



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Catholic
Secondary School
3801 Thomas Street
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 AM
Wednesday, Friday 7 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church
Ninth Line, north of Britannia Rd.

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 7:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 PM
Saturday 9 AM

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena every Wednesday
following the 7 PM Mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
every Friday after the 7 PM
Mass

Solemn Vespers and
Benediction every First Friday
7:30 PM

Pastoral Team

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| Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva | Pastor |
| Rev. Michael Ho | Deacon |
| Rev. Gerry Steyn | Deacon |
| Cecilia Vaz | Administrative Assistant |

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6 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 for the Twenty-first Century" (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 man and woman, 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 parishioner are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a Baptismal Request Form available in our parish website.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the pastor one year in advance. A marriage course is required. For additional information, please contact the pastor.

Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan for the funeral, please contact the pastor.

Schools

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
St. Edith Stein
St. Faustina
St. Simon Stock
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| OFFERINGS | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory | \$ 5,150.25 |
| Building Fund | \$ 2,937.25 |
| Liturgical Fund | \$ 200 |
| Stipend | \$ 252 |
| Pew | \$ 310 |
| Stations of the Cross | \$ 250 |
| Marian Altar | \$ 769.50 |
| CBW III | \$ 620 |
| Sanctuary Light | \$ 100 |
| Total | \$10,864 |

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the Way of the Cross every Friday throughout the Lenten season following the 7 PM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Half an hour before every Mass throughout the Lenten Season

2018 Lift Jesus Higher Rally

March 3, 2018 starting at 9:00 am
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
255 Front St. W., Toronto

The theme of this year's rally is "Fire on the Earth" (Luke 12:49). Featuring: Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield; an adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated Bishop Scott McCraig; a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. COST: \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth PHONE: 416-251-4255 or 905-270-2510.

Sanctuary Light

If you wish to light a 5-day candle on our sanctuary lamp, the donation is \$20

Wish List for the Church

These items can be sponsored by one individual or group of individuals. Donation can be given in full or by installment.

- The Catholic Book of Worship that you have in the pews are not fully paid. About 150 books have been spoken for. If you wish to sponsor a copy or several copies, the cost is \$22 per copy.
- We got a good deal for the chairs that we need for the Parish Hall, Each chair costs \$45.
- We would like to see two marble statues of angels carrying a Holy Water font to grace our church. The marble statues are handcrafted pieces of art, which the people of God can use to bless themselves as they enter the church. Each marble statue costs \$3500.

Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary

March 23, 2018 starting at 7:00 pm
2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 23 (7 p.m.) to Sunday March 25 (1:30 p.m.) 2018, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. For more information, Please contact the Office of Vocations at: 416 968 0997; or email: vocations@archtoronto.org. Registrations can be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Treat the Church like your own home

Please remember that the church is God's house. We are grateful to the volunteers who offer their help to make this house of prayer clean including the toilets. We ask those who are using the washrooms to be more sensible even with the use of the Toilet paper so as not to clog the toilet bowls. We have had toilet clogs already since we opened on February 8. Also, when leaning on the walls, we ask that you do not rest your foot on the columns and wall, so as not to leave any dirt markings. There is nothing more disturbing to look at in a church than dirty walls. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note that we do not have a custodian. Because we do not know what expenses are with the new building, our parish is not in a hiring situation. In the meantime, we depend on the generosity of fellow parishioners to help in the maintenance of our physical plant.

Pastor's Desk

The Second Sunday of Lent invites us to reflect on the meaning of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Tabor is an enabling experience, a moment of reassurance and joy. In his transfiguration Jesus talks with Moses and Elijah. Moses and Elijah were men of vision sent to lead the people of God into freedom. Moses gave the Israelites the courage to leave Egypt and face the difficulties of the desert on their way to the promised land. Elijah, many centuries later, found the Israelites forgetful of themselves and miserable slaves of false gods, his task was to open their eyes to the sorry state they have found themselves in and ready them for that desert journey of the soul that alone leads to the happiness of knowing the one true God.

Moses-like Jesus comes to free us from the slavery to which we are driven by our fear of one another. Elijah-like he comes to free us from the false gods to whom we are in bondage through our fear of ourselves. Perhaps we have no stomach for the journey through the desert that the quest for freedom involves. We are probably like the Israelites who found it more comfortable to submit to the Egyptians than to be liberated or like those in the time of Elijah, who sought solace in the wild rituals of Baal rather than face the silence of the one true God. We have a choice to make during this Lenten season. We can choose what is comfortable and get enslaved in the process or we can choose to listen to Jesus and in that listening await the transfiguration that will support us through the darkness of the cross and carry us forward to resurrection.

First Saturday of the month

3 March 2018

We invite everyone to join us for a day of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament following the 9 AM Holy Mass to 4:00 PM for Vespers and Solemn Benediction

Planning for the Solemn Dedication of the Church

We invite parishioners who wish to become part of the planning in preparation for the Solemn Dedication of the Church. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 starting at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, St. Josephine Bakhita Council, meets every Wednesday evening at the Parish Hall starting at 7:30 PM. We invite the men of our parish to consider becoming a member of the fraternal order. Please see JC Cadieux, Serge Poirier, and/or Narciso Rodrigues for more information.

Living the Gospel by supporting vocations

"Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life," shares Matthew

Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He adds, "The seminary could not run without the generous support of ShareLife donors." By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God's call.

March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously.

MASS INTENTION

Saturday (February 24)

5 PM +Thanksgiving of Pendon Family, +Leticia and Nazario Mendoza, +Antony Pillai & Rita Sheik, +Mona Sequeira

Sunday (February 25)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Conrada Clavecillas, +Tomas Roveló Sr.
11:00 AM Open
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Kambam Prakash Reddy, +Perfecto Meriel

Monday (February 26)

7:00 PM +Jose & Josefina Villanueva

Tuesday (February 27)

7:30 AM +Leandro Guevarra

Wednesday (February 28)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (March 1)

7:30 PM +Carmeling Crisologo

Friday (March 2)

7:00 PM +Belen King & Naty Lim

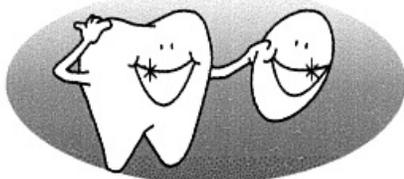
Saturday (March 3)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors and their families
5:00 PM +Theo Fernandes and the departed souls, +Millie Arsenault

To offer a Mass intention, please see the desk when you come to church or call the parish office. You can also use the form available on our parish website. Thank you.

Volunteers needed for the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass

We are looking for volunteers to serve at the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass. As choir members, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers.



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