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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. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-3256

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

PASTORAL TEAM

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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Sacramental Preparation		Couples for Christ	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	Legion of Mary	Cristina Manzanares
First Reconciliation/Eucharist	Chanel D'Mello		905-812-0891
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.

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Advent Masses at the Catholic Schools

December 10 at 7 PM St. Simon Stock Catholic Elementary School (They will be joining the Parish Community on our regular Wednesday Evening Mass at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School)

December 11 at 7 PM at St. Faustina Catholic Elementary School

Christmas Novena

December 15 to 22 at 7 PM St. Peter's Mission Church

December 23 at 7 PM followed by Potluck Christmas Party for the whole Parish at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

Schedule of Christmas Masses

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

5 PM, 7 PM, and 10:30 PM St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School
9 PM St. Peter's Mission Church

December 25 (Christmas Day)

9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bottle Drive

While celebrating this year's Christmas Festive Season with good cheer, food and drinks, the Knights of Columbus of our Parish are once again conducting an empty-bottle fund raising drive for Special Olympians. Special Olympians are those handicapped athletes who need to acquire customized gear in order to participate and compete in their sporting events. After having your entertainment, please donate whatever empty bottles you have, to promote this drive. Bring the bottles to St. Joan of Arc at any Mass between now and January 10th, 2015, and also inform any member of our Knights of Columbus when dropping off empties. Should there be more than three cases of 24 each, arrangements for pick-up can be made by calling: Claude Fernandes @ 905-286-0636 or 647-281-5847.

Mass Intention

Saturday (December 6)

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado, +Ruben Esteron, +Helena Floriano, Thanksgiving of Victoria Paculaba,, Thanksgiving of Furtado Family

Sunday (December 7)

7:30 AM +Joe Kanics
9:00 AM For the parish community
11:00 AM +William Isaac Pereira
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Flavia & Andrew Fernandes, Thanksgiving of Ayala family

Monday (December 8)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Liz Bryan

Tuesday (December 9)

7:30 AM Deceased relatives and friends of Belen Tomada

Wednesday (December 10)

7:00 PM St. Simon Stock School Community

Thursday (December 11)

7:30 AM +Deceased relatives and friends of B. Laurente

Friday (December 12)

7:00 PM +Aloysius & Sabina Pinto

Saturday (December 13)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado, +Peter Rendeau, Thanksgiving of Pol & Cora Cruz

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

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\$1,570,906.34

Architectural & other Fees

\$124,309.88

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,695,216.22

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

General audience: Francis' trip to Turkey

Vatican City, 3 December 2014 (VIS) – Pope Francis dedicated the catechesis of this Wednesday's general audience to his recent visit to Turkey, a land dear to many Christians for being the birthplace of the apostle Paul, hosting the first seven councils, and for the presence, near Ephesus, of the “House of Mary”. In the same way as he asked the faithful, before his journey, to accompany him in prayer, today he asked them to give thanks to the Lord for the success of the trip and to pray that it might bear the fruit of dialogue in our relationship with our Orthodox and Muslim brothers, and in the path towards peace among peoples.

Francis spoke first of his meeting with the authorities on Friday 29, thanking them for the care and respect with which they greeted him. In a constitutionally secular country with a Muslim majority, the Pope noted that it is oblivion to God and not His glorification that engenders violence, and insisted before the leaders of the nation on the importance of concerted efforts between Christians and Muslims for solidarity, peace and justice, reaffirming the need for States to guarantee real freedom of worship to citizens and religious communities.

On the second day, the Pope visited the Museum of Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and the Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, highly symbolic places for the different religions that co-exist in Turkey. “I did so, feeling within my heart the wish to invoke the Lord, God of Heaven and Earth, merciful Father of all humanity”. The central event of the day was the Mass held in the Cathedral, attended by pastors and faithful of the various Catholic rites in Turkey, along with representatives of other confessions, to invoke together the Holy Spirit, “who builds the unity of the Church: unity in faith, unity in charity, unity in internal cohesion”, so that the People of God, “in the richness of their traditions”, may grow in openness and obedience to His divine action”.

The feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, patron of the Church of Constantinople, on 30 November, offered the ideal context for consolidating the fraternal relations between the Bishop of Rome and the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomaios I, who renewed their joint commitment to the path of re-establishing full communion between Catholics and Orthodox, and signed a Joint Declaration which represents a significant step along the way. Francis expressed his joy at having participated in the Divine Liturgy and for the dual blessing imparted by the Pope and the Patriarch at the end. “Prayer is the foundation of any fruitful ecumenical dialogue under the guidance of the Holy Spirit”. The Holy Father's final meeting, of which he spoke with emotion, was with a group of young refugees from the war zones of the Middle East, under the care of the Salesians. “It was very important for me to meet them”, he said, “both to express my closeness and that of the Church, and to highlight the importance of hospitality; a value to which Turkey is committed”. The Pope again thanked the country for its work in this field, praised the Salesians for their work with the young refugees, and concluded by again asking all those present to pray for refugees and internally displaced people, and for the removal of the causes of this “painful scourge”.

Offertory Collection	
Offertory	\$3503.65
Building Fund	\$1500.00
St. Peter’s Church	\$198.35
Wednesday Collection	\$86.00
Stipend	\$155.00
Shepherds Trust	\$50.00
Baptism	\$199.00
Total	\$5692.00

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 8 at 7 PM
St. Peter’s Mission Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession)
 December 10, 2014
 from 9 to 11 AM
 Merciful Redeemer Church

from 6 PM to 7 PM
 St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

from 6 to 8 PM
 St. John of the Cross Parish

from 10 AM to 12 PM
 7 to 9 Pm
 St. Joseph’s Parish

From 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
 From 3 PM to 5 PM
 from 7 PM to 9 PM
 St. Ignatius of Loyola

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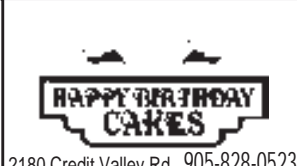
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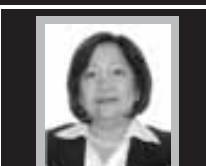
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