

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
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdccc
Sr. Necy, Guan, Fdccc
Fatima Chan

Pastor
Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation
Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth
Parish Secretary

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator
Children's Liturgy
Children Religious Education
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Ushers
Altar Servers
Social Concerns
Choirs

Anusha De Silva
Rory Agellon
Chanel D'Mello
Max de la Cruz
Tim Marchand
Miguel Basurto
Joanna Aguilar
Patricia Scire
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

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Legion of Mary

Tony Ciuffo - Tel. 905-542-9883
Rita Venantius - Tel. 905-824-7223
Toti Quijano - Tel. 905-567-3236
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

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) 821-2607

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 4 (Saturday)

5:00 PM For the Parish Community

December 5 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM +Clara Babich Vidoris,
Melecio Capillo Sr.

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Menaka

De Silva, +Anton Dinesh & Victoria

12:30 PM +Honling Akong

Thanksgiving of Rosario Lopez

December 6 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Dora Lopez

December 7 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

December 8 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

December 9 (Thursday)

7:45 AM For the benefactors of the parish

December 10 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

December 11 (Saturday)

9:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Confirmation

Our confirmation candidates will present their Letters of Request to Fr. Mark and the community on the following dates:

For candidates from St. Bernard, St. Edith Stein, Public and Private Schools: December 4 & 5 at all Masses.

For candidates from St. Faustina and St. Simon Stock Schools: December 11 & 12 at all Masses.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

God has spoken His word in various ways: in creation, through the prophets, the birth, death, and resurrection of the Son of God, the preaching of the apostles, the scriptures, and the continuing guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. *In all of these*, the Holy Father points out, *the Church gives voice to her awareness that with Jesus Christ she stands before the definitive word of God: he is "the first and the last" (Rev. 1:17).*

By now, many are starting to decorate their homes with a Nativity creche. The origin of the nativity creche is traced to St. Francis of Assisi, who in 1223 visited the small town of Greccio. Realizing that the chapel was too small for Midnight Mass, St. Francis found a niche in the rock near the town square to set up the altar. But this Midnight Mass would be unlike any other Midnight Mass. St. Bonaventure tells us that St. Francis, after obtaining the necessary permissions, *prepared a manger, and brought hay, and an ox and an ass to the place appointed. The brothers were summoned, the people ran together, the forest resounded with their voices, and that venerable night was made glorious by many brilliant lights and sonorous psalms of praise.* St. Francis stood before the manger, full of devotion and piety, bathed in tears and radiant with joy. He carried the image of the baby Jesus in his arms as he spoke to the people and tenderly placed it in the manger as if he would awake him from sleep. I suggest that we do the same as we stand before the nativity scene. Pope Benedict XVI in his post synodal exhortation on the Word of God reminds us: *The Son himself is the Word, the Logos: the eternal word became small - small enough to fit into a manger. He became a child, so that the word could be grasped by us. Now the word is not simply audible; not only does it have a voice, now the word has a face, one which we can see: that of Jesus of Nazareth.*

Prayer for Advent and Christmas

O merciful God, we thank you for Advent and Christmastime, and all that it means to us.

When Jesus, your divine Son, came into this world, He came into a humble home. He had to grow up and learn like any other boy. When He grew to manhood He did always a good day's work as the carpenter in the village shop of Nazareth. He was tempted and grew tired, was hungry and sad, just as we are. For all this we thank you, O Lord.

He was always one in all things with us. He truly shared this life with its struggles and its toils, its sorrows and its joys, its trials and its temptations. He knew what is to live in a home circle, to earn a living, just as we do, to know friendship and the failure of friends, just as we know it. For all this we thank you; for the service of His life, the love of His death and the power of His resurrection.

Grant, O God, that when He comes to us. He may find that there is room in our hearts for Him, that the joy of this season may enter into our hearts and abide there for evermore. Amen.

The relic of Mother Bakhita will visit the homes of:

December 5 to 11 Elsa and Victor Torrejon

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

Social Concerns "Sponsor a Person in Need for Christmas" and Food Drive

Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone and with this in mind we are calling on the parishioners to help make someone else's Christmas special. We have people in our community who need our help this Christmas. If you have the means to help and would like to sponsor someone in need please see the Social Concerns Members in the hall after mass to sign up. If you can't help that way a simple donation to the food drive either as a food donation or a grocery gift card would also be greatly appreciated. Please check expiry dates on food. All donations and sponsored gifts are due by Dec. 12 at the end of the 12:30 mass. Thank you in advance for answering the call for help of those who most need it this Advent Season.

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

The Daughters of Isabella will be holding a Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale on December 11 & 12 at all the Masses at St. Joan of Arc School. They will also be raffling a very nice gift that weekend. Parishioners who wish to donate bake goods for this sale are welcomed. Please contact Rita Venantius at (905) 824-7223.



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.

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!



Your Box of Envelopes for 2011
are ready for pickup at the Hallway.

If you own Envelope Box numbers 373, 470, 606, and 764
please see Fr. Mark after the Mass.

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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)

Please note that this special Mass on Sunday evening is not a Sunday Mass

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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