

# 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](http://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. Bernard of Clairvaux Tel. (905) 542-9203  
St. Edith Stein Tel. (905) 824-5777  
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

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	<b>Financial Council</b>	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz	<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	
Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	<b>Building Committee</b>	
	Serge Poirier	Chairperson	Rita Borg
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Choirs	Jamie Marr	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
	Suzanne Pereira		
	Raul Manzanares	Women at the Well	Anne-Marie Caister
Arts & Environment	Ronald Pasajol	Hospitality	Frank Amegah
Youth Ministry	Cora & Boyer del Rosario		
Social Concerns	Elisha Pinto	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Tony Ciufu
Sacristans	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
Home Visitation	James Amores	<b>Daughters of isabella</b>	Rita Venantius
	Rebecca Poirier		905-824-7223
<b>Sacramental Preparation</b>		<b>Couples for Christ</b>	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	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.

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### COME & SEE

#### WEEKEND

For single Catholic men, 18 and older, who are considering a possible call to the Diocesan Priesthood

St. Augustine's Seminary

January 30 to February 1, 2015

contact the Office of Vocations for more information

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

416-968-0997

#### Note from the Parish Office

To avoid confusion with regards to your donation envelopes, please make sure that you discard any unused donation envelopes of 2014. Please use only 2015 donation envelopes.

If you have any changes to your information, please contact Fatima directly at the parish office. She can also be contacted via email at [fatima@stjosephinebakhita.ca](mailto:fatima@stjosephinebakhita.ca)

Your 2014 Tax Receipts will be available towards the end of January.

#### Public Lecture: "The Ecumenical Vocation of Christians Today: Reflections on Margaret O'Gara's No Turning Back: The Future of Ecumenism"

January 23 - 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Toronto School of Theology, Boardroom 1

47 Queen's Park Cres. E., Toronto

Margaret O'Gara (1947-2012) belonged to the St. Michael's College Faculty of Theology for 36 years. Her specialty was ecumenical theology, the personally engaged study of divisions between the Christian churches for the sake of overcoming them. No Turning Back is a collection of her essays brought to editorial completion by her husband Michael Vertin, a longtime professor at St. Michael's. Dr. Vertin's lecture is open to all. Inquiries: [dominican.toronto@gmail.com](mailto:dominican.toronto@gmail.com).

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015

Ecumenical Prayer Service January 25 at 4 PM Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pazak, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis and other city-wide religious leaders.

Homilist: The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson (Professor of Homiletics, Emmanuel College and ordained Minister of the United Church of Canada). Parking is available. Refreshments to follow in church hall. For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or ext. 527 or email [ykwok@archtoronto.org](mailto:ykwok@archtoronto.org).

### Mass Intention

#### Saturday (January 17)

5:00 PM +Bobby Favis

#### Sunday (January 18)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community  
9:00 AM +Julia and Jose Cabral, +Jose and Luis Vieira  
11:00 AM +Sheldon Gomes  
12:30 PM +Boyett Agito

#### Monday (January 19)

7:00 PM +Marjo Gasser

#### Tuesday (January 20)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends of Abigail Tolentino

#### Wednesday (January 21)

7:00 PM Open

#### Thursday (January 22)

7:30 AM +Departed family of Alexander and Emma Quizano

#### Friday (January 23)

7:00 PM Open

#### Saturday (January 24)

9:00 AM For parish benefactors and their families

5:00 PM Open

If you wish to offer Holy Mass for yourself or for your loved one, see Cecilia at the desk when you come for Sunday or Mass or use the form on our parish website.

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**Total Building Fund Collected**

**\$1,739,275.05**

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**Religious beliefs must never be abused in the cause of violence and war**

“I have come to Sri Lanka in the footsteps of my predecessors Popes Paul VI and John Paul II to demonstrate the great love and concern which the Catholic Church has for Sri Lanka. It is a particular grace for me to visit the Catholic community here, to confirm them in their Christian faith, to pray with them and to share their joys and sufferings. It is equally a grace to be with all of you, men and women of these great religious traditions, who share with us a desire for wisdom, truth and holiness.

“At Vatican Council II, the Catholic Church declared her deep and abiding respect for other religions. She stated that she 'rejects nothing of what is true and holy in these religions. She has a high regard for their manner of life and conduct, their precepts and doctrines'. For my part, I wish to reaffirm the Church's sincere respect for you, your traditions and beliefs”.

He continued, “It is in this spirit of respect that the Catholic Church desires to cooperate with you, and with all people of good will, in seeking the welfare of all Sri Lankans. I hope that my visit will help to encourage and deepen the various forms of interreligious and ecumenical cooperation which have been undertaken in recent years.

“These praiseworthy initiatives have provided opportunities for dialogue, which is essential if we are to know, understand and respect one another. But, as experience has shown, for such dialogue and encounter to be effective, it must be grounded in a full and forthright presentation of our respective convictions. Certainly, such dialogue will accentuate how varied our beliefs, traditions and practices are. But if we are honest in presenting our convictions, we will be able to see more clearly what we hold in common. New avenues will be opened for mutual esteem, cooperation and indeed friendship.

“Such positive developments in interreligious and ecumenical relations take on a particular significance and urgency in Sri Lanka. For too many years the men and women of this country have been victims of civil strife and violence. What is needed now is healing and unity, not further conflict and division. Surely the fostering of healing and unity is a noble task which is incumbent upon all who have at heart the good of the nation, and indeed the whole human family. It is my hope that interreligious and ecumenical cooperation will demonstrate that men and women do not have to forsake their identity, whether ethnic or religious, in order to live in harmony with their brothers and sisters.

“How many ways there are for the followers of the different religions to carry out this service! How many are the needs that must be tended to with the healing balm of fraternal solidarity! I think in particular of the material and spiritual needs of the poor, the destitute, those who yearn for a word of consolation and hope. Here I think too of the many families who continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones.

“Above all, at this moment of your nation's history, how many people of good will are seeking to rebuild the moral foundations of society as a whole? May the growing spirit of cooperation between the leaders of the various religious communities find expression in a commitment to put reconciliation among all Sri Lankans at the heart of every effort to renew society and its institutions. For the sake of peace, religious beliefs must never be allowed to be abused in the cause of violence and war. We must be clear and unequivocal in challenging our communities to live fully the tenets of peace and coexistence found in each religion, and to denounce acts of violence when they are committed.

“Dear friends”, concluded the Pope, “I thank you once again for your generous welcome and your attention. May this fraternal encounter confirm all of us in our efforts to live in harmony and to spread the blessings of peace”.

Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 3,367.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,027.00
St. Peter's	\$ 140.00
Stipend	\$ 260.00
Wednesday	\$ 123.00
ShareLife	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,937.00</b>

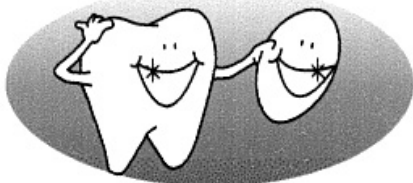
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR  
CONSECRATED LIFE CELEBRATION**

On Monday, February 2, 2015, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,000 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

On Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Basilica, there will be a special Mass presided by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such an important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our archdiocese. All are welcome to attend.





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