

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM



We celebrate Holy Mass at

**St. Joan of Arc Secondary School**

3801 Thomas Street,  
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
12:30 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, Thursday 7:45 a.m.  
Wednesday, Friday 7:00 p.m.

**St. Peter's Mission Church**

Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

**DEVOTIONS**

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Solemn Vespers and Benediction every First Friday 7:30 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" (Pope John Paul II) and "Model of Hope for the twenty-first century" (Pope 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.

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. Mark Achilles Villanueva  
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdccc  
Sr. Nedy, Guan, Fdccc  
Fatima Chan  
Rev. Mr. Michael Ho

**Pastor**  
**Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation**  
**Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth**  
**Parish Secretary**  
**Deacon**

**MINISTRIES**

**Volunteer Coordinator**  
**Children's Liturgy**  
**Children Religious Education**  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
**Lectors**  
**Ushers**  
**Altar Servers**  
**Social Concerns**  
**Choirs**

Anusha De Silva  
Rory Agellon  
Chanel D'Mello  
Max de la Cruz  
Tim Marchand  
Miguel Basurto  
Joanna Aguilar  
Patricia Scire  
Jamie Marr  
Raul Manzanares  
Suzanna Pereira  
Ronald Pasajol  
Cora and Boyer del Rosario

**Church's Environment**

**PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL**

Chairperson Tel de la Cruz

**PARISH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Roman Lim

**ST. PETER'S MISSION**

Chairperson JC Cadieux

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**Legion of Mary**

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Toti Quijano - Tel. 905-567-3236  
Cristina Manzanares - Tel. (905) 812-0891

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. or any time by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a baptismal form and submitted to the parish office. The baptismal form is available at the parish office, after all our weekend Masses at the school, or from our website. Once the parish office receives the form, the pastor will set up the appointment to process your application.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. A marriage course is required. The pastor will arrange the wedding ceremony with Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

**Funerals**

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan and celebrate the funeral, please contact the parish office. We will celebrate the Funeral liturgy either at Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church.

**Elementary 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) 821-2607

**Secondary School**

St. Joan of Arc  
Tel. (905) 285-0050

All new parishioners are welcome. Registration forms are available at the entrance to our worship space on the Weekends. 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.

**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 29 (Saturday)**

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Pepito & Maryann D'Souza, + Valentin Confessor

**January 30 (Sunday)**

7:30 AM For the Parish Community  
9:00 AM +Suzett and Luis Lopes,  
+Florentino Gorospe Sr.  
11:00 AM +George Mistry  
12:30 PM +Resurrection Mangaring,  
+Marjorie Michael

**January 31 (Monday)**

7:00 PM Open

**February 1 (Tuesday)**

7:45 AM Special Intention of Ben Ovejera

**February 2 (Wednesday)**

7:00 PM Open

**February 3 (Thursday)**

7:45 AM Special Intention of Mariz Protacio

**February 4 (Friday)**

7:00 PM +Ruben Esteron

**February 5 (Saturday)**

9:00 AM Open

**Sacramental Preparation**

First Reconciliation

venue: Merciful Redeemer Church

date: February 17, 2011

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux School**

starts at 9:15 AM

**St. Edith Stein School**

starts at 10:15

**Public & Private Schools**

February 12, 2011 at 10 AM

St. Peter's Mission Church

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

On Wednesday, February 2, 2011, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. The purpose of this day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord." (The Servant of God, John Paul II, 1997 message). Our present Holy Father, Benedict XVI, also tells us that "consecrated people are called in a special way to be witnesses of the mercy of the Lord in which human beings find their salvation. Consecrated people are a vivid experience of God's forgiveness, because they know that they are people saved, that they are great when they see themselves as small and feel renewed and enveloped by the holiness of God when they recognize their sins. For this reason, for contemporary men and women too, consecrated life remains a privileged school of "compunction of heart", of the humble recognition of one's poverty but it likewise remains a school of trust in God's mercy, in his love that never abandons us. Actually the closer we become to God, the closer we are to him, the more helpful we are to others. Consecrated people experience God's grace, mercy and forgiveness not only for themselves but also for their brothers and sisters since they are called to carry in their hearts and prayers the anxieties and expectations of human beings, especially those who are far from God." (Message, 2010)

In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,100 religious men and women, over 100 different religious congregations. In our parish community, we have two sisters on staff, Sister Cristina and Sister Nocy, and one parishioner, Sister Ruth of the Sisters of St. Joseph. 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, January 30, 2011 at St. Paul's Basilica in downtown Toronto, 3 PM, there will be a special Mass in celebration of the vocation and witness of these special men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese. All are invited to attend.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

February 2, 2011

The Feast of the Presentation, often called Candlemas, commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the temple, which took place 40 days after his birth as Jewish law required.

