

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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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](http://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

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Sr. Necy Guan, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

## MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	<b>Financial Council</b>	
Children's Liturgy	Rory Agellon	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz		
Lectors	Tim Marchand	<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Altar Servers	Hartoni Ashali		
Choirs	Jamie Marr	<b>Building Committee</b>	
	Suzanne Pereira	Chairperson	Rita Borg
	Raul Manzanares		
	Ronald Pasajol	<b>St. Peter's Mission Church</b>	
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Youth Ministry	Jamie Lyn Venantius		
Social Concerns	Patricia Scire	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Tony Ciuffo 905-542-9883
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RCIA	Roman Lim	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Cristina Manzanares 905-812-0891
First Reconciliation/Eucharist	Chanel D'Mello		
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	7:45 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

I wish to inform you that I will be away from January 10 to February 2 to visit my parents in the Philippines. My father is not doing very well. He suffered a stroke this week. Please remember him in your prayers. I have asked the Very Reverend Monsignor Terence D'Souza and Fr. Idara to celebrate Mass while I am away. Sister Linda and Sister Nocy will look after the parish everyday affairs. Although I will be thousands of miles away, you can reach me by email at [frmark@stjosephinebakhita.org](mailto:frmark@stjosephinebakhita.org) or by phone at (416) 848-7143. This is when we begin to appreciate the technological advancement and thank God. It has certainly made the world we live in a little bit smaller. Just remember that there is a twelve hours difference between Toronto and my hometown.

### MASS INTENTION

#### January 7 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Sebastian Lobo, +Justice & Ann D'Souza, +Arthur Fisch

#### January 8 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For all parishioners  
9:00 AM Special Intention of Gregory Niemczyk, +Durvalina Leonardo  
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Buenaventura Family, + Joao Jose & Silvina Antunes, +Richard Valere, +Teofilo Buenaventua  
12:30 PM Open

#### January 9 (Monday)

7:00 PM For a safe travel of Fr. Mark

#### January 10 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM +Lucas Campos

#### January 11 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Abraham Kallapilly

#### January 12 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

#### January 13 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

#### January 14 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM Open

### How to offer a Holy Mass

There are several ways you can offer Holy Mass. You can fill the form on our parish website ([stjosephinebakhita.org](http://stjosephinebakhita.org)) or call the parish 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 supporting  
our Building Fund**  
\$934,591.81

### What is the plan for 2012?

As we are nearing a million dollars for our Building Fund, it is good to start searching for the right architect to design our church. A letter will be sent to potential architects (vetted the by archdiocese) in the coming weeks. The designing of a church is a long process that involves a lot of people. There will be many consultations and your input will also be sought. In the meantime, please do not forget to pray. Prayer moves mountains and hearts. So, whenever you pass our church land on Thomas, whisper a prayer. Or if you pray the rosary, offer it as part of your intention.

### Youth Ministry

Our parish has a vibrant youth program in place. However, it needs some funding. Our young people have raised some money in the past, but it is not enough to meet their needs. I would like to appeal for your financial support. On the weekend of January 21 and 22, at all our Masses, a second offering will be made for this purpose. A special donation envelope will be made available to anyone who wish to support this cause. Thank you for your generosity.



The Youth Ministry meets every Third Sunday of each month from 2:30 PM to 5 PM at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School.

### Ministry to the Sick and the Homebound

Our parish has started last November a ministry to the residents of Viva Retirement Living on Thomas. The Holy Mass is offered once a month and a weekly reception of the Eucharist to those who request it. This ministry is also extended to any sick or homebound person in the parish who wish to be visited and received Holy Communion. Please call Sister Linda.



The Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce that as of December 1, 2011 you can support your parish or favourite charity of the Archdiocese by making a tax deductible gift using your credit card.

A DONATE NOW button is accessible on the Archdiocesan website [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) that will take you to a page where you can make a gift. You can direct your gift to your Parish, ShareLife, The Archdiocese of Toronto, Humanitarian Relief, St. Michael's Choir School, St. Augustine's Seminary, Tribute Giving, and Sunday TV Mass. Thank you for your support of the Church!

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012 Ecumenical Prayer Service**

Sunday, January 22, 2012 - 3:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral, 200 Church Street, Toronto.

Come and join us in prayer with His Grace Archbishop Thomas Collins, joined by His Grace Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Puzak, Assyrian Bishop Emmanuel Mar Emmanuel and other city-wide religious leaders for an Ecumenical Prayer Service. Refreshments to follow in parish hall.

For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344.

### **Bible Study**



Fr. Mark will start offering a Bible Study at the Rectory every Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 PM. The Bible Study will commence on February 23, 2012. Due to limited space, we will limit the class to twenty (20) people. If there are more

people interested, Fr. Mark will organize another session. Please send your request via email to Fr. Mark if you are interested to join the study of God's Holy Word.

### **Altar Servers Ministry**

Encourage your children, dear parents, to serve at the Altar as Servers. It is a good way for them to learn to participate actively in the Eucharist and get involve in the community. We require that the Children have made their First Communion to be an Altar server. Please contact Hartoni if your child is interested.

### **The Paulist Ministry Centre Presents...**

**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. 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.

### **Relief Efforts After Flash Floods in the Philippines**

Nearly 1,000 people are reported dead and hundreds more are still missing after flash floods in the Philippines after Typhoon Washi hit southern Mindanao Island and surrounding areas on the weekend. It is estimated that 34,298 families, totalling 167,460 people, are directly suffering consequences from the floods and over 88,000 people have taken refuge in evacuation centres.

Working with our partners at the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace/Caritas Canada, the Catholic Church's official relief representative in Canada, funds will be channelled to Caritas organizations on the ground in the Philippines. Caritas teams are travelling through Mindanao to help families affected by the flooding. In particular, Caritas Philippines, known within the country as NASSA, has sent a team to the Diocese of Iligan, where the local government is said to be running out of relief supplies. Teams are assessing the damage and coordinating the emergency response. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:

[www.archtoronto.org/humanitarian](http://www.archtoronto.org/humanitarian)

By phone through the Development office: 416-934-3411

Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish - Philippines - Flood Relief

We offer our prayers for the victims of the floods, those who have died and those who will struggle in the coming months to rebuild their lives and their communities. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to serve those in need, both here at home and around the world.



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