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***Father, You revealed Your Son to the
nations by the guidance of a star.
Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven
by the Light of Faith.***

**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**January 1 (Saturday)**

9:00 AM for the parish community
11:00 AM for the parish community
12:30 PM for the parish community

January 2 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Noreen O'Laughlin
11:00 AM +Virginia Dungo, +John Monteiro
12:30 PM Open

January 3 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Edgardo Nillos

January 4 (Tuesday)

9:00 AM Special Intention of Fr. David Pace

January 5 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Mila Stapells

January 6 (Thursday)

9:00 AM Open

January 7 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

January 8 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The dates for the Second Gathering for First Communion Candidates:

January 16, 2011 at 10 AM
January 23, 2011 at 10 AM

The dates for the the Second Gathering for Confirmation Candidates

January 15, 2011 at 4 PM
January 22, 2011 at 4 PM
January 30, 2011 at 10 AM

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The whole Church celebrates today the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The feast that commemorates the visit of the wise men to the Christ child in Bethlehem. On Christmas eve, a light was shone in the darkness of this world. It first illuminated the stable in Bethlehem and then in the fields, among the shepherds, who were grazing their sheep. This light eventually illuminated the whole earth symbolized by the arrival of the wise men from the east. This light is no other than God himself, who became flesh, born of the Virgin Mary. St. John writes in his First letter that "God is light; in him there is no darkness and further on, he also declares that "God is love". The light that illuminated the world is God's love manifested in Jesus Christ. Like the various personalities of the Bethlehem story, may we too, be attracted by this light and experience in a deep way the love of God.

I would like to take this occasion to thank all of you for participating in the formation of our parish community. I wish to thank our pastoral team: Deacon Michael, Sister Cristina, Sister Nocy, Fatima, and our housekeeper, Linda. I also wish to thank all volunteers from the various ministries: Altar Servers, Musicians and Choir members, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Arts and Environment, Children's Liturgy, Catechists, Social Concerns, Offertory counters, Youth Leaders, members of various committees such as the Building, Fundraising, Walkathon, Finance Council, Parish Council, the Legion of Mary, the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabella, and at St. Peter's, for your generosity of spirit and dedication in serving God and this community.

I wish to thank the sponsors of our Christmas Novena, those who brought food every night for nine consecutive days, the choir, Eucharistic Ministers, and lectors. Our average attendance was one hundred twenty people. A special thanks to J.C. Cadieux for arranging the video feed that would permit more people to follow the Mass in the basement of St. Peter's Mission Church.

I wish also to thank Msgr. Terence D'Souza for celebrating Mass for our community. Thank you Monsignor for your friendship and for your readiness to help. You are an inspiration as we form our parish community and build our church in the near future.

Once again, we turn to the Light that emanated from Bethlehem. May we open our minds and hearts to Christ like the wise men did. In spite of their great learning and status in the world, they bowed before the Christ child laying in the manger, offering their precious and symbolic gifts, the gift of themselves.

A Blessed New Year to all!

If you wish the relic of Mother Bakhita to visit your family, please contact Sister Cristina. The relic of Mother Bakhita will stay with you for one week and must be returned to the parish so it can be handed over to the next host family at the Sunday Eucharist.



Some Tips for Social Justice

Solidarity

Living as though other people and living things matter. Examples of this would be:

- Fasting in solidarity with the hungry and the oppressed
- Living simply. Do I really need all those gadgets and clothes coming out in the stores? Recycling where you can; being a good steward of all our natural resources and of our planet that God has given us.
- Praying for the poor, the homeless, for an end to sweatshops, etc.

Education

We are obligated to educate ourselves and others about social justice. Read all you can about the subject. Study all you can about all the social issues facing us. Spread the word about these issues. Examples: global warming, the natural disasters, sweatshops, oppressed and persecuted Christians, etc.

Community Organizing

Get involved in the community! Join or start a food pantry. Start a neighborhood watch program if one is needed. Start or join a group in the parish that studies the issues of the community/world and decides what can be done about the problems facing us. Join our Parish Social Concerns...

Advocacy

This is giving a voice to those who have no voice, that is, the poor, the sick, the shut in, the unborn, the dying, the disadvantaged, the immigrants, those imprisoned, the homeless, racial minorities, etc. We are called to speak out! Write a letter to the editor, join a march, call your elected officials and let them know how you feel.

The feast of our newest Canadian Saint, St. Brother Andre Bessette will be celebrated on Thursday, January 6. Brother Andre was born in Quebec and joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross in 1872 (the congregation did not want to accept him, because of his frail health, but the bishop insisted: "I am sending you a saint"). He had great confidence in Saint Joseph and recommended prayer to him to all who were sick. So many were cured that Brother Andre himself was acclaimed as a miracle-worker, and when he died on January 6, 1937, a million people filed past his coffin. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010.

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BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Mark is exploring the possibility of introducing a bible study group in the parish. He would like to know if there are any in the parish who may be interested. Please send him a quick message via email at frmark@stjosephinebakhita.org if you are interested.



Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7:30 PM. All Heads of Ministries and Lay Organizations are invited to attend including members of the Pastoral Team.

The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet at the Rectory on Thursday, January 20, 2011. at 7:30 PM. We will be reviewing the prepare budget and the semi-annual Financial Report to the Archdiocese and to Parishioners.



Pre-authorized Form of Giving

If you are interested in the Pre-Authorized form of financially supporting the needs of our parish and the Building Fund, Forms are available at the desk.

Thank you for your generosity

Please be informed that Sister Cristina is away on family visit until the middle of January.



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