



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.

Schools

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3RD SUNDAY OF Advent

Confessions during the Advent Season

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

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!

Our Schedule of Christmas Masses

December 24, 2017 (Christmas Eve)
5 PM, 7 PM, 8:30 PM, 10:30 PM

December 25 (Christmas Day)
9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

December 26 (St. Stephen)
7:30 AM

December 27 (St. John, Apostle)
7 PM

December 28 (The Holy Innocents)
7:30 AM

December 29 (Octave of Christmas)
7 PM

Mass Intention

Saturday (December 16)

5:00 PM Open

Sunday (December 17)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Especiosa Antonio Manual, Cayetano Salema and deceased family members,
11:00 AM +Christopher Colaco, +Diego Ceniza
12:30 PM +Richard Valere & Lina de Montbrun, +Edgardo Nillo

Monday (December 18)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Fr. Mark, + Yip Chit Keong

Tuesday (December 19)

7:30 AM +Bella Martin

Wednesday (December 20)

7:00 PM +Molly Lobo, +Edgardo Nillos

Thursday, (December 21)

7:30 AM +Ben D'Souza

Friday (December 22)

7:00 PM +Florence Fernandes, +Zosima de Vera, Thanksgiving of Kathleen Carolasan

Saturday (December 23)

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.

Join Fr. Mark in thanking God for the gift of the priesthood (26th year) on Monday, December 18 at 7 PM Mass at the Chapel

Wish List

We will need Life Size Statues for our new Church. Just to give you an idea of what a life size restored statue of St. Joseph costs, for example, \$4000. We still need to identify a statue of our Patron Saint. Since she was recently canonized (the Year 2000), we have no option other than to either have her statue commissioned or import it from Italy. In the meantime if you wish to donate towards the purchase of the Statues, please send in your donations...a pledge form specifically for this purpose is available for you to fill. Thank you.



The installation of the Cross on top of the roof of the new church

As of press the, we are still waiting for Melloul-Blamey to notify us on the installation of the Cross. It will be held either on Tuesday or Wednesday (December 19 or 20). We will advise you as to the day and time in case you would like to see it hoisted on the roof.

As Christmas draws near...

When we sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" this Christmas season, please remember in your prayers the Christians of the Holy Land. To give you an idea of how our fellow Christians in Bethlehem are today, here is an excerpt of an article that was written by Michael Davis on Catholic Herald, dated December 11, 2017

In 2003, Israel began enclosing Bethlehem behind a 23-foot concrete wall. Its purpose was to keep suicide bombers from crossing out of the West Bank and into Israel during the Intifada. But even after the worst unrest settled, the wall kept growing. And Christians living in the town, who have never taken up arms against Israel, are suffering for it.

As Hanan Nasrallah, a Palestinian employee of the Catholic Relief Services, put it: "The separation wall... cuts family from each other. People get humiliated at checkpoints. People do not have many opportunities to improve their living standards. So, therefore, Christians who can afford to, are trying to leave this country."

It's not just families that are being split up, either. The wall also runs through the neighbouring village of Beit Jala, which is 80 percent Christian. Upon completion, it will cut off a Salesian monastery from its sister-convent and the rest of the local Christian community. The plight of Beit Jala's Christians prompted Cardinal Vincent Nichols to write a letter to William Hague in 2012, asking him to appeal to Tel Aviv directly. And this doesn't even touch on those Palestinian Christians displaced from their historic homes by encroaching settlements, or those terrorized by "price tag attacks" carried out by radical Israeli nationalists. These are not acts of the Israeli government, though it is the government's responsibility – both morally and under international law – to respect the rights of Palestinians, whatever their religion.

Sunday Collection

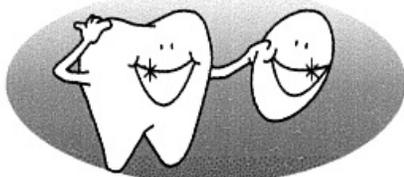
Offertory	\$ 3,376.75
Building Fund	\$ 1,077.95
Liturgical Fund	\$ 66.25
Stipend	\$ 170.00
Stations of the Cross	\$ 750.00
Consecration Candle Holder	\$ 1,350.00
Sanctuary	\$ 1,457.00
Total	\$ 8,247.95

Identity in Christ: Young Adult Retreat with the Sisters of Life & Fr. James Brent, OP January 19-21 Caledon

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 information. COST: By donation CONTACT: The Sisters of Life PHONE: 416-463-2722

Regarding the Opening of the new church

As of this date, we do not know when the church will be opened. I have been in conversation with our architect and the construction firm, they are of the opinion that the opening will most likely be in February next year. I know how excited you all are...Patience is a virtue. I think you will all agree with me that it is better to have the new church properly constructed than rushed and have all the headaches down the road... (Fr. Mark)



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