ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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WEBSITE: www.stjosephinebakhita.org

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6:00 PM

As the Master desires...

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.org

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.

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva Rev. Michael Ho Sr. Necy Guan, Fdcc Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdcc Mrs. Fatima Chan

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 exemplifed 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

SCHOOLS

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) 821-2606

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

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Deacon Pastoral Assistant Pastoral Assistant Secretary

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	Financial Council	
Children s Liturgy	Rory Agellon	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz		
Lectors	Tim Marchand	Fundraising Committee	
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Altar Servers	Hartoni Ashali		
Choirs	Jamie Marr	Building Committee	
	Suzanne Pereira	Chairperson	Rita Borg
	Raul Manzanares		
	Ronald Pasajol	St. Peter's Mission Church	
Arts & Environment	Cora & Boyer del Rosario	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
Youth Ministry	Jamie Lyn Venantius		
Social Concerns	Patricia Scire	Knights of Columbus	Tony Ciufo
			905-542-9883
Sacramental Preparation		Daughters of isabella	Rita Venantius
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-824-7223
RCIA	Roman Lim	Couples for Christ	Toti Quijano
First Reconciliation/Euch	arist Chanel D'Mello		905-567-3236
Confirmation	Clara Fernandes	Legion of Mary	Cristina Manzanares
			905-812-0891

	We celebrat	te Holy Mas	s 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	7:45 AM
Wednesday, Friday	7:00 PM

St. Peter's Mission Church Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES 7:00 PM Monday Saturday 9.00 AM

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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.



Children's Liturgy Children from JK to Grade 5 are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during our Sunday Eucharist.

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTION

December 3 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Show Reddy

December 4 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory, +Arruda family

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Menaka De Silva, +Richard Valere 12:30 PM Special Intention of Mary

Martinez, Thanksgiving of Rodel Marasigan

December 5 (Monday)

7:00 PM For the deceased members of Ostrea Family, +Hong Ling Akong

December 6 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM For the deceased members of Perel Family and Gomes Family

December 7 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Silvana Sciani

December 8 (Thursday)

7:45 AM For the deceased members of the Menezes family

December 9 (Friday) 7:00 PM +Elma Singson

December 10 (Saturday) 9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM+Huyen Nguyen & Cay Phom Families

UPDATE ON OUR BUILDING FUND

Our Building Fund Offering is this weekend December 3 and 4.

Our Total Building Fund is \$918,129.50

Thank you for your continued support.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Adopt-a-Family program is to assist families who are in need to have a good Christmas. In putting together a "basket," we focus on the Christmas meal and on gifts for family members. The list below provides you with some ideas to put into the basket:

Meal-related Items:

- Non-perishable items: potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, canned gravy, Christmas or cookies, Christmas pudding, juices, etc.
- Food voucher from Loblaws or Freshco to help purchase a turkey or fresh products such as milk, fruit, or vegetables.
- · Christmas treats such as shortbread, chocolates, candy, clementines.

Gifts:

- Unwrapped toys, books, games, gloves, socks, pajamas for the children, taking into account their ages (avoid giving violent toys/games)
- · Something for the parent(s) such as socks, scarves or a gift certificate
- · For teenagers: movie passes/vouchers for a music store
- Gift coupons for McDonalds, Tim Hortons or other local restaurant.

Other Ideas:

- Toiletries: soap, toothpaste, hand-cream, shampoo, hairbrush etc.
- · Cleaning supplies
- Bus passes
- · Magazines, books
- Christmas napkins, table cloth, candles, centerpiece
- · Wrapping paper for gifts

Can't sponsor a family but want to help?

• Gift certificates from Loblaws, Freshco, Erin Town Centre

Christmas Novena

Nine days before Christmas, a special evening Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Mission Church at 7 PM to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Birthday of the Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Theme for this year will be: "At the Supper of the Lamb"

DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2012



Your donation envelopes for 2012 are now ready for pickup at St. Joan of Arc School during our weekend Masses. Please be aware that many families in the parish share the same surname. Make sure you are getting the right box. For parishioners who regularly attend Mass at St. Peter's, please notify Fr. Mark or JC Cadieux if you wish to receive your box of envelopes at St. Peter's. We will bring these box of envelopes there for you to pickup. Thank you.

