



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Catholic
Secondary School
3801 Thomas Street
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 AM
Wednesday, Friday 7 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church
Ninth Line, north of Britannia Rd.

SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 7:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 PM
Saturday 9 AM

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena every Wednesday
following the 7 PM Mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
every Friday after the 7 PM
Mass

Solemn Vespers and
Benediction every First Friday
7:30 PM

Pastoral Team

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant
Fatima Chan	Secretary

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6 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 for the Twenty-first Century" (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 man and woman, 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 parishioner are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a Baptismal Request Form available in our parish website.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the pastor one year in advance. A marriage course is required. For additional information, please contact the pastor.

Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan for the funeral, please contact the pastor.

Schools

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
St. Edith Stein
St. Faustina
St. Simon Stock
St. Joan of Arc Catholic
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Total Pledges to date : \$1,128,730
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(Debit or Visa):

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though the parish for building or offertory donations
– if the parishioner is now giving with PAG, visa or
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completing their pledge form. This will ensure the
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will be made.



Have you moved recently to a new address?

Please remember to advise the Parish Office of your new address.

The Tax Receipt of your total donation for 2015 will be released towards the end of January. These are the donations that you gave via the envelopes every Sunday. For donations made through the archdiocese by credit card including Family of Faith, your Tax Receipt will be mailed to you by the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generous support to our parish needs.

The Third Gathering for First Communicants

January 17, 2016 (10 AM) St. Bernard/St. Edith Stein/Other Schools

January 24, 2016 (10 AM) St. Faustina/St. Simon Stock Schools

The Third Gathering for Confirmation Candidates

January 16, 2016 (3:30 PM) St. Bernard/St. Edith Stein

January 23, 2016 (3:30 PM) St. Faustina/St. Simon Stock/Other Schools

Mass Intention

Saturday (January 9)

5:00 PM +Roma de Vera,
 Thanksgiving of Quinsay & Orfano
 Family

Sunday (January 10)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM +Anita Javier, Thanksgiving
 of Blonie Deza
 11:00 Open
 12:30 PM +Modesta Rocero

Monday (January 11)

7:00 PM +Adeline & Charles Gomes,
 Deceased members of the DeSouza
 Family

Tuesday (January 12)

7:30 AM +Lydia de Leon

Wednesday (January 13)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (January 14)

7:30 AM +Marjo Gasser

Friday (January 15)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (January 16)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors
 and their families

If you wish to offer a Mass, please
 contact Cecilia at the desk or use the
 form on our parish website.

Thank you for supporting our
 Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,407,537

Architectural & other Fees

\$599,368.30

Total Building Fund Collected

\$2,006,905.30

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

**Mary, Mother of Mercy
(Pope Francis)**

“It is most fitting that on this day we invoke the Blessed Virgin Mary above all as Mother of mercy. The door we have opened is, in fact, a Door of Mercy. Those who cross its threshold are called to enter into the merciful love of the Father with complete trust and freedom from fear; they can leave this Basilica knowing – truly knowing – that Mary is ever at their side. She is the Mother of mercy, because she bore in her womb the very Face of divine mercy, Jesus, Emmanuel, the Expectation of the nations, the 'Prince of Peace'. The Son of God, made incarnate for our salvation, has given us His Mother, who joins us on our pilgrimage through this life, so that we may never be left alone, especially at times of trouble and uncertainty.

“Mary is the Mother of God, she is the Mother of God who forgives, who bestows forgiveness, and so we can rightly call her Mother of forgiveness. This word – 'forgiveness' – so misunderstood in today's world, points to the new and original fruit of Christian faith. A person unable to forgive has not yet known the fullness of love. Only one who truly loves is able to forgive and forget. At the foot of the Cross, Mary sees her Son offer Himself totally, showing us what it means to love as God loves. At that moment she heard Jesus utter words which probably reflected what He had learned from her as a child: 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing'. At that moment, Mary became for all of us the Mother of forgiveness. Following Jesus' example and by His grace, she herself could forgive those who killed her innocent Son.

“For us, Mary is an icon of how the Church must offer forgiveness to those who seek it. The Mother of forgiveness teaches the Church that the forgiveness granted on Golgotha knows no limits. Neither the law with its quibbles, nor the wisdom of this world with its distinctions, can hold it back. The Church's forgiveness must be every bit as broad as that offered by Jesus on the Cross and by Mary at His feet. There is no other way. It is for this purpose that the Holy Spirit made the Apostles the effective ministers of forgiveness, so what was obtained by the death of Jesus may reach all men and women in every age.

“The Marian hymn continues: 'Mother of hope and Mother of grace, Mother of holy gladness'. Hope, grace and holy gladness are all sisters: they are the gift of Christ; indeed, they are so many names written on His body. The gift that Mary bestows in offering us Jesus is the forgiveness which renews life, enables us once more to do God's will and fills us with true happiness. This grace frees the heart to look to the future with the joy born of hope. This is the teaching of the Psalm: 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. [...] Restore to me the joy of your salvation'. The power of forgiveness is the true antidote to the sadness caused by resentment and vengeance. Forgiveness leads to joy and serenity because it frees the heart from thoughts of death, whereas resentment and vengeance trouble the mind and wound the heart, robbing it of rest and peace. What horrible things are resentment and vengeance.

“Let us, then, pass through the Holy Door of Mercy knowing that at our side is the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who intercedes for us. Let us allow her to lead us to the rediscovery of the beauty of an encounter with her Son Jesus. Let us open wide the doors of our heart to the joy of forgiveness, conscious that we have been given new confidence and hope, and thus make our daily lives a humble instrument of God's love.

OFFERING	
Offertory	\$ 5,454.00
Building fund	\$ 4,641.80
St. Peter's Church	\$ 900.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 60.00
Stipend	\$ 340.00
New Year's Day	\$ 3,462.45
Missals	\$ 49.25
Social concerns	\$ 350.00
From the box	\$ 28.65
Total Offerings	\$15,286.15

Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins

January 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Parish

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Lectio Divina ("divine, or sacred, reading") is the name given to a spiritual tradition among Christians over the last two thousand years. This form of prayer involves three distinct stages: a) reading a short scripture passage b) reflecting on the passage and c) a short period of silence. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to join Cardinal Collins for this special evening of prayer. Lectio Divina is recorded by Salt & Light Catholic Media for future broadcast.

Journeys Worth Taking: Personal Stories of Faith

Thursday evenings – January 14, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2, 2016 – 7 to 9 p.m.

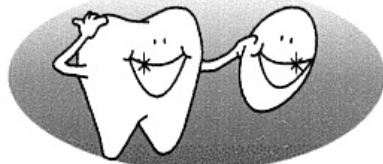
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Fr. Mark wishes to thank the parish community for organizing the celebration of his 25th Sacerdotal Anniversary last Friday, January 8 at Saviour of the World Church and the Reception that followed at the Capitol Banquet Hall!

Opera Mea Regi!



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