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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. 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

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Ms. Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	Financial Council	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz	Fundraising Committee	
Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	Building Committee	
	Serge Poirier	Chairperson	Rita Borg
Altar Servers	Deacon Gerry Steyn	St. Peter's Mission Church	
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	Suzanne Pereira		
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Arts & Environment	Ronald Pasajol	Hospitality	Frank Amegah
Youth Ministry	Cora & Boyer del Rosario		
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Home Visitation	James Amores	Daughters of isabella	Rita Venantius
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Sacramental Preparation		Couples for Christ	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	Legion of Mary	Cristina Manzanares
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.



Presentation of Letters of Request for the Sacrament of Confirmation

will be held at all Masses on the weekend of December 7 & 8 at all Masses

for candidates from St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

will held on the First Sunday of Advent at the 11 AM Mass

The rite that is called the rite of acceptance into the order of

catechumens is of the utmost importance. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates who have completed the period of the precatechumenate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church.

The Season of Advent is upon us!

be prepared, waiting, ready, with hearts wide open

Christmas Novena Mass will held at St. Peter's Mission Church starting December 15 to December 22 at 7 PM
The last day of the Novena December 23 will be held at St. Joan of Arc Secondary school at 7 PM followed by the Parish Christmas party



Ministry of Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Ministry invites you to help those less fortunate to celebrate Christmas with dignity and joy. We will be collecting gift cards for the St. Vincent de Paul Society who will aid local families with their needs. Please consider donating a gift card from a grocery, toy, or department store. Cards will be collected after all masses the next two weekends (Dec. 7-8th, Dec. 14-15th). Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Bottle Drive

The special Olympics of Ontario would like to Thank all parishioners in helping the Knights of Columbus collect bottles and cans that netted a profit of \$ 128.50 for our organisation.

Knights of Columbus will be holding a second Bottle & Can Drive in support of Sprcial Olympics of Ontario the weekend of January 11 & 12 , 2014.

100 % of all monies collected will be given to Special Olympics of Ontario.

With the Christmas season upon us , we ask all parishioners to keep all your empty bottles of Beer, wine, liquor and cans of beers and bring them on January 11, & 12.

Saturday January 11 parishioners can drop off their empties ar Sr Peter's between the hours of 12 noon and 3 PM

After all masses at St Joan of Arc Saturday after the 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday after the 9 AM ,11AM & 12:30 PM masses.

The Knights of Columbus thank you very much for your support.

Mass Intention

Saturday (November 30)

5:00 PM +Teresa Fernandez, +Antonio Menona, +Magdalene Anthicques

Sunday (December 1)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM Open

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Menaka De Silva, Thanksgiving of Marcia Buenaventura & family, +Teofilo

Buenaventura, +Pierre Fernandez, +Emerita Tadeom Elvira Geronimo,

+Alphonsa D'Souza

12:30 PM Open

Monday (December 2)

7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (December 3)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the family of Lourdes Garcisto

Wednesday (December 4)

7:00 PM+Res Pinto

Thursday (December 5)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the family of Colin & Sandra Braganza

Friday (Dcember 6)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (December 7)

9:00 AM For Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +Peter Rondeau

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

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\$1,398,984.58

Architctural Fees

\$52,444.68

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,451,429.26

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project



“There is a wrong way of looking at death”, he said. “Death affects all of us, and challenges us profoundly, especially when it touches someone close to us, or when it strikes the very young or defenceless in a way that appears 'scandalous' to us. I am always struck by the question, 'why do children suffer? Why do children die?'. If it is understood as the end of everything, death ... terrifies us; it is transformed into a threat that ... stops us in our tracks. This happens when we consider our life as a period of time closed between two poles, birth and death; when we do not believe in a horizon that goes beyond that of our present life; when we live as if God did not exist. This concept of death is typical of atheist thought, which interprets existence as a

matter of appearing in the world by chance and walking a path towards nothingness. But there also exists a form of practical atheism, which involves living only for one's own interests and for earthly goods. If we allow ourselves to be ensnared by this erroneous view of death, we have no choice other than that of evading death, denying it, or of trivialising it so that it no longer frightens us.

“But man's heart - the desire we all have for the infinite, our nostalgia for eternity – rebels against this false solution. And so what is the Christian meaning of death? If we look at the most painful moments of our lives, when we have lost someone dear to us ... we realise that, even in the drama of loss, there rises from the heart the conviction that it cannot all be over. ... There is a powerful instinct within us that tells us that our life does not end with death”.

“This thirst for life finds its true and reliable answer in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus not only gives us the certainty of life beyond death, but it also casts light on the mystery of the death of every one of us. If we live united with Jesus, faithful to Him, we will be capable of facing even the passage of death with hope and serenity”.

From this perspective, “we understand Jesus' invitation to always be ready and watchful in the knowledge that life in this world is given to us also in preparation for the other life, that with the celestial Father. And for this there is a sure way: preparing oneself well for death, staying close to Jesus in prayer, in the Sacraments and also in the practice of charity. Remember that He is present in the weakest and neediest among us. He himself identified with them, in the famous parable of the final judgement, when he says 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'. Therefore a sure way is to recover the meaning of Christian charity and fraternal sharing, curing the bodily and spiritual wounds of our neighbour”.

“Those who live with mercy”, he concluded, “do not fear death, because they face it directly in the wounds of their brothers, and overcome it with Jesus Christ's love”.

Offertory Collection	
November 17, 2013	
Offertory	\$2,823.70
Building Fund	\$832.50
St. Peter's Church	\$283.10
Wednesday Collection	\$96.75
Mass Stipend	\$200.00
Baptism	\$549.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$505.00
Missal	\$47.00
Social Concern	\$52.40
Humanitarian Relief	\$5,520.05
Total	\$10,909.50



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto

will be offering all day confession on December 11, 2013

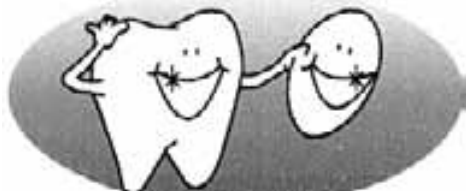
Fr. Mark has arranged with Fr. Vid for a spot at Merciful Redeemer Church to hear confessions from 3 PM to 6 PM.

Our Lady of All Saints' Praesidium invites everyone to join the Legion of Mary meets every Thursday evening at 7 PM St. Peter's Mission Church on the Ninth Line



Join us for the Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the Parking Lot of St. Joan of Arc School organized by Knights of Columbus on Saturday, December 7, 2013 after the 5 PM Vigil Mass.

Building Committee will meet at Rectory on Monday December 2, 2013 starting at 7:45 PM



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