

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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PEACE ON EARTH



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

December 31 (Saturday)

5:00 PM For all Parishioners
 7:00 PM For all Parishioners

January 1 (Sunday)

9:00 AM For all Parishioners
 11:00 AM For all Parishioners
 12:30 PM For all Parishioners

January 2 (Monday)

9:00 AM +Pierre Mario Fernandez

January 3 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Open

January 4 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

January 5 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Thanksgiving of Mila Stapells

January 6 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

January 7 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open
 5:00 PM +Sebastian Lobo, +Justice & Ann D'Souza

There are several ways you can offer Holy Mass. You can fill the form on our parish website (stjosephinebakhita.org), call the Office and talk to Fatima, our parish secretary, or book your intention at the desk when you come for Holy Mass on Sundays.

Thank you for your support to our Building Fund
 The Total Building Fund to date is:

\$929,370.25

The Total Amount of our Building Fund deposited to the Archdiocese is

\$921,565.04

From the Pastor's Desk

How was your year of 2011? Was it good? Was it tragic? I am reminded of a speech that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, made in 1992 as she marked her 40th anniversary of her accession to the throne. She described it as an "annus horribilis", a terrible year where every misfortune seems to have descended on her family that year. I pray that the year 2011 was not an "annus horribilis", but a year of many blessings.

As we embrace the new year, 2012, the Church's Liturgy invites us to receive again the Lord's manifold blessing:

"The Lord bless you and keep you!
 The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
 The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

The Holy Father, Benedict XVI, reminded us last year that only God can move the human spirit in its depths and assure hope and peace to humanity. Let us continue to pray that peace may reach everywhere as the Angels announced to the shepherds on Christmas eve.



New Year's Day is also the Solemnity of Mary, Mother God, to remind us of this most holy woman, who did not receive God's gift for herself alone, but continually offers what she has received to all of humanity. We entrust to her prayers all our hopes and dreams for the year 2012.

On behalf of Sister Nocy, Sister Linda, Fatima, and Deacon Michael, I would like to wish all a happy and peaceful new year. I also wish to express our deep gratitude to all the priests who have celebrated Holy Mass in our parish and most especially to Msgr. Terence D'Souza. Whenever I invite him to come, he always make time. May God continue to bless him with good health and wisdom. I also wish to thank every volunteer in our parish community. Your patience, commitment and generosity of spirit build community and make our parish strong and vibrant.

Thank you to the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, to Michael O'Grady and the staff of St. Joan of Arc Secondary School for their hospitality to our parish community, To Mike Blauel and the support staff for all the work that they do. May the good Lord reward them and their families with many blessings in the new year.



Are you a male Catholic looking for a Men's Organization that will provide you with fraternal and spiritual benefit.? Consider joining the The Knights of Columbus. Contact JC Cadieux or Tony Ciuffo if you are interested.

Are you a female Catholic looking for an organization that unites all Catholic women in a bond of friendship and spiritual growth? Join the Daughters of Isabella. Contact Rita Venantius.



Are you interested in doing volunteer work for the Parish? Please contact Sister Linda or Fr. Mark to discern which ministry to participate in.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce that as of December 1, 2011 you can support our parish or favorite charity of the Archdiocese by making a tax deductible gift using your credit card. A DONATE NOW button is accessible on the archdiocesan website that will take you to a page where you can make a gift.
 Thank you for your support of the Church

The Paulist Ministry Centre Presents...

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

An evening with Mike Glugosh: Dealing with Anxiety and Depression. Many people feel overwhelmed, afraid and depressed. Mike says that he offers practical, useful and technical skills that will be helpful to anyone. This session will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paulist Centre.

Understanding the Catholic Faith. The Centre offers 8 week program on "Understanding the Catholic Faith". Session will begin on Tuesday, February 14 to April 3, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This program is structured for adults who wish to receive adult Confirmation or who want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Bereavement Group. For those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. The Paulist Centre offers a support group starting from Wednesday, February 15 to March 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for 5 weeks. Mary Marrocco and Fr. Paul Lannan, C.S.P. will facilitate these sessions.

Separated or Divorced Group. For those who are separated or divorced. The Paulist Centre is offering ways to work through these issues. Fr. Paul Lannan is the author of the book "Getting Unstuck: Moving on After Divorce". Fr. Paul will facilitate these sessions beginning on Wednesday, March 28 to May 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Paulist Ministry Centre is located at 830 Bathurst Street, Toronto. For more information contact Fr. Paul Lannan, C.S.P., M.S. at 416-534-2326 ext. 231.



The Third Gathering for our Confirmation Candidates
will be held at 4 PM, St. Joan of Arc Secondary School on:

January 14, 2012 for St. Bernard School, St. Edith Stein School, Public and Private Schools
January 21, 2012 for St. Faustina and St. Simon Stock Schools

*Please note that if the candidate is unable to attend on the date designated for his/her school, the candidate **must** attend the other session designated for the other schools.*


The Third Gathering for First Communion Candidates
will be held at 10 AM, St. Joan of Arc Secondary School on:

January 15, 2012 for St. Bernard, St. Edith Stein, Public and Private Schools
January 22, 2012 for St. Faustina and St. Simon Stock Schools

Your 2012 Envelopes are available for pickup.

The Parish Office requests that you do not use the envelopes of 2011. If you did not receive a 2012 envelope box and wish to receive one, please approach the desk before or after the Mass. We will gladly offer you one.

Please note that Holy Mass on January 2, 2012 will be held at 9 AM at St. Peter's Mission Church



Just for laugh!



Just back from Children's Liturgy, Justin said, "Dad, I have a question for you. The teacher was reading the Bible to us - all about the children of Israel building the temple, the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea, the children of Israel battling the Philistines, the children of Israel making sacrifices. Didn't the grownups do anything?"

When asked how she liked her fist church service, little Clare said, "The music was nice, but the commercial was too long!"

Are you planning to get married in June? It is said that in the 1500's, most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and were still smelling pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.



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