

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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



We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

3801 Thomas Street,
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Friday 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Mission Church

Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Solemn Vespers and Benediction every First Friday 7:30 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" (Pope John Paul II) and "Model of Hope for the twenty-first century" (Pope 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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Mark Achilles Villanueva **Pastor**
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdccc **Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation**
Sr. Necy, Guan, Fdccc **Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth**
Fatima Chan **Parish Secretary**

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator Anusha De Silva
Children's Liturgy Rory Agellon
Children Religious Education Chanel D'Mello
Eucharistic Ministers Max de la Cruz
Lectors Tim Marchand
Ushers Miguel Basurto
Altar Servers Joanna Aguilar
Social Concerns Patricia Scire
Choirs Jamie Marr
Raul Manzanares
Suzanna Pereira
Ronald Pasajol
Cora and Boyer del Rosario

Church's Environment

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson Tel de la Cruz

PARISH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Roman Lim

ST. PETER'S MISSION

Chairperson JC Cadieux

Knights of Columbus Tony Ciuffo - Tel. 905-542-9883
Daughters of Isabella Rita Venantius - Tel. 905-824-7223
Couples for Christ Toti Quijano - Tel. 905-567-3236
Legion of Mary Cristina Manzanares - Tel. (905) 812-0891

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. or any time by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a baptismal form and submitted to the parish office. The baptismal form is available at the parish office, after all our weekend Masses at the school, or from our website. Once the parish office receives the form, the pastor will set up the appointment to process your application.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. A marriage course is required. The pastor will arrange the wedding ceremony with Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan and celebrate the funeral, please contact the parish office. We will celebrate the Funeral liturgy either at Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church.

Elementary Schools

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St. Edith Stein
Tel. (905) 824-5777
St. Simon Stock
Tel. (905) 785-7434
St. Faustina
Tel. (905) 821-2607

Secondary School

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

All new parishioners are welcome. Registration forms are available at the entrance to our worship space on the Weekends. You can also register online at

www.stjosephinebakhita.org

Please do not forget to request for your box of Sunday Envelopes.



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 11 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Ruben Esteron

December 12 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Clara Babich Vidoris,
11:00 AM +Sabina and Aloysius
Pinto, Thanksgiving of Ian de Leon
12:30 PM Open

December 13 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Dora Lopez

December 14 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM +Belen King

December 15 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Sister
Cristina, +Dolores Villavicencio

December 16 (Thursday)

7:00 PM Open

December 17 (Friday)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Maria
Alcon, Bess Cruz, and Alma
Acyatan

December 18 (Saturday)

9:00 AM +Marie D'Souza

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Mark will be available to hear your confession thirty minutes before any Mass throughout the season of Advent or at any time by appointment.

Our neighboring parishes also have scheduled confession.

Merciful Redeemer Parish is having one on the evening of December 15.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Starting on December 15, our parish community will celebrate the Nine Days of Preparation to Christmas with a festive Holy Mass. The days leading to the birthday of the Savior are busy days: lots of running around, shopping, parties to attend, cleaning and cooking. We can be so absorbed in all the activities that it is easy for anyone to lose sight of the true reason for this season. At some point, we need to slow down. We need to quiet ourselves. We need to reflect on the significance of the Christ child sleeping in a manger. The practice of going to Mass for nine days is an excellent way of calming ourselves and preparing meaningfully to celebrate this feast.

Going for Mass for nine consecutive days leading to Christmas Eve was brought to the Philippines from Mexico in the sixteenth century by Spanish missionaries. It has been preserved, enriched, and sustained in the Philippines for almost five hundred years. Many Filipinos have migrated in various parts of the world and just like the Spanish missionaries, they brought this noble tradition with them to their adopted countries. The nine days was traditionally called Misa de Aguinaldo (Mass of the gift), for God has given to us his most cherished possession, Jesus. The Misa de Aguinaldo was and still is our way of thanking God for this special gift. This is the least we can do. In fact, the Church teaches us that the Holy Mass is actually the highest form of gratitude.

