

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 **Pastor**
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdccc **Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation**
Sr. Necy, Guan, Fdccc **Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth**
Fatima Chan **Parish Secretary**

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator Anusha De Silva
Children's Liturgy Rory Agellon
Children Religious Education Chanel D'Mello
Eucharistic Ministers Max de la Cruz
Lectors Tim Marchand
Ushers Miguel Basurto
Altar Servers Joanna Aguilar
Social Concerns Patricia Scire
Choirs 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

Knights of Columbus Tony Ciuffo - Tel. 905-542-9883
Daughters of Isabella Rita Venantius - Tel. 905-824-7223
Couples for Christ Toti Quijano - Tel. 905-567-3236
Legion of Mary 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

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 8 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Charles Rakoczy

January 9 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM Open

11:00 AM +Ciriaco Pereira

12:30 PM +Edward Lezon

January 10 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Joe Furtado

January 11 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM +Pacifco Torres

January 12 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

January 13 (Thursday)

7:45 AM +Wolfgang Villanueva

January 14 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

January 16 (Saturday)

9:00 AM +Octavio & Naty Villanueva

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

This Sunday, we are given an opportunity to remember and celebrate the baptism of the Lord by John in the river Jordan and our own baptism into Christ. As we reflect on the significance of this sacrament, it may be helpful to remind ourselves what the sacrament is not.

First and foremost, baptism is not a final goal, but the beginning of a lifelong process of becoming one with Christ, in Christ, and for Christ. All too often we hear people say that church is only when they are hatched, matched, and dispatched (to correspond to three occasions during their lifetime when they go to church - at baptism, marriage, and funeral). It is good to remind ourselves that baptism is a sacrament of initiation which plots the course and sets the tenor for what must follow; a life lived in consonance with, and as a consequence of that initial dedication.

Secondly, baptism cannot be an empty ritual. Many of you have seen the movie "The Godfather" - in the movie, during the baptism of one of the Corleone children, as the ceremony was unfolding, scenes of murder, violence and mayhem were also interjected by the Director of the movie to indicate that each profession of faith was hollow and each renunciation of evil was a lie. In effect, the family's participation in the baptism was mere sham rather than a defining moment intended to give direction and meaning to the faith-life of the child for which they were responsible.

In the Scriptural readings of today's feast, we are presented with the image of the Isaian servant, whose job description of saving his contemporaries is outlined. As Christians, we bring to the Hebrew prophecy the understanding that the personal qualities and job description of the servant were fully realized in the saving work and suffering death of Jesus. As we read the text in this manner, we, who have been baptized into Christ, also realize that Jesus' job description of selfless suffering and saving service is the pattern for our lives. And so, just as the Isaian servant was empowered, and just as Jesus was empowered for service by the Spirit of God, God's Spirit also empowers those who are baptized into Christ to accomplish the impossible task of bringing justice into the world.

What is biblical justice? The biblical concept of justice can be described as "fidelity to the demands of a relationship." In other words, it is the promotion of a network of equitable, trusting, life-giving relationships whereby every member of the human community, from the least to the greatest is united with others by familial bonds. At the heart of this network is the all-important relationships with God, from which all other relationships must necessarily derive.

This type of justice cannot be achieved by political machinations nor by military might, but with gentleness and caution, respect for persons who are weak, fragile, and in jeopardy.

Aside from the empowerment that the Spirit of God gives, there is also an additional promise given to those who continue the mission of Jesus in this world: "I have grasped you by the hand". Held tightly by God's grace and presence, we become capable of reaching out, to grasp, to hold, and to fill every hand that is extended to us in need.

Want to know your purpose and God's call for you?

Join the

Christian Life Program

Presented by the Couples for Christ

An opportunity to understand God's call to us as Christians

- For the individual, build a deeper relationship with God.
- For the family, strengthen the relationships of husband, wife, and children according to God's plan.
- For the Church, bring a fuller participation of life in the Holy Spirit.

The CLP is for everyone! Married couples, singles, divorced/separated, widow/widowers. Enjoy a friendly atmosphere, good discussions, lively fellowship and make new friends. IT'S FREE!

Starts Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM
St. Peter's Mission Church
6056 Ninth Line (@Britannia), Mississauga

Please contact:

Andy/Nida - 905-785-6644/416-669-2815
n_buno@yahoo.ca
Choy/Cris - 905-816-2222
csia90@yahoo.ca
Roman/Agnes - 289-997-6081

Relic of Mother Bakhita

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.

The work of our parish and our desire to see a church built on Thomas Street in the near future is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners and friends. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy and to assist you in your giving, our parish employs the method of Pre-Authorized form of Giving. Forms are available at the desk if you wish to participate.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund
\$486,500

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 prepared budget and the semi-annual Financial Report to the Archdiocese and to Parishioners.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a program designed for individuals who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and to be baptized. It is intended also for those who have been away from the Church or wish to complete their Christian Initiation, or for Christians who have been baptized in other Christian traditions and desire to enter into full communion in the Catholic Church. The official program begins in the Fall leading to the celebration of the Easter Sacraments. However, the RCIA is a process that can begin at anytime during the year and depending on the journey of each person, it may be short or extended. If you are interested to participate in our RCIA program, our contact person is Roman Lim.



Are you a volunteer in the Parish?
Are you looking for leadership formation?

Archdiocesan Leadership Formation Programme

Year 1 Module 2
Basic Teachings of the Catholic Church
Tuesdays from March 8 to April 12
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Please see Fr. Mark if you are interested.

We are inviting parishioners who may be interested to join our Building Committee. If you are interested, please see Fr. Mark



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