The New St. Joseph Sunday Missals

are available for purchase at \$3 per copy or \$5 for two copies.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you or anyone you know are interested in becoming a Catholic, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program is for you. Please contact Roman Lim or Sister Linda at the parish office.

Thank you to all parishioners who have supported our Bake Sale last weekend! Cookbooks from Credit Valley Hospital are for sale at the parish.

Have you ever thought of serving our parish as a volunteer?

There are tremendous possibilities for serving the Lord in our community. At the moment, we are looking for more Ushers. We are also looking for volunteers to assist in the Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. These are just some of the opportunities to make a difference! Contact Sister Linda or Fr. Mark if you are interested.



MINISTRY OF LECTORS

A meeting for lectors has been arranged Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 7 to 8:30 PM at St. Peter's Mission Church

Win Great Prizes!

Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2012. The Theme for this coming year is "We Will All Be Changed." (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58)

First prize is an iPad 2 (16 GB), second prize is an Amazon Kindle Fire and third to sixth prizes are a oneyear subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register.

Deadline for entries is January 9, 2012. Email your essay to <u>editor@catholicregister.org</u> or FAX it to 416-934-3409. For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404. Don't miss this opportunity!

Watch and Wait for the Lord this Advent with Salt + Light

Let Salt + Light be your daily retreat this Advent as you prepare your heart for Christmas.

Videos, reflections, schedules and more can be found at <u>saltandlighttv.org/advent</u>.

Salt + Light Availability: Bell TV – 654, Rogers – 240, Cogeco – 185 or online via live stream at www.saltandlighttv.org/live.

Distance Education – St. Francis Xavier University

St. Francis Xavier University offers programs and courses by distance education for adults seeking faith formation for personal and professional development.

Diploma in Ministry – Certificate in Spirituality – Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies – Certificate in Lay Ministry – Liturgical Foundations

For an information package please contact Ministry Programs Office, Continuing and Distance Education, St. Francis Xavier University toll free at 1-877-867-5562 or email <u>diplomainministry@stfx.ca</u>.

Wonderful Peace - St. Michael's Choir School

Saturday Dec 10, 2011 - 7:30pm Tickets - \$20 - \$40 Sunday Dec 11, 2011 - 3:00 p.m. Tickets - \$19 - \$38 Massey Hall, Toronto.

Peace on earth, good will to all! Celebrate Christmas as the 270 boys of St. Michael's Choir School blend holiday classics with songs of peace from around the globe. A tradition in Toronto for 74 years, the Choir School Christmas Concert at Massey Hall is sure to stir the soul and warm the heart. Enjoy timeless music for a peaceful world! For tickets and information please check www.christmasconcert.ca.

Right to Life Speech Contest

"What is a Person?" Speech Contest – sponsored by Toronto Right to Life Association. Write a speech that answers this question and the winner receives \$200. Contest is open to students from grades 9-12. Submission Deadline is December 23, 2011. For contest rules and details, call TRL at 416-483-7869 or visit www.righttolife.to.

Personality and Human Relations Workshops November - December 2011

St. Bernard's Convent, 685 Finch Avenue West, Toronto.

Become the person you are meant to be. The facilitator for both workshops will be Sr. Ursula Mdadane, C.P.S.

DECISION MAKING - Making good decisions. December 9-11, 2011 (one weekend) Friday – 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AND MY BEING - Finding meaning in Christmas. Tuesday, December 13, 2011 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

For more information please call St. Bernard's Convent at 416-630-3298, ext. 124, email <u>um29@ymail.com</u>.

What Sweeter Music – A Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 10, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga.

A Christmas Concert for the whole family under the direction of Mervin Fick, Artistic Director of the Mississauga Choral Society. Share in the magical spirit of Christmas as we hear beautiful carols tell the story of the night that changed the world forever. In addition to the prepared program, the choir members and musicians will invite the audience to join them in singing

traditional choruses of the Christmas season. Tickets: Adults \$20, Children 6-12, \$10 available from St. Francis Xavier Parish office, at 905-890-5290.

The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, the Pre-Authorized Form of Giving has been designed to assist you in your giving.

Join the Eighty (80) families in our parish who have chosen this method of supporting the parish.

Pre-Authorized Forms are available at the desk.

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