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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.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. 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

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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.



The beginning of Jesus' public life, starting from "Galilee of the Gentiles", as it was called by the prophet Isaiah, was the topic of Pope Francis' reflection during this Sunday's Angelus, attended by thousands of faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Jesus' mission, he said, "did not set out from Jerusalem, the religious, social and political centre, but rather began in a peripheral zone, an area regarded with disdain by the most devout Jews, on account of the presence in the region of various foreign populations. For this reason, the prophet Isaiah referred to it as 'Galilee of the Gentiles'".

"It was a border area, a transit zone where people of different races, cultures and religions encountered one another. Galilee therefore became a symbolic place for the opening of the Gospel to all peoples. From this point of view, Galilee resembles today's world: the co-presence of various cultures, the need for comparison and encounter. We too are immersed every day in a 'Galilee of the Gentiles', and in this type of context we can become fearful and give in to the temptation to build barriers, to feel more secure, more protected. But Jesus teaches us that the Good News He brings is not reserved for a part of humanity, but rather is to be communicated to all. It is a joyful proclamation, destined to all those who await it, but also to those who perhaps no longer await anything, or who no longer have even the strength to seek and to ask".

Setting out from Galilee, Jesus "teaches us that no-one is excluded from God's salvation; on the contrary, God prefers to begin in the periphery, with those who are last in line, to reach everyone. He teaches us a method, His method, which however expresses the content, the mercy, of the Father. ... We are all invited to heed this call, to come out of our own comfort zone and reach out to the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel".

Jesus began his mission "not only from a location far from the centre, but also with men one might describe as having a 'low profile'. To choose his first disciples and future apostles, he did not seek in the schools of scribes or among doctors of the Law, but among simple people committed to preparing themselves for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Jesus goes to call them where they work, on the banks of the lake: they are fishermen. He calls them and they follow Him, immediately. They leave their nets and go with Him; their lives become an extraordinary and fascinating adventure".

"The Lord calls today too! The Lord passes along the streets of our everyday lives. Today, too, in this very moment, the Lord passes through the squares. He calls us to go with Him, to work with Him for the Kingdom of God, in the 'Galilees' of our times".

Mass Intention

Saturday (February 8)

5:00 PM Special intention of Pertia Bent & Fly, +Ignatius Vu

Sunday (February 9)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Gorospe Family, +Pilar Aquino, +Rizal Deza Jr., +Angela Lara

11:00 AM +Vincent D'Souza, + T.T. Scaria, +Mariya Kutty Scaria, +Andrew D'Cruz, +Allan Harrison, Special intention of RJ D'Souza

12:30 PM Open

Monday (February 10)

7:00 PM +Maria & Roque Pereira, +Joe and Clara de Mello

Tuesday (February 11)

7:30 AM +Socorro Singson

Wednesday (February 12)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (February 13)

7:30 AM +William Sy

Friday (February 14)

7:00 PM +William Sy, +Cresencia Fernandes

Saturday (February 15)

9:00 AM Legion of Mary Auxilliary Members

5:00 PM Open

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

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\$1,455,922.10

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\$66,223.39

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,522,146.06

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

Fr. Mark will be away from February 8 to the 24th. Msgr. Terence D'Souza and Fr. Idara will be looking after the spiritual needs of the parish community together with Deacon Michael Ho and Deacon Gerry Steyn. In case you need to get in touch with Fr. Mark while he is away, you can send him an email at parishoffice@stjosephinebakhita.ca

Sacramental Preparation

The Confirmation Gatherings will be held on two Saturdays, February 8 & 15, Lecture Room at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School starting at 4 PM. We ask that all Confirmation candidates arrive on time for the gathering. We also remind the candidates that the Holy Mass is an essential part of the preparation for Confirmation.



First Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation for the children enrolled at St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School will be held at Merciful Redeemer on Thursday, February 27, starting at 9:30 AM

Mary of Nazareth Film Screening

February 8 – 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Landmark Cinemas Square One
100 City Centre Drive, Mississauga

Branches Catholic Ministries will be hosting the film *Mary of Nazareth*, a new epic motion picture on the remarkable life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through to the Resurrection of Jesus. Purchase tickets for \$12 online at www.go2branches.com. Advance purchase suggested. Tickets are not available for purchase at the box office. Free admission for clergy and religious. For more information, please call Branches at 905-685-7000 or email info@go2branches.com

Marriage Sunday Mass

February 9 – 4 p.m.
St. Paul's Basilica
83 Power Street, Toronto

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates Marriage Sunday on the weekend of February 8-9, 2014. This initiative highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place in many dioceses throughout North America. Cardinal Collins invites all those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2014 to join him for Mass and a reception to highlight these special milestones.

10th Annual Mass for Life

March 24 – 6:30 p.m.
St. Anne's Parish
115 Vodden St. E., Brampton

Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Mass 7 p.m. with special blessing for unborn babies. Speaker: Jim Hughes, President of Campaign Life Coalition. Reception and baby shower for Birthright to follow Mass. For more information, call 905-453-1303.

Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$2677.95
Building Fund	\$4063.28
St. Peter's Church	\$316.85
Wednesday Collection	\$174.42
Stipend	\$460.00
Total	\$7692.50

A group of parishioners went on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and the Holy Land. The combination of a Marian pilgrimage of two famous apparitions and the Holy Land does not always happen. The itinerary was so appealing that it was copied by several groups across the GTA. This year, Zenie Cuevillas, our parishioner, is organizing a pilgrimage to the same places we visited. The priest to accompany this group is still to be announced. The pilgrimage, however, is scheduled for October 9 to 22 (14 days) and priced at \$3390. Travel arrangements by International Heritage Tours. Zennie Cuevillas can be contacted at 905-824-9718 if you are interested.

The Building Committee

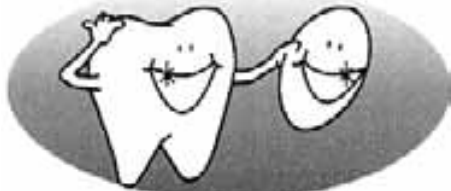
The Building Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 25, starting at 7:45 PM at the Rectory.

Tax Receipts

The Tax Receipts for your donations in 2013 has been mailed. If there is any discrepancy between the stated amount in your receipt and your personal record, please do not hesitate to call Fatima at the parish office. She will be at the office from Tuesday to Friday from 12 noon to 6:30 PM.

Box of Donation Envelopes

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