

# 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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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](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 19 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Nelly Pujiarty

#### February 20 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community  
9:00 AM +Jose Cabral, +Len Henrichsen  
11:00 AM Special Intention of Cora del Rosario  
12:30 PM +Mary Allegretto, Thanksgiving for David & Maria De Souza, Special Intention of Cora del Rosario

#### February 21 (Monday)

7:00 PM +John D'Souza, + Arcanjo Lobo

#### February 22 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM + Jose & Josefina Villanueva

#### February 23 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

#### February 24 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

#### February 25 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

#### February 26 (Saturday)

9:00 AM +Precilia Mondesia



### 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

### What does it take to teach and help our children catch faith?

There are four areas within the family that we need to look at if we want our children to catch the faith: Caring conversations, Family devotions, Family rituals and traditions, and Service.



**Caring Conversations** - Communication is a key element in any given relationship. It is true for marriage. It is equally true for parents and their children. When we communicate, we manifest our interest to one another. We share our lives, including our hurts, joys, concerns, dreams, values, and faith, through stories, games, discussion, and prayer. Every person in a given household must be encouraged to express his/her views and ideas. No one should be silenced, not even the smallest member. St. Benedict reminds us that the Holy Spirit often reveals what is better to the younger members. When conflict arise, especially between mom and dad, children need to see their parents openly express emotions and ideas in a mature manner, without personal attacks upon character or honour, so that when the children also experience such conflicts with their siblings or with their peers, they too, may know how to proceed. Parents must learn to mirror to their children what steps to take such as, mutual confession, forgiveness, prayer, reconciliation, and renewal. Children need to learn from their parents that from time to time, people need to seek the help of another, someone who is wise or someone who is professionally trained. Children need to develop a good rapport with their godparents and/or their grandparents. These extended family members have a wonderful role to play in their lives as advisors and mentors.

**Family devotions** - are ways to pay attention to the presence of God in and through the Word of God in our lives. A good starting point is prayer before meals, which may also include prayers of thanks and petition for a personal concern or in support of others. A good reminder when it comes to prayer is, if it is worth worrying about or rejoicing in, then it is fair game to bring to prayer around the family table.

**Family Rituals and Traditions** - are those patterns of behavior that can be expected to occur on a routine basis and are meant to celebrate and perpetuate those values we hold the most. At the top of the list is the observance of Sunday as the Lord's Day. The Lord's Day is like a door with two hinges: to mark God's two great works, namely, creation and resurrection. We keep the Lord's day, therefore, to reunite us to God as our Creator. In observing this day, we remind ourselves that we are not the centre of the universe, but wonderful creations of God. We allow God to refresh and renew us. Sunday observance would involve going to Holy Mass and having leisure and recreation. Other rituals and traditions may include Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, birthdays. In my Filipino tradition, we annually visit the tombs of our ancestors and loved ones to offer flowers and light candles. This tradition reminded us that the dead are always with us and they are never forgotten.

**Family Service** - moves each of us beyond not only the "me" of being me but the "we" of being just "we" as family. Families need to learn to identify and respond to needs beyond their own. There are many opportunities to be involved. The children can be altar servers, the older members can serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, choir members, to name a few. When families become practiced in responding to the needs around them, a further family tradition can be born in weekly visits to nursing homes, soup kitchens, food banks, and beyond.



### BIBLE STUDY

The second Bible Study will be held on Monday, February 21 at 7:45 PM to 9 PM, St. Peter's Mission Church. The topic of the Bible Study is "The Gift of the Psalms".

### 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. Necy at 289-997-2105 ext. 2 or email: srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.org. You don't need to be an expert on the Bible. We will provide the training you need.

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS SCREENING PROGRAM

All forms pertaining to High Risk ministry volunteers are due on February 27, 2011. Please submit these to Sr. Cristina directly. We need to send the Consent for Criminal Check forms to TSM by the first week of March 2011. We request that all volunteers concerned to comply by the above deadline. Thank you for your cooperation. Please address all inquiries regarding this new program in the parish to Sr. Cristina or Anusha De Silva.

### New Beginnings

A ministry serving the Separated, Divorced or Widowed person. Grieving the Death of a spouse, Struggling with a Separation or Divorce. If you or someone you know is searching for hope and spiritual encouragement after such a loss please join us for an informal gathering Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The location is St. John of the Cross Church, 6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, On. All are welcome. Pre registration is not necessary.

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

**Thank you for supporting our Building Fund  
\$517,305.88**

*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.*

### WOMEN AT THE WELL

This women's spirituality program in our parish is held every last Saturday of the month, at 10:00-11:30AM. The venue is decided each month, hosted by any participants who are willing to open their homes to the group. This past two years we have reflected on the "Encounters of Jesus with Women in the Gospel".



During this last months of the present pastoral year (February to June 2011), we will have the reflections on some great women in the Hebrew Literature (Old Testament of the Bible).

Beginning in September 2011, the group will share in facilitating the reflections on the lives of women saints, such as Sts. Josephine Bakhita, Magdalene of Canossa, Edith Stein, Kateri Tekakwita, Margaret Youville, Therese of the Child Jesus, Teresa of Calcutta, etc. This month's gathering is on Saturday, February 26. Please ask Sr. Cristina for details.

### IRAQI REFUGEE PROJECT

An information meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, at 7:30-9:00PM in St. Peter's Mission Church. This is for the group who volunteered to work on this project. Please be there, contact Sr. Cristina or Minnie Lam for further information. Thank you.



### St. Josephine Bakhita Youth Ministry

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

All young people from Grades 7 to 12 are welcome!

We hope to see you there!

### Lenten Retreat

March 18-20 at St. John's Hall  
2185 Stavebank Rd., Mississauga  
sponsored by Family Prayer Mission.

Speakers: Archbishop Thomas Collins, Fr. Michael Payyapilly, V.C., Fr. Joby Kachappilly, V.C., from DRC, India, and Fr. Shane Varghese, CSsR, from U of T. For tickets and other info. please contact Rappai at 905-896-2854 or your parishioner Thomas Barretto at 905 824 9651.

### Relic of St. Josephine Bakhita

February 27 Marie Dizon  
March 6 Aurora & Joe Barinque  
March 13 Frank Amegah



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