



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.

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"So often, our own sins and encountering the love of from taking the steps renewed conversion. call the righteous, but Good Shepherd who the physician who sick. And one of his Resurrection was to



failings seem to be an obstacle in our Lord, preventing us towards authentic and Yet Jesus came not to sinners. He is the seeks out the lost, comes to heal the first acts after the entrust to the Church

the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." - Thomas Cardinal Collins.

Confessions during the Advent Season

will be held from 4 PM to 5 PM every Saturday at the Chapel

in other neighbouring Parishes

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

2300 Burnhamthorpe Road West, Mississauga

December 14: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

St. John of the Cross Parish

6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga

December 11: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Merciful Redeemer Parish

2775 Erin Centre Boulevard, Mississauga

December 12: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

December 13: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating

St. Francis Xavier Parish

Mississauga 5650 Mavis Road, Mississauga

December 14: 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Our Christmas Schedule

December 23/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Regular Sunday Schedule)

December 24 Christmas Vigil

5 PM, 7 PM, 8:30 PM 10:30 PM

December 25 Christmas Day

9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

Gift Cards for Christmas

We have partnered once again with St. Vincent de Paul Society at Merciful Redeemer to bring joy to families this Christmas who need help.

We encourage everyone to offer a gift card (of any amount). A box is provided at the door for you to drop your gift as you come in. Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intention

Saturday (December 9)

5:00 PM +Manuel Fonte

Sunday (December 10)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Theresa Mae Sol Cruz

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Nunez-Ferreira Family, Thanksgiving of Ian de Leon, +Caroline and Nicholas Alexander

12:30 PM +Michele DiLuca

Monday (December 11)

7:00 PM +Aloysius & Sabina Pinto, +Proceso Poliarco

Tuesday (December 12)

7:30 AM +Rolly Corrales and deceased relatives

Wednesday (December 13)

7:00 PM +Esmeralda Cardozo, +Eusebio and Lourdes Naluz

Thursday (December 14)

7:30 AM +Olga and John Coutinho and deceased relatives

Friday (December 15)

7:00 PM +Nicholas Fernando and deceased relatives

Saturday (December 16)

5:00 PM Open

If you want to offer Holy Mass for yourself or your Loved One, you can use the form on our parish website or contact Cecilia at the desk or at the parish office. Our Parish also accepts Mission Masses (also commonly known as unannounced masses). These Masses are offered by priests anywhere in the world. Please inquire at the desk.

Please continue to pray for our church building project, for the safety of all our construction workers.

Wish List

6 Feet Crucifix

We were able to identify a Corpus for our cross in the sanctuary that would be appropriate and reasonably priced. If you are interested to donate towards the acquisition of the corpus, please inquire from Fr. Mark.



14 Hand carved Stations of the Cross

If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of the 14 Stations of the Cross, each Station cost \$750. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Eve Falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year. Do I have to go to Mass twice in a row?

Christmas Eve could be confusing for Catholics this year. As well as being the standard day-before-Christmas, it is also falls on a Sunday. As per usual, Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on a Sunday, but the following day is also a Holy Day of obligation.

This may all seem straightforward so far – why not just go to Mass on Sunday then again the following day? However, there is a big complication: vigil Masses.

These Masses, which let you fulfil an obligation the evening before the feast day, are especially popular at Christmas. Many families with young children, for example, treat the Christmas Eve crib service as an annual tradition, thus keeping the following day free for all the other activities associated with Christmas. However, if those families go to a Christmas Eve vigil Mass this year, have they also fulfilled their Sunday obligation? The short answer is: NO.

What are possible options you can do?

- Option 1 Sunday Morning + Christmas Day
- Option 2 Sunday Morning + Christmas Vigil
- Option 3 Saturday Evening Vigil + Sunday Evening Vigil
- Option 4 Saturday Evening Vigil + Christmas Day

Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 3,270.90
Building Fund	\$ 4,508.15
Liturgical Fund	\$ 89.25
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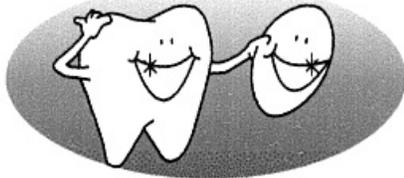
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Identity in Christ: Young Adult Retreat with the Sisters of Life & Fr. James Brent, OP
January 19-21
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A weekend retreat for men and women ages 18-35. Delving into questions like "Who am I?" this retreat offers an introduction to prayer, extended times of silence, Eucharistic adoration, Mass on Saturday and Sunday, opportunities for confession and talks given by the Sisters of Life and the Dominican Friars. Please enquire with the Sisters about venue **i n f o r m a t i o n . C O S T : B y donation CONTACT: The Sisters of LifePHONE: 416-463-2722 EMAIL: to ronto@sistersoflife.org**



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