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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	
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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.



Rejoice in the Lord always...
is the invitation for us to do today
as we passed the midpoint of our preparation
for the birthday of our Saviour.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bottle Drive

While celebrating this year's Christmas Festive Season with good cheer, food and drinks, the Knights of Columbus of our Parish are once again conducting an empty-bottle fund raising drive for Special Olympians. Special Olympians are those handicapped athletes who need to acquire customized gear in order to participate and compete in their sporting events. After having your entertainment, please donate whatever empty bottles you have, to promote this drive. Bring the bottles to St. Joan of Arc at any Mass between now and January 10th, 2015, and also inform any member of our Knights of Columbus when dropping off empties. Should there be more than three cases of 24 each, arrangements for pick-up can be made by calling: Claude Fernandes @ 905-286-0636 or 647-281-5847.

2015 Steubenville Youth Conference Toronto: Canadian Goan Christian Group (CGCG) subsidy

Canada's Largest Catholic Youth Conference, better known as Steubenville Toronto (ST 2015), will be back again in the GTA in 2015!

Who: Youth presently in grades 8 to 12 can attend ST 2015.

When: The conference will be held from August 7-9, 2015 (Friday noon - Sunday)

Where: The conference will be held at Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto. Hotel accommodation will be within 20 minutes walking distance of the Roy Thompson Hall Conference Centre.

What: The conference will have an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians, and entertainers in addition to Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, group discussions, etc.

Apply early to receive your CGCG Subsidy: To encourage the GAME (Goan, Anglo-Indian, Mangalorean, East-Indian) youth to participate in the 2015 ST conference, the CGCG will be offering a significant subsidy (\$200 for first child, \$250 for second and \$275 for third child of the same family). The regular price for the conference is \$325/youth. However, with the CGCG subsidy, GAME youth can participate in the conference at a greatly subsidized price of \$125 for one child, \$75 for the second child, and \$50 for the third child of the same family.

If there are any changes to your personal information (such as address change), please call Fatima at the parish office. Thank you.

Mass Intention

Saturday (December 13)

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado, +Peter Rondeau, +Ann & Justice D'Sousa, Proceso Poliarco, Thanksgiving of Pol & Cora Cruz

Sunday (December 14)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Fr. Joseph Fenech
11:00 AM +Richard Valere & Lina de Montbrun, +Marcelo Samaniego, +Jose Mendoza, Thanksgiving of Ian de Leon
12:30 PM +Eusebio & Lourdes Naluz, +Manuel & Maria Sousa

Monday (December 15)

7:00 PM For our Parish Community

Tuesday (December 16)

7:30 AM Deceased relatives and friends of Andrew & Flavia Fernandez

Wednesday (December 17)

7:00 PM For our Parish Community

Thursday (December 18)

7:30 AM +Deceased relatives and friends of A. Tee

Friday (December 19)

7:00 PM +Lilly Natalia Fernandes, +Lewis & Anne D'Mello, +Eva Whigan

Saturday (December 20)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado, +Olga Fernandes, +Alfredo & Antonio Fonseca, Thanksgiving of Nestor & Chiclette Masangkay

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\$1,582,109.08

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\$124,309.88

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,706,418.96

*Please remember to pray daily for
our church building project*

General audience: new series of catechesis on the family

Vatican City, 10 December 2014 (VIS) – Having concluded his catechesis on the Church, in today's general audience Pope Francis began a new series dedicated to the family, “a new cycle in this intermediate period between two Synod Assemblies dedicated to this important reality”. Before considering the different aspects of family life, Francis began by speaking about the Synod held last October on the theme “Pastoral challenges to the family in the context of new evangelisation”.

The Pontiff first praised the work of the Holy See Press Office during the Synod, and the good work accomplished by the media responsible for covering the assembly. He went on to mention the events and results of the assembly, and emphasised that at no point was there any form of censorship and that the Synod Fathers were entirely free to speak frankly. “The only think I asked of them was that they speak with sincerity and courage, and listen with humility”.

He explained that the Instrumentum laboris always remained the basis of all the interventions that took place, and that this document was the result of a previous consultation involving all of the Church. He remarked that “no intervention challenged the fundamental truths of the Sacrament of Marriage: indissolubility, unity, fidelity and openness to life”. All these interventions, in a second phase, were gathered together and gave rise to the Relatio post disceptationem or the post-discussion report, which was divided into three sections: listening to the context and the challenges to the family; looking steadily at Christ and the Gospel of the family, and comparison with pastoral perspectives. The third phase, the group discussions, followed this first approach at a summary. Finally, at the end of its work, each group presented a report and all the group reports were published immediately, “with transparency, so that what was happening was made known”.

Finally, a commission examined all the suggestions that emerged from the groups and the a Final Report was produced, maintaining the same structure as before – listening, looking to the Gospel and pastoral ministry – which was then sent to all the Episcopal Conferences worldwide to enable discussion prior to the Ordinary Assembly, scheduled for October 2015. As always, a Final Message from the Synod was approved, more concise and informative compared to the Report. The Holy Father remarked that the Synod Fathers “did not argue, but there were animated discussions. This is the freedom of the Church”, and added that there are three official Synod documents: the Final Message, the Final Report, and the Pope's concluding discourse. The Bishop of Rome emphasised that the Synod is not a parliament but rather a protected space that allows the Holy Spirit to intervene, and that now the work of prayer, reflection and fraternal discussion must continue in the particular Churches in preparation for the upcoming Assembly. “Let us commend it to the protection of the Virgin Mother, so that she may help us to follow God's will in making pastoral decisions that offer greater and better help to families”, he concluded.

Offertory Collection	
Offertory	\$3571.28
Building Fund	\$4465.02
St. Peter's Church	\$736.70
Wednesday Collection	\$146.00
Stipend	\$200.00
Sacramental Preparation	\$95.00
Beads and Things	\$100.00
Total	\$9314.00

Christmas Novena

December 15 to 22
7 PM St. Peter's Mission Church

December 23
7 PM St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School
followed by a Potluck Parish Christmas Party

Christmas Eve Mass

December 24
5 PM, 7 PM, 10:30 PM
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

December 24
9 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church

Christmas Day Mass

December 25
9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

December 26
Feast of St. Stephen
7 PM St. Peter's Mission Church



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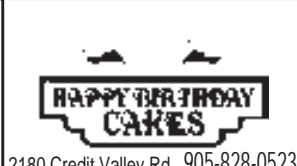


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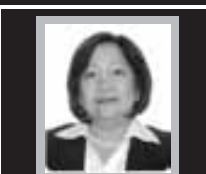
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