Parents who are expecting the birth of their child are often joyful and full of excitement. We can easily imagine what was going on with Mary as she awaited the birth of her son. The Masses on these nine days permit us to join her in this waiting. For this reason, the Masses are celebrated as solemn votive Masses in her honor.

During Advent, the Church does not sing the "Gloria" unless the day happens to be a solemnity, as for example, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Concepcion on December 8. The Misa de Aguinaldo is celebrated with great solemnity, with the singing of the "Gloria", in white vestments, and with Christmas carols and festive ornamentations, and fellowships after each Mass, in contrast with the subdued character of the Advent season.

As we prepare for the birthday of the Savior, may the faith and devotion of Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of Charity, inspire us to receive in our hearts and in our homes God's greatest gift. Let us keep her company through prayer, reaching out to our neighbor, especially those who are most in need. When the angel Gabriel departed from her, Mary left in haste to assist her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant with John in her old age. We are told that Mary stayed with Elizabeth until she recovered from her childbirth. This example of Mary compels us to forget ourselves for the sake of others. As we join her in the spirit of self-giving, may the Blessed Mother accompany us as we journey toward the fulfillment of all God's promises, especially for peace in our communities and throughout the whole world.

At the end of the Novena, December 23, we encourage you to bring to church your lantern and the infant Jesus for your Nativity creche to be blest.

The relic of Mother Bakhita will visit the homes of:

December 12 to 18 Chanel and John D'Mello
December 19 to 25 Diana and Mark Pinto
December 26 to January 1 Cora and Boyer del Rosario

VOLUNTEER SCREENING

As part of effort to reach out to all, our parish community is committed to provide a safe environment in all areas of our parish life and especially our ministry to the most vulnerable. A committee has been organized to oversee the screening of all volunteers. They will begin with the volunteers, who are involved in High Risk ministries, such as Children's Liturgy, Money Counters, and the like. We ask the cooperation of all Ministry Heads and their members to coordinate with the Volunteer screening committee to speed up the process. For more information, please contact Anusha or Sr. Cristina.

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**Parish Christmas Party**

On December 23 after the 7:00 PM Novena Mass, All Parishioners are invited for a potluck, songs, and many more at the cafeteria of St. Joan of Arc Secondary to celebrate the birthday of the Savior.

St. Josephine Bakhita Youth Ministry
invites you to . . .

**The Bakhita Christmas
Bonanza**

Grades 7 - 12

Sunday, Dec. 19th, 2010, 2:30 – 4:30pm

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Social Concerns Ministry!



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If you own Envelope Box numbers 373, 470, 606, and 764
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CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Nine Days of Masses in Preparation for the Solemnity of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ will be held at St. Peter's Mission Church on the Ninth Line, 7 PM, except on the last day of the novena.

December 15 (Wednesday)

Theme: The God who speaks

December 16 (Thursday)

Theme: Our response to the God who speaks

December 17 (Friday)

Theme: Mary, "Mother of God's Word" and "Mother of Faith"

December 18 (Saturday)

Theme: The Word of God in the Sacred Liturgy

December 19 (Sunday)

Theme: The prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture

December 20 (Monday)

Theme: The Word of God as the source of the Church's mission

December 21 (Tuesday)

Theme: The Word of God and practical charity

December 22 (Wednesday)

Theme: The Word of God and culture

December 23 (Thursday)

The venue will move to St. Joan of Arc Secondary School, same time, and after the Mass, the Parish community is invited to stay for fellowship until 11:00 PM.

Theme: The Word of God in a multicultural and multi-faith society

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 24 (Friday) Christmas Eve

5:00 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

7:00 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

8:30 PM St. Peter's Mission Church

10:15 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

December 25 (Saturday) Christmas Day

9:00 AM St. Joan of Arc Secondary school

11:00 AM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

12:30 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

December 26 (Sunday) Holy Family

7:30 AM St. Peter's Mission Church

9:00 AM St. Joan of Arc School

11:00 AM St. Joan of Arc School

12:30 PM St. Joan of Arc School

December 27 (Monday) St. John the Apostle

9:00 AM St. Peter's Mission Church



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