

# 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.

## SCHOOLS

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) 821-2606

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
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	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz	<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	
Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
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Choirs	Jamie Marr	<b>St. Peter's Mission Church</b>	
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	Raul Manzanares		
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Social Concerns	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
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Home Visitation	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.

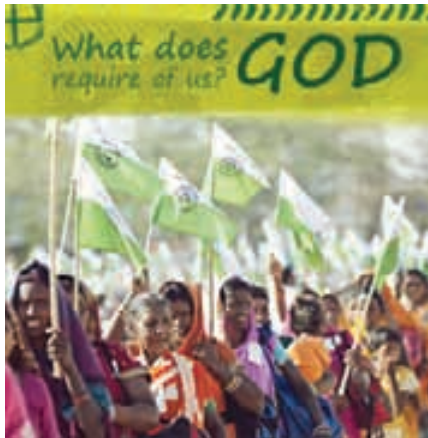
## Sacrament of Marriage

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.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**



*For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity from January 18 - 25. By annually observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one."*

*The Student Christian Movement of India prepared the 2013 WPCU theme and accompanying materials. In the context of the caste system they experience, they chose the theme 'What does God require of us' - from Micah 6:6-8. Injustice to the poorest of the poor in India and in the Church poses a grave challenge to unity and to the Church's unified witness in the world.*

The churches in India have had a complex and rich history. The Christian population continues to be significantly engaged in the life of the nation, especially in the areas of education and health care, a heritage from the Christian missionary movement which began in the 1500s. Through these services and through conversions to Christianity, the major contribution made by the missions was to empower the socially discriminated sections of Indian society to gain dignity and self respect. Christianity is India's third-largest religion with approximately 24 million followers, constituting roughly 2.3% of India's population of 1.2 billion people. These are the figures based on the 2001 census – the findings of the 2011 census which is ongoing suggests a marginal increase in the number of Christians in India. Of the Christian population the largest number adhere to the Roman Catholic Church. Churches in the Eastern tradition include the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, the Malabar Independent Syrian Church, the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Church, the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian, and the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church which are prominent in Kerala. Major Protestant denominations include the Church of South India (CSI), the Church of North India (CNI), Presbyterians, Baptists, Lutherans and evangelical communities.

There has been recent contestation of the way in which the history of the Indian churches has been depicted – as having their origins in the Western Missionary movements. Based on the assumption sometimes made that in recent years the centre of Christianity is “moving to the South”, Ninan Koshy writes: “Those who say that the ‘day of Southern Christianity is dawning’ are apparently oblivious of the fact that the dawn of Christianity was in the South... What is happening is not the extension of a Western religion but the renaissance of a religion that is Asian in its origin and early history.”

According to the tradition of the Mar Thoma or “Church of Thomas,” St Thomas evangelized along the Malabar Coast of Kerala State in southwest India. He reputedly preached to all classes of people and had about seventeen thousand converts, including members of the four principal castes. According to legend, St Thomas was martyred at Chennai, and his tomb is now the site of San Thome Cathedral. Koshy quotes the renowned Asian historian K.M. Panikkar who had said that, “Christianity has existed in different parts of Persia, India and China from the earliest times. The Church in Malabar claims apostolic origin from St. Thomas, and in any case its existence is attested by outside authority as early as AD 182”.

Those early Indian Christians who came in contact with that East Syrian (Persian) tradition are today called the Church of the East or the Chaldean Church. There is later evidence that Nestorian Christians, who flourished in Persia, reached China in the seventh century.[5] From this it can be deduced that Nestorian merchants and missionaries, and others from Syria, came to India in those early centuries. This is the origin of the Orthodox churches in India, which have remained a strong and faithful presence in India. In the centuries that followed, other groups from Syria, Persia and Babylonia increased the Christian presence, while the first Roman Catholic missionary, Jordanus Catalani, established a diocese in the early fourteenth century.

**Mass Intention**

Saturday (January 18)  
5:00 PM +Josefina Poliarco, +Fidelina Libran, Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Antoinette A.

Sunday (January 19)  
7:30 AM For the Parish  
9:00 AM Open  
11:00 AM +Melencio Yao, +Randy Cruz, +Annie Buenaventura, Special Intention of Leonardo Cruz  
12:30 PM Open

Monday (January 20)  
7:00 PM +Sheldon Gomes, +Ignatius Vu Long Mao

Tuesday (January 21)  
7:30 AM Open

Wednesday (January 22)  
7:00 PM Open

Thursday (January 23)  
7:30 AM +Open

Friday (January 24)  
7:00 PM +Xavier D’Souza

Saturday (January 25)  
9:00 AM +Jovito Lobo  
5:00 PM Open

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**Offering**  
**New Year's Day and Epiphany**

Offertory	\$3,950.57
St. Peter's Mission Church	\$232.00
Wednesday Offering	\$167.55
Building Fund	\$877.00
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**Parish Finance Council Meeting**

January 31, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM  
Parish Rectory

**Building Committee Meeting**

February 4, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM  
St. Peter's Mission Church

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

February 7, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM  
St. Peter's Mission Church

*We will be issuing the Tax Receipts next weekend. Please notify the Parish Office if there are any changes to your mailing address. Thank you.*

**Sacramental Preparation**

*For First Reconciliation/First Communion Gathering*

January 20, 2013 at 10 AM for St. Bernard School, St. Edith Stein School, and Parish Religion Class

January 27, 2013 at 10 AM for St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School

*For Confirmation Gathering*

February 2, 2013 at 4 PM for St. Bernard School, St. Edith Stein School, and Parish Religion Class

February 9, 2013 at 4 PM for St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School

**Volunteers Needed for the Society of Sharing**

The Society of Sharing is a non-profit organization and a ShareLife member agency dedicated to serving seniors and adults with disabilities. They are looking for medical and shopping escorts to accompany seniors to and from medical appointments or to take them grocery-shopping. Our clients are socially isolated seniors living alone in their own homes suffering from medical conditions, physical disability and loneliness. You can make a difference in their lives!

For more information, contact Dexter at 416-413-0380, ext. 224 or [dexter@societyofsharing.org](mailto:dexter@societyofsharing.org). Visit [www.societyofsharing.org](http://www.societyofsharing.org) to learn more.

**Volunteers Needed for the Parish**

Are you interested in doing volunteer work for the Parish? Please contact Sister Linda or Anusha D'Silva to discern which ministry to be involved in. There is a great harvest, but there are very few laborers. Join us in serving the Lord!

We are looking especially for volunteers to our Ministry of Hospitality. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to ask.

We invite all the Young people of our Parish to participate in our Youth Ministry  
Contact Sister Nocy

Looking to fulfill your Volunteer Hours  
contact Fr. Mark to inquire



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