

# 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. Nedy, Guan, Fdccc  
Fatima Chan  
Rev. Mr. Michael Ho

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

**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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**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](http://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**

**February 26 (Saturday)**

5:00 PM +Mary & Anthony, +Allan Lindsay

**February 27 (Sunday)**

7:30 AM For the Parish Community  
 9:00 AM +Ada Rispoli, +Jose Veira  
 11:00 AM +William Coultman, Special Intention of Lirio Calalo  
 12:30 PM Open

**February 28 (Monday)**

7:00 PM Open

**March 1 (Tuesday)**

7:45 AM Open

**March 2 (Wednesday)**

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Theratil Family

**March 3 (Thursday)**

7:45 AM Open

**March 4 (Friday)**

7:00 PM +Ruben Esteron

**March 5 (Saturday)**

9:00 AM Open



**Sacramental Preparation**

First Reconciliation

venue: Merciful Redeemer Church

date: March 3, 2011

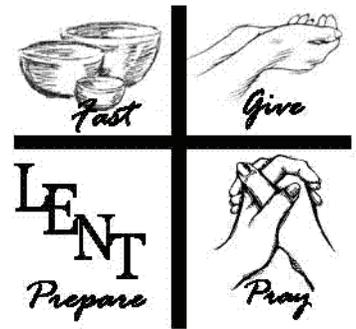
**St. Simon Stock School**

starts at 9:15 AM

**St. Faustina School**

starts at 10:15

Although the Season of Lent will only begin ten days from today, on Ash Wednesday, it is always a good practice to think of what one would like to offer to the Lord. The season of Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares us for Easter as we recall our baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. Here is a good suggestion that you might want to consider:



*Fast from*

- anger*
- bitterness*
- self-concern*
- gossip*
- discouragement*
- laziness*
- suspicion*
- guilt*

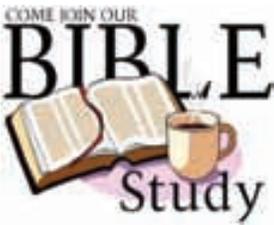
*Feast on*

- gratitude*
- patience*
- forgiveness*
- compassion*
- hope*
- truth*
- service*
- commitment*

Ash Wednesday and Good Fridays are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor.

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce the children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.



### BIBLE STUDY

The third session of our Bible Study will be held on Monday, February 28 at 7:45 PM to 9:30 PM, St. Peter's Mission Church. The topic of the Bible Study is "The Gift of the Psalms". We are going to look at some of the Communal Laments.

### Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish

VBS is a unique opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children and their families. The activities offered are: Bible time, Arts and Crafts, Music Games, and more. It is scheduled from Monday through Friday (July 4 to 8, 2011). We need volunteers: youth (Grade 8 to 12), young adults, and adults who are willing to journey with children. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Neczy at 289-997-2105 ext. 2 or email: srneczy@stjosephinebakhita.org. You don't need to be an expert on the Bible. We will provide the training you need.

### CHURCH ENVIRONMENT TEAM

We are in the process of re-organizing our parish's Church Environment Team, to involve more parishioners in this important ministry in St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. This group is responsible to prepare, decorate, take care of plants and flowers, for all liturgical celebrations at St. Joan of Arc School and St. Peter Mission Church. The commitment is on Saturdays at 3:30-4:30PM. We greatly need your helping hands. Please talk to Sr. Cristina, Boyer or Cora Del Rosario, as soon as possible. Thank you.

### VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROGRAM

All volunteers in High Risk ministries are reminded to submit all pertinent forms, to Sr. Cristina as soon as possible. The deadline for completion of these forms is this weekend, Feb. 26 and 27. Volunteers for General Risk ministries are also enjoined to complete the Volunteer Registration Form handed to your by your ministry coordinators. Please submit not late than March 5-6. Thank you. Please ask Sr. Cristina or Anusha De Silva for details.

We need volunteers to assist our Fundraising Committee, please contact Roman Lim if you are interested.

**Thank you for supporting our Building Fund  
\$520,438.33**

*Every donation you make, no matter how small and done regularly, will bring us closer to the \$5 Million target to start the construction of our new church.*

### Relic of St. Josephine Bakhita

March 6 Aurora & Joe Barinque  
March 13 Frank Amegah

### BAKHITA BEADS AND THINGS"

We have launched a new fund-raising project for our Church Building Fund, with a fitting monicker "Bakhita Beads and Things". We we were inspired by the fact that our patron Saint Josephine Bakhita spent ample time doing bead work and embroidery, while serving as a doorkeeper in the Canossian Convent in Schio, Italy. Her beautiful works were given as gifts to the benefactors of the Sisters' mission.



We invite ay parishioners who have hobbies with hand-made crafts, or have access to gift items, to offer your talents and/or generous spirit for this new venture. Anything is possible, as we are motivated by the desire to build our church.

Please direct your inquiries or give your donations (gift items for sale) to Lita Villanueva, Tessie Buena, or Sr. Cristina. Thank you for your support.

Thanks also to parishioners who bought items on Sunday, February 13, our parish feast day and launching date for Bakhita Beads and Things. We entrust all our fund raising efforts to our patron saint, who promised to help us in every possible way, from Heaven.

### Schedule for Ash Wednesday



It is that time of the year again when we are invited by God to turn away from sin and believe the good news.

**8:00 AM** Holy Mass & Distribution of Ashes at St. Peter's Mission Church

School Liturgies of the Word and Distribution of Ashes  
*Families of the students in these schools are invited to join*

**9:15 AM** St. Simon Stock School  
**11:00 AM** St. Bernard School  
**1:00 PM** St. Faustina School  
**2:00 PM** St. Edith Stein School

**7:00 PM** Holy Mass & Distribution of Ashes at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Cafeteria.



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