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM +Suzett & Luis Lopes

11:00 AM +Romana Ramos,

Thanksgiving of Sia Family

12:30 PM Open

Monday (April 7)

7:00 PM Special intention of Roma Moreno

Tuesday (April 8)

7:30 AM For all our First Communicants

Wednesday (April 9)

7:00 PM For those who are hurting emotionally

Thursday (April 10)

7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Michelle Encarnacion

Friday (April 11)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (April 12)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors and their families

5:00 PM Open

Mass Offering can be arranged through Cecilia on the weekends or through the Parish Website or by calling the Parish Office.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,480,717

Architectural Fees

\$66,223.39

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,546,940.39

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project



APRIL 12 (Vigil of Palm Sunday)

5:00 PM Mass at St. Joan of Arc School

April 13 (Palm Sunday)

7:30 AM Mass at St. Peter's Mission Church
 9 AM, 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM Masses at St. Joan of Arc School

April 14 (Monday of Holy Week)

7:00 PM Mass at St. Peter's Mission Church

April 15 (Tuesday of Holy Week)

7:30 AM Mass at St. Joan of Arc School

April 16 (Wednesday of Holy Week)

7:00 PM Mass at St. Joan of Arc School
 Paupers' Meal at St. Joan of Arc School organized by the Daughters of Isabella

April 17 (Holy Thursday)

7:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet at St. Joan of Arc School
 9:00 PM to Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Peter's Mission Church

April 18 (Good Friday)

12:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Joan of Arc School
 3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Joan of Arc School
 7:00 PM Way of the Cross at St. Joan of Arc School (organized by the Youth Ministry)

April 19 (Holy Saturday)

Easter Vigil will begin at 7:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc School

April 20 (Easter)

6:15 AM Easter Sunrise Service (Morning Praise) followed by Coffee and Cookies at St. Peter's Mission Church
 7:30 AM Mass at St. Peter's Mission Church
 8:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish at St. Peter's Mission Church
 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM Easter Masses at St. Joan of Arc School

Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$3376.20
Building Fund	\$1687.60
St. Peter's Church	\$182.10
Wednesday Collection	\$97.00
Stipend	\$100.00
ShareLife	\$4993.55
Social Concern	\$25.55
Beads and Things	\$100.00
Total	\$10562.00

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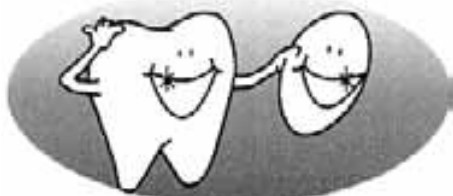
We have always tried to expose our deaf children to both communities. As their parents, we have talked to them and tried to answer their questions when they saw someone using sign language and they had basic sign language books. Then one day our oldest son, Ethan, said he would like to learn sign language. We discovered Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer camp and enrolled him in the program. The following year Gavin joined his older brother and they both want to go again. We also put our name in for the Family Communication program because we wanted to support our children. These opportunities increased the boys awareness of the deaf community and also helped them gain respect for different ways of communication. They enjoyed both experiences as did we. We all hope to take part in the Family program again. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

next shareLife sunday – May 11, 2014

Please give generously. you can work wonders!

BANNES

We are announcing the engagement of Ashley Fernandes & Sandra Baritto, who are intending to get married in Mumbai, India. If you know of any impediment for this marriage to proceed, please notify Fr. Mark as soon as possible. Thank you.



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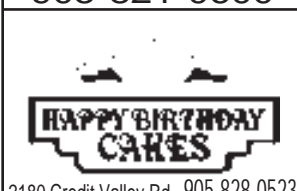
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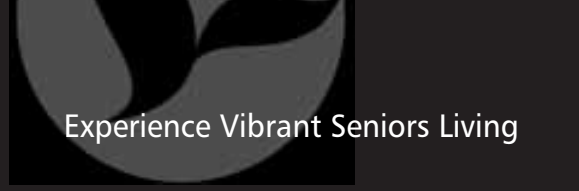
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