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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. Joan of Arc Secondary School Tel. (905) 285-0050

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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	7:45 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.

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.

Pastor's Desk

Lent has come upon us. Lent is a season that invites us to take spiritual progress seriously. At the beginning of this season, as we came forward to receive the ashes, the gospel laid out for us the traditional Jewish forms of conversion: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. They are real but also, in a sense, just gestures or reminders of how connected we are to other people, to God, and to our own deeper self.

MASS INTENTION**February 25 (Saturday)**

5:00 PM +Mary Ann Anthony, +Marian Cruz

February 26 (Sunday)

7:30 PM Thanksgiving of Leonor Sanchez
9:00 AM + Len Henrichsen, +Antonio Redonca,
+Maria Josefa Raposo
11:00 AM +Domingo Estrada Jr.
12:30 PM For all Parishioners

February 27 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Donata Atienza Carandang,
+Gertrude Videvik, +Craig Pugsley, +Steven
Micallef, +Stephen Barkly, +George Micallef Tal
Buick

February 28 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM +Alex Francis D'Souza

February 29 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Villanova D'Souza

March 1 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Thanksgiving of Perline Rego

March 2 (Friday)

7:00 PM +Robert Pabuhat

March 3 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Sr. Linda

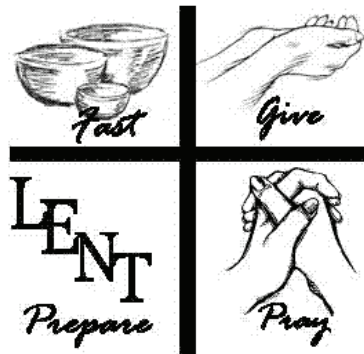
5:00 PM +Mary Ann Anthony

Update

Thank you for supporting
our Building Fund

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Please pray that one day we will have
our own church building.



Almsgiving was an acknowledgement that whatever benefits I receive from this world belong to everyone. In fact, Blessed John Paul II reminded us about this as the fundamental doctrine for the Social Teachings of the Church. I give to the poor not as charity, but as recognition that if I have more than I need, it belongs to someone else. Almsgiving is distributive justice, a way of

leveling out our surplus and need among all those who have equal rights to the gifts of this world.

Prayer is my openness to God as teacher and Lord. God wants us to grow and if we are open we will also be led. Let us strive, therefore, to listen hard, try to see in God in each day's issues, especially in the relationships that we most take for granted. Let us also pay attention, to hear what others are saying about me, calling me to be.

Fasting, like almsgiving, is a reminder that if I take too much, others suffer. One of my first cultural shocks when I first arrived in Canada was the size of the food serving in the restaurants. Whenever we ate as a family at home, food was always placed on a serving platter. Each one has his own small plate. Everyone at the table serve themselves by taking food from this serving platter. In Canada, the serving platter becomes your plate. No wonder, most of us have difficulties controlling our body weight.

Fasting is also about alertness and self-knowledge. Thomas Merton once connected a piece of bread to the earth that produced it, the farmer who grew the wheat, the elevator that stored it, the train that shipped it, the baker who baked it, the truck driver who delivered it, the store manager who offered it - in other words, to the entire network of interdependence we rely on for survival. In fact, every time we begin our day, the moment we prepare or buy coffee with sugar and cream, we are connected to Central America, with multinationals, labor practices, survival. Fasting is about being alert to justice and injustice as inescapable issues.

As we enter this season of grace, may these thoughts guide us in our practice of the disciplines of Lent.

*Would you like to consider serving as a Lector or
Eucharistic Minister in the Parish?*

We accept volunteers for the Ministry of Lector from Grade 9 or older.
For Eucharistic Minister, one must be 18 years old or older.

Training for new Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
March 3, 2012 from 12 noon to 3 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church

**Summer Endeavour in a Redemptorist Volunteer
Experience
May 6 – June 9, 2012**

S.E.R.V.E. is a 5-week volunteer program offered by the Redemptorist Priests and Brothers providing six men and women (age 18-30) an opportunity to deepen their Faith through fostering a sense of mission, service, prayer and spirituality. The program will be based at Redeemer House, in downtown Toronto. As part of the S.E.R.V.E. experience, participants will be assigned to work at one of several volunteer agencies in the local area. Opportunities for service may include inner-city ministry, soup kitchens, shelters, or ministry with refugees.

A bursary will be offered to successful applicants upon completion of the program.

Applications to participate and references must be received by the S.E.R.V.E. Co-ordinator by March 1, 2012. Application and reference forms can be found via the S.E.R.V.E. icon at www.plugintochrist.ca.

The Regional Mass of Thanksgiving

in celebration of the Archbishop's elevation to the College of Cardinals will be held on March 12, 2012 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 7:30 PM. All are welcome

**Music in the Church: A Journey Through the History of
Liturgical Music**

March 14, 21, 28, 2012 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Paulist Ministry centre, 830 Bathurst St., Toronto.
The Paulist Ministry Centre will offer a three-part overview of music as it has been used in Christian worship since the origins of the Church to today. The class will look at how each era led into the next and the theological ideas that shaped each one. We will listen to examples of the music as well as actively participate in some of the pieces. This course will be offered by Matthew Berrios, a graduate in music performance and philosophy from Grand Valley State University in Michigan. For more information call 416-534-2326.

The Way of the Cross

We invite everyone to join us every Friday evening throughout the Lenten Season, after the 7 PM Holy Mass, for a meditation and prayer of the Way of the Cross at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Chapel.



**BE INSPIRED, ENCOURAGED, & HEALED
Come Celebrate the 20th Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

Saturday, March 3, 2012 - 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m.
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W.
Toronto.

With Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and Peter Herbeck.
Guest Speaker: Msgr. Gregory Smith, and Rev. Jonathan Morris. High Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Collins.

Separate Youth Event (12 – 20 years old) with music, skits, and power-packed talks.

Tickets (adult \$19 youth \$10.) Please contact 416-251-4255, or 905-270-2510 Or write to P.O.Box 45018, 5845 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., M2M 3V0. www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

**VATICAN II: WHAT WAS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
St. Dominic's Parish, Mississauga.**

Dominican Seminars is pleased to present: "The Relevance of Vatican II; Celebrating 50 Years of the Second Vatican Council". Our distinguished guest speaker will be Michael Attridge, Associate Professor of Theology at the Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto.

Please join us for the four Wednesdays in March (7, 14, 21, 28) as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Council. Cost is a prepaid registration of \$20.00. The parish is located at 625 Atwater Avenue, Mississauga, Ontario.

Please call the church office 905-278-7762 for a registration form or email dominicanseminars@gmail.com. Cheques to be made payable to The Dominican Institute and dropped off or mailed to Church of St. Dominic office.

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