

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

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
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Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
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MINISTRIES

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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.



Baptism is the Sacrament “on which our faith is based, and which grafts us to Christ and His Church, as living members. Together with the Eucharist and Confirmation it forms the so-called ‘Christian initiation’, which constitutes a single, great sacramental event that aligns us with the Lord and makes us into a living sign of His presence and His love”.

However, the Bishop of Rome observed, we might ask, “Is Baptism truly necessary for us to live as Christians and to follow Jesus? Is it not fundamentally a simple rite, a formal act of the Church, for naming a child?” To answer this, he repeated the words of the apostle Paul: “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life”.

“Therefore, it is not a mere formality! A baptised child is not the same as an child who is not baptised; a baptised person is not the same as one who has not received baptism. It is an act that touches the depth of our existence. We are immersed in that inexhaustible fount of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love of all history; and thanks to this love we are able to live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, sin and death, but rather in communion with God and with our brothers”.

The Pope again commented that many of us do not know the date when we were baptised and, as before, asked, those present in St. Peter's Square to find out the date of their baptism, as “it is a happy date”. “Obviously we do not remember the ceremony, especially if we were baptised soon after birth, but it is a pity not to recognise the importance of this day, as we thereby “risk losing sight of what the Lord has done for us, of the gift we have received. We end up considering it merely as an event that took place in the past – and not even by our will, but rather by that of our parents – that has no effect on the present”.

Instead, “we are called to live out our Baptism day after day, as a current fact of our existence. If we succeed in following Jesus and remaining in the Church, even with our limits and our frailty, it is precisely because of the Sacrament in which we became new creatures and were re-clothed in Christ. It is by Baptism, indeed, that we are freed from sin and enter into Jesus' relationship with God the Father, that we become bearers of new hope, that nothing and nobody may extinguish; the hope of taking the road to salvation; that we are able to forgive and love even those who offend us or harm us; and that we are able to recognise in the marginalised and the poor the face of the Lord who visits and draws close to us”.

Another characteristic of Baptism, concluded the Pontiff, is that “no-one can baptise himself; we can ask for baptism, wish for it, but we always need someone to confer this Sacrament in the name of the Lord. This is because Baptism is a gift that is given in a context of care and fraternal sharing. Throughout history, one person baptises another, who baptises another, and another ... it is a chain. A chain of grace. But I cannot baptise myself; I have to ask another person to baptise me. It is an act of brotherhood, an act of affiliation to the Church. In the celebration of Baptism we recognise the truest features of the Church, who is like a mother who continues to generate new children in Christ, in the fecundity of the Holy Spirit”.

Sacramental Preparation

Third Gathering for First Reconciliation and First Communion will be held on Sunday at 10 AM St. John of Arc Secondary School on January 19, 2014

Confirmation Gathering will be held on Saturday at 4 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School on January 11, 2014 and January 18, 2014

Mass Intention

Saturday (January 11)

5:00 PM _+Ciriaco Pereira, +Charles & Adeline Gomes, +Rogelio Cruz

Sunday (January 12)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM +Helene Poirier

11:00 AM +Emerita Tadeo & Elvira Geronimo

12:30 PM Open

Monday (January 13)

7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (January 14)

7:30 AM Open

Wednesday (January 15)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (January 16)

7:30 AM +Higino Cuenca

Friday (January 17)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Darwin Laurencio

Saturday (January 18)

9:00 AM For our parish benefactors and their families

5:00 PM Open

If you wish to offer Holy Mass, you can book it with Cecilia at the desk when you come for Holy Mass or do it online on our parish website. You can also call the parish office.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

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\$1,439,119.68

Architectural Fees

\$57,303.68

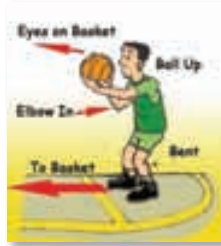
Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,496,423.36

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

Basketball Free Throw

The Knights of Columbus will be signing up all boys and girls ages 9-14 during the next two weekends for the yearly Basketball Free Throw.



Offertory Collection January 5, 2014	
Offertory	\$3771.80
Building Fund	\$3536.05
St. Peter's Church	\$226.60
New Year	\$4676.90
Stipend	\$80.00
Religious Frames	\$100.00
From the Box	\$30.65
Total	\$12422.00

Building Committee Meeting

The Building Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at the Parish Rectory starting at 7:45 PM.

Our parish will be selling Samosa on the Third Sunday of each month as part of our Fundraising Activity for our Building Fund.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Prayer Service

January 26, 2014 - 3 p.m.
St. Paul's Basilica
83 Power St., Toronto

Ecumenical prayer service with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Puzak, Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald and other local religious leaders. This service is the final event of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which will take place January 18-25. For more information, contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400, ext. 344. [Click here to view poster.](#)

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