The Feast is also called Candlemas. The name Candlemas comes from the activities associated with the feast. Hence, on Wednesday, we will be blessing candles.

**Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita**

February 8, 2011

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

The Building Committee will meet on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the Parish Rectory (3600 Forest Bluff Crescent, corner of Lisgar and Forest Bluff) starting at 7:30 PM. We invite all those who have signaled their intention to share their time and talent as members of this committee to come and join in the conversation. Thank you for your cooperation.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

The Fundraising Committee will meet on Monday, January 31, 2011 at St. Peter's Mission Church starting at 7:45 PM.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish**

VBS is a unique opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children and their families. The activities offered are: Bible time, Arts and Crafts, Music Games, and more. It is scheduled from Monday through Friday (July 4 to 8, 2011). We need volunteers: youth (Grade 8 to 12), young adults, and adults who are willing to journey with children. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Neczy at 289-997-2105 ext. 2 or email: srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.org. You don't need to be an expert on the Bible. We will provide the training you need.

**BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible Study will be held on Mondays at 7:45 PM to 9 PM, St. Peter's Mission Church for eight (8) weeks starting on February 7, 2011.

The topic of the Bible Study will be "The Gift of the Psalms". Please register with Fr. Mark via email or phone if you are interested to participate.

**New Beginnings**

New Beginnings is a ministry serving the Separated, Divorced, or Widowed person. We are having a Support Group meeting Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7:30 PM. The location is St. John of the Cross Church, 6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, ON. All are welcome. Pre-registration is not necessary.

**Thank you for supporting our Building Fund  
\$507,292.71**

*There will be a Second Offering for the Building Fund next weekend, February 5 & 6.*

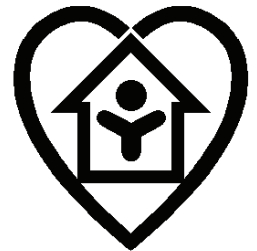
Please mark your calendar!

Bishop John Boissonneau will celebrate the Feast Day Mass for our parish community on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the 5 PM Vigil Mass.

**Thoughts for Reflection**

*Think about what God's love means for you...*

Because God loves you, you never stand alone. There is someone with you in anxious moments who knows your deepest desires and wants what's best for you. Think of the person who has loved you most. Multiply that love a million times over and you still haven't reached the extent of God's personal love for you.



Because God loves you, you can go beyond yourself. You can forgive those who have hurt you, however deeply. Even when you feel intense pain, the possibility of forgiveness lies within you. You can forgive others because God is always ready to forgive your sins. You can overlook wrongs because God empowers you to go beyond your own heartache.

Because God loves you, you can ask forgiveness of those you have hurt. You can admit wrongs and ask forgiveness to make relationships right. His grace can heal you.

Because God loves you, you can care for the weak, remove injustices, alleviate poverty, annihilate oppression, and restore righteousness in our world. The love of God in you gives you strength to defend the unborn, support the elderly, and lift the hearts of those without hope. God's grace in you helps you to see that in every person beats a heart yearning to be loved.

Because God loves you, you have the power to touch hearts with compassion, heal wounds in those around you, and act selflessly. (Source: A Message from the U.S. Catholic Bishops for the Jubilee Year 2000)

**Marriage Enrichment**

February 25-27, 2011

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga.

Alone Again is a marriage enrichment weekend for couples married 25 years or more.

This unique weekend is designed to help married couples look at the rest of their lives once children have left, or planning for their retirement, or continuing their personal growth once retired.

For information call 905-278-8879 or 416-694-1742 or register at Q of A, 905-278-5229.



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