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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.org

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. Bernard of Clairvaux Tel. (905) 542-9203
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St. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434
St. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-2606

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
Sr. Necy Guan, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

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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.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life – Local Celebration

Sunday, February 3, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Basilica

Saturday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us, more than 1,000 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass on Sunday, February 3 to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

Solemn Candlemas - Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite



February 13, 2013

Holy Mass and Distribution of Ashes

7:30 AM St. Peter's Mission Church
7:00 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School
Cafeteria

Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes

9:15 AM St. Bernard School
10:30 AM St. Faustina School
1:00 PM St. Simon Stock School
2:15 PM St. Edith Stein School

Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

Cardinal Thomas Collins has promulgated the Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Last weekend, we inserted a copy of the document, an important resource that will help guide our faith journey for years to come. For those who were unable to secure a copy last weekend, some copies are still available for pickup. All Catholics are encouraged to pray and discern how each one of us can contribute to the overall goals of the plan, living a faith that acts in all that we do. Visit www.archtoronto.org/pastoral to access the full plan (in numerous languages) along with prayers, questions for dialogue as well as other helpful resources to continue the discussion.

Join us for the

The Monthly Eucharist Celebration for the Residents of Viva Retirement
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First Thursday starting at 3 PM

For more information, please contact Sister Linda

Mass Intention

Saturday (February 2)
5:00 PM +Victor Basurto,
+Richard Valere, +Lina de
Montbrun, +T.T. Scaria

Sunday (February 3)
7:30 AM For the Parish
9:00 AM +Melecio Capillo Sr. ,
+Phyllis Anderson
11:00 AM ++Joseph & Veronica
Fernandes, +Mateo Leanda,
Thanksgiving for Joao Vieira
Colaco
12:30 PM +Angela Lucena Leviste

Monday (February 4)
7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (February 5)
7:30 AM +Socorro Singon

Wednesday (February 6)
7:00 PM Open

Thursday (February 7)
7:30 AM +Johnny Florendo

Friday (February 8)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving in honour
of St. Josephine Bakhita

Saturday (February 9)
9:00 AM For the Benefactors of
our parish
5:00 PM Open

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Tax Receipts

Your Tax Receipts for 2012 will be
ready for pickup starting this
weekend.

Tax Receipts for outside the parish
boundaries will be sent through
Canada Post.

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SAYING "I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY" IS SAYING "I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE" (Pope Benedict XVI at the General Audience, January 30, 2013)

"It isn't always easy today to speak about fatherhood," the Pope began, "...and, not having adequate role models, it even becomes problematic to imagine God as a father. For those who have had the experience of an overly authoritarian and inflexible father, or an indifferent, uncaring, or even absent one, it is not easy to calmly think of God as Father or to confidently surrender themselves to Him. But Biblical revelation helps us to overcome these difficulties by telling us about a God who shows us what it truly means to be a 'father'. Above all it is the Gospel that reveals to us this face of God as Father, who loves us even to the point of giving us the gift of His Son for the salvation of humanity."

In the light of the Scriptures and the writings of the evangelists, the Holy Father explained that God is our Father because "He has blessed us and chosen us before the foundation of the world. He has truly made us His children in Jesus. And, as Father, God accompanies our existence with love, giving us His Word, His teaching, His grace, His Spirit. ...If He is so good as to 'make His sun rise on the bad and the good and ... rain to fall on the just and the unjust', then we can always, without fear and in complete faith, entrust ourselves to His forgiveness as Father when we choose the wrong path."

Tracing the history of salvation, Psalm 136 repeats "for his mercy endures forever", and the pontiff emphasized, "The love of God the Father never fails, never tires of us. ... Faith gives us this certainty that becomes the sure rock upon which to build our lives. We can face every difficulty and every danger, the experience of the darkness of times of crisis and pain, sustained by the confidence that God does not abandon us and is always near to save us and bring us to everlasting life."

The kind face of the Father who is in heaven is fully shown in the Lord Jesus. "Knowing Him we know the Father and seeing Him we can see the Father. ... Faith in God the Father requires that we believe in the Son, through the action of the Spirit, recognizing the Cross that saves as the definitive revelation of divine love. God is our Father, forgiving our sins and bringing us to the joy of the risen life."

"We can ask ourselves, how is it possible to imagine an all-powerful God by looking at the Cross of Christ? ... We would certainly like a divine omnipotence that corresponded to our thoughts and our desires; an 'almighty' God ... who vanquishes our adversaries, who changes the course of events, and who takes away our pain. ... Faced with evil and suffering, ... it is difficult for many of us to believe in God the Father and to believe that He is all-powerful."

"Faith in God the Almighty, however, leads us to follow very different paths: learning to understand that God's thoughts and God's paths are different from ours and that even His omnipotence is different? it isn't expressed with mechanical or arbitrary force... Actually, God, in creating free creatures, in giving us freedom, gave up a part of His power, allowing us the power of our freedom. Thus He loves and respects love's free response to His call. His omnipotence isn't expressed in violence or destruction but rather through love, mercy, and forgiveness; through His tireless call to a change of heart, through an attitude that is only weak in appearance, and which is made of patience, clemency, and love."

"Only the truly powerful can endure evil and show compassion. Only the truly powerful can fully exercise the power of love. And God, to whom all things belong because He made them all, reveals His

strength by loving everything and everyone, patiently awaiting our conversion because He wants us as His children. ...The omnipotence of love isn't a worldly power, but is that of total gift and Jesus, the Son of God, reveals to the world the Father's true omnipotence by giving His life for us sinners. This is the true ... divine power: responding to evil not with evil but with good, responding to murderous hatred with a love that gives life. Evil is thus truly vanquished, because it is washed by God's love. Death is thus definitively defeated, because it is transformed into the gift of life. God the Father resurrects His Son. Death, the great enemy, is swallowed up and deprived of its sting and we are freed from sin; we can grasp our reality as children of God."

**Offering
January 20, 2013**

Offertory	\$3,131.64
St. Peter's Mission Church	\$252.26
Wednesday Offering	\$75.60
Building Fund	\$2,627.50
Mass Stipends	\$180.00
PAG	\$6,533.26
Total	\$12,800.26

Building Committee Meeting

February 4, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

February 7, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church

A Special Eucharistic Celebration

to honour St. Josephine Bakhita will be held on

February 10, 2013 at 12:30 PM
Celebrant:

His Excellency Most Reverend John Boissonneau, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Pastoral Region
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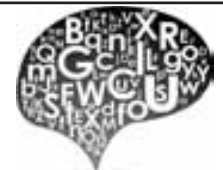
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