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

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Ms. Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

MINISTRIES

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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.



Presentation of Lambs

will be held at all Masses on the weekend of December 14 & 15 at all Masses for First Communion Students of St. Edith Stein, St. Bernard, Parish Religion Class

Ministry of Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Ministry invites you to help those less fortunate to celebrate Christmas with dignity and joy. We will be collecting gift cards for the St. Vincent de Paul Society who will aid local families with their needs. Please consider donating a gift card from a grocery, toy, or department store. Cards will be collected after all masses the next two weekends (Dec. 7-8th, Dec. 14-15th). Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Novena and Christmas Schedule of Holy Mass at the Parish

This year, the Reflections at the Novena Masses in preparation for Christmas will be devoted to the first Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis "Evangelii Gaudium" (The Proclamation of the Gospel in today's world). The Apostolic Exhortation is available for free at the Vatican Website (www.vatican.va).



The Novena Mass will be held at St. Peter's Mission Church starting on December 15 to the 22nd at 7 PM. The last day of the Novena, December 23 will be celebrated at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School at 7 PM followed by a Parish Fellowship.

Please note that the evening Masses scheduled at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Chapel during the Novena Masses are cancelled. Please join us instead at St. Peter's Mission Church

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Mass will be celebrated at 5 PM, 7 PM and 10:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School
Mass will also be celebrated at 9 PM at St. Peter's Mission Church

December 25 (Christmas Day)

Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School
There will be no 7:30 AM Mass at St. Peter's Mission Church

December 26 (Feast of St. Stephen)

Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM at St. Peter's Mission Church
The Parish Office will be closed for the day

December 27 (Feast of St. John)

Mass will be celebrated at 7 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Chapel

December 28 (Feast of the Holy Innocents)

Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM at St. Peter's Mission Church

Mass Intention

Saturday (December 14)

5:00 PM +Guadalupe & Renato Velayo, Francis, Emiliana, Felix & Henry Tan

Sunday (December 15)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM Open

11:00 AM +Richard Valere, Lina de Montbrun, +Domingo Estrada, +Jose Mendoza, Marcelo Samaniego, Thanksgiving of Tadeo Family

12:30 PM Open

Monday (December 16)

7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (December 17)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the family of Cecile & Robert Pangilinan

Wednesday (December 18)

7:00 PM+Res Pinto

Thursday (December 19)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the family of Denver Monteiro

Friday (December 20)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (December 21)

9:00 AM For our parish benefactors and their families

5:00 PM Open

The Novena Mass in preparation for Christmas will be offered for all families in the parish.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,406,323.43

Architectural Fees

\$52,444.68

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,458,768.11

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project



“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus”; thus begins the Apostolic Exhortation “Evangelii Gaudium”, by which Pope Francis develops the theme of the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world, drawn from, among other sources, the contribution of the work of the Synod held in the Vatican from 7 to 28 October 2012 on the theme “The new evangelization for the transmission of the faith”. The text, which the Holy Father consigned to a group of thirty-six faithful following the closing Mass of the Year of Faith last Sunday is the first official document of his pontificate, since the Encyclical “Lumen fidei” was written in collaboration with his predecessor, Benedict

XVI. “I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come”, he continues. It is a heartfelt appeal to all baptized persons to bring Christ’s love to others, “permanently in a state of mission”, conquering “the great danger in today’s world”, that of an individualist “desolation and anguish”.

The Pope invites the reader to “recover the original freshness of the Gospel”, finding “new avenues” and “new paths of creativity”, without enclosing Jesus in our “dull categories”. There is a need for a “pastoral and missionary conversion, which cannot leave things as they presently are” and a “renewal” of ecclesiastical structures to enable them to become “more mission-oriented”. The Pontiff also considers “a conversion of the papacy”, to help make this ministry “more faithful to the meaning which Jesus Christ wished to give it and to the present needs of evangelization”. The hope that the Episcopal Conferences might contribute to “the concrete realization of the collegial spirit”, he states, “has not been fully realized”. A “sound decentralization” is necessary. In this renewal, the Church should not be afraid to re-examine “certain customs not directly connected to the heart of the Gospel, even some of which have deep historical roots”.

A sign of God’s openness is “that our church doors should always be open” so that those who seek God “will not find a closed door”; “nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason”. The Eucharist “is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak”. These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness”. He repeats that he prefers “a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church ... concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us ... it is the fact that many of our brothers and sisters are living without ... the friendship of Jesus Christ”.

Spirited Conversations – Regis College

Regis College Windows on Theology Continuous Learning Series continues in January. Spirited Conversations II will introduce and employ the art of spiritual conversation to explore challenging issues in the dialogue between religion and contemporary society. The course will be offered by Regis College professors and students for eight weeks in the new year, beginning January 15 and costs \$175. Topics include Beauty, Eucharist, Ethics, Truth, Dialogue, Imagination, Spirituality, and Love.

For more information and online registration, please visit www.regiscollege.ca/windows_on_theology or call 416-922-5474, ext. 221.

Offertory Collection	
November 17, 2013	
Offertory	\$3,536.70
Building Fund	\$3,000.00
St. Peter’s Church	\$285.50
Wednesday Collection	\$98.45
Mass Stipend	\$120.00
Aboriginal	\$1,328.00
Social Concerns	\$39.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$1,040.00
Pilgrimage	\$2,000.00
From the box	\$33.35
Total	\$11,481.00

Bottle Drive

The special Olympics of Ontario would like to Thank all parishioners in helping the Knights of Columbus collect bottles and cans that netted a profit of \$ 128.50 for our organisation.



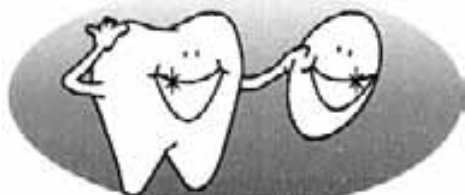
Knights of Columbus will be holding a second Bottle & Can Drive in support of Sprcial Olympics of Ontario the weekend of January 11 & 12 , 2014.

100 % of all monies collected will be given to Special Olympics of Ontario.

With the Christmas season upon us , we ask all parishioners to keep all your empty bottles of Beer, wine, liquor and cans of beers and bring them on January 11, & 12. Saturday January 11 parishioners can drop off their empties ar Sr Peter's between the hours of 12 noon and 3 PM After all masses at St Joan of Arc Saturday after the 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday after the 9 AM ,11AM & 12:30 PM masses. The Knights of Columbus thank you very much for your support.

Please support our Squires by purchasing the Car Magnet that reminds people to put Christ in Christmas.

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