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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6:00 PM



As
the
Master
desires...

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. 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) 821-3256

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

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	Financial Council	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
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Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
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	Serge Poirier	Chairperson	Rita Borg
Altar Servers	Deacon Gerry Steyn	St. Peter's Mission Church	
Choirs	Jamie Marr	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
	Suzanne Pereira		
	Raul Manzanares	Women at the Well	Anne-Marie Caister
Arts & Environment	Ronald Pasajol	Hospitality	Frank Amegah
Youth Ministry	Cora & Boyer del Rosario		
Social Concerns	Elisha Pinto	Knights of Columbus	Tony Ciufu
Sacristans	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
Home Visitation	James Amores	Daughters of isabella	Rita Venantius
	Rebecca Poirier		905-824-7223
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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Rite of Recognition

Sunday, March 1 at 3 PM
 St. Martin of Tours Parish (Mississauga)
 with Bishop John Boissonneau, D.D. Presiding

*Join us for the Stations of the Cross
 every Friday throughout the Lenten Season
 at St. Joan of Arc School Chapel
 after the 7 PM Mass*

First Reconciliation Celebrations
 February 24 & March 3
 From 9 AM to 12 PM
 Merciful Redeemer Church

Day of Confession for the whole Diocese
 March 4 from 9 AM to 11:30 AM
 Merciful Redeemer Church

Samosa and Chicken Biryani

will be sold at the Parish on the weekend of February 21 & 22
 for our Building Fund

**Attention: PRACTICING CATHOLIC SINGLES aged 25 & UP
 in the GTA etc...:**

please Join Us & become a Member of an On-Line Community & for
 Speed-Dating Events

<http://www.meetup.com/Practicing-Catholic-Singles-Aged-25-Up-Speed-Dating-On-line/>

Next Events: Location: RESTAURANT near Don Mills & Lawrence,
 Don Mills, ON

Saturday, February 28, 2015 7pm-9pm Speed-Dating & Dancing: 3 Age
 Groups (25-40, 35-50, 50 +)

Tax Receipts

Your Tax Receipts are available for pickup this weekend
 after which, we will be sending them through the mail.

Parishioners who use the Donate Now option will be receiving their tax
 receipts directly from the archdiocese.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intention

Saturday (February 21)

5:00 PM +Michael Bennoit,
 Thanksgiving of Reshma Mathew,
 Thanksgiving of Minusha De Silva

Sunday (February 22)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM +Marjo Gasser
 11:00 AM +Sheldon Gomes, +Willie
 Wood
 12:30 PM +Roma de Vera

Monday (February 23)

7:00 PM +Jose & Josefina Villanueva

Tuesday (February 14)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends
 of Laetitia Anthony & Pillai Jesuthasan

Wednesday (February 25)

7:00 PM +Rev. Henry McElean

Thursday (February 26)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends
 of Joy & Genaro Lopez

Friday (February 27)

7:00 PM +Jose Feril

Saturday (February 28)

9:00 AM For parish benefactors and
 their families

5:00 PM Open

If you wish to offer a Mass for your
 Loved One or for yourself, you can do
 so by visiting our parish website or by
 calling the Office at 289-997-2105.

Thank you for supporting our
 Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,599,651.65

Architectural & other Fees

\$168,752.43

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,768,404.06

***Please remember to pray daily for
 our church building project***

General audience: Brother, sister: words beloved to Christianity

Vatican City, 18 February 2015 (VIS) – Continuing his cycle of catechesis dedicated to the family, the Pope today spoke about fraternity. “Brother' and 'sister' are words that Christianity loves. And, thanks to the family, they are words that all cultures and all ages understand”.

Fraternal bonds are very important in the history of the people of God, and are highly praised in the Old Testament. However their rupture opened up a deep abyss in mankind, and God's question to Cain - “Where is your brother?” - never ceases to resonate throughout history. “And”, exclaimed the Pontiff, “unfortunately, in this generation too, Cain's dramatic answer is also repeated endlessly: “I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?”. The rupture of the bond between brothers disfigures humanity. And even within families, how many brothers argue over small things, an inheritance, and then no longer even speak to or greet each other? If we think that they inhabited the womb of the same mother We all know families in which there are divisions between brothers. Let us pray to the Lord for them, to help brothers be reunited and families rebuilt. And let us always keep these divided brothers in our prayers”. The bond of fraternity that is formed in the family, among children, if it occurs a climate of education in openness to others, “is the great school of freedom and peace. Perhaps we are not always aware of this, but it is precisely the family that introduces fraternity into the world”, remarked the Pope, emphasising that from this first experience, fraternity “radiates like a promise to the whole of society and the relations between peoples. And the blessing that God – in Jesus Christ – lavishes upon this bond of fraternity, extends it unimaginably, making it capable of surpassing any difference of nation, culture or even religion”. He added, “Think about what becomes of the bond between men, even the most diverse, when they are able to say of another, 'he is just like a brother, she is just like a sister to me'. History has demonstrated sufficiently that even liberty and equality, without fraternity, can be filled with individualism, conformism and personal interest”.

Fraternity in the family shines in a special way “when we see the care, patience, and affection that surround those brothers and sisters who are weak, sick, or disabled. Having a brother or a sister who cares for you is a powerful experience, priceless and irreplaceable. The same applies to the Christian family. We must be moved to tenderness by the smallest, the weakest, the poorest: they have a 'right' to capture our heart and soul. Yes, they are our brothers and we must love them and treat them as such. When this happens, when it is as if the poor are part of the family, our Christian fraternity comes to life. Indeed, Christians go towards the poor and the weak not in obedience to an ideological programme, but because the word and example of the Lord tell us that they are our brothers. This is the principle of God's love and of all justice between men”. And now I suggest one thing”, he added, off the cuff: “in silence, each of us, let us think of our brothers and sisters, and pray for them”. St. Peter's Square remained in silence for a moment, after which Francis added, “With this prayer we brought all of them, our brothers and sisters, here in the square to be blessed”. “Today, more than ever, it is necessary to bring fraternity back to the centre of our technocratic and bureaucratic society: then liberty and equality will also acquire the correct tone. Therefore, let us not light-heartedly deprive our families, through apprehension or fear, of the beauty of a full fraternal experience. And let us not lose our trust in the broad horizon that faith is able to draw from this experience, enlightened by God's blessing”.

Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 2,899.80
Building Fund	\$ 1,062.00
St. Peter's	\$ 128.90
Stipend	\$ 140.00
Wednesday	\$ 106.00
ShareLife	\$ 240.00
Beads and Things	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 4,676.70

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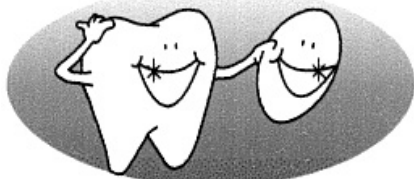
“Help one another. this is what Jesus teaches. this is what i do. and i do it with my heart...i love doing it because this is what the Lord has taught me. But you too must help us and help each other always. and thus in helping each other we will do good for each other.” —Pope Francis

this reminder from our Holy Father demonstrates the importance of caring for one another and our commitment to Catholic charity in a meaningful way. through ShareLife agencies, we reach out to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community, helping our neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners as they work through difficult times. Please consider supporting ShareLife, our annual archdiocesan appeal, during this Lenten season.

—Thomas Cardinal Collins,
Archbishop of Toronto

*Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday
March 1, 2015*

*Please give generously. You can work
wonders!*



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