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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

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. Joan of Arc Secondary School Tel. (905) 285-0050

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
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RCIA	Roman Lim	Legion of Mary	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.

BEING CHURCH MEANS HAVING A SENSE OF BEING IN GOD'S HANDS



Vatican City, 18 June 2014 (VIS) – During this Wednesday's general audience Pope Francis began a new series of catechesis on the Church, “like a son who speaks about his mother, about his own family. The Church is not an institution that exists for its own ends, or a private association, an NGO; neither must she limit her view to the clergy or the Vatican. The Church is a far broader entity, open to all humanity, and not born unexpectedly. She was founded by Jesus but consists of a people with a long history behind them, prepared long before Christ Himself”.

“This story, or 'prehistory' of the Church, is already found in the pages of the Old Testament. According to the Book of Genesis, God chose

Abraham ... and asked him to leave his earthly homeland behind to go towards another land, that He would show to him. But God did not call upon Abraham alone, as an isolated individual, but instead from the very beginning He involved all of his family, his relatives and all those who served in his house. ... The first important fact is this: starting with Abraham, God formed a people in order to bring His blessing to all families on earth. And Jesus was born within this population”.

The second element is that it was not Abraham who convoked the people around him. ... Typically man sought the divine, seeking to bridge the distance and invoking support and protection. In this case, however, we see something unprecedented: it was God Himself Who took the initiative and addressed His word to man, creating a bond and a new relationship with him. In this way God constitutes a people of all those who listen to His word and who set out on their path, trusting in Him. This is the sole condition: trusting in God. If you place your trust in God, listen to Him and set out on His path, this means being a Church. God's love precedes everything ... He precedes us. The prophet Jeremiah said that God was like the flower of the almond-tree, as it is the first tree that flowers in spring, meaning that God always flowers before us. When we arrive, He is already there waiting for us. ... He is always there before us”.

“Abraham and his family listened to the call of God and set out on their way. ... But this does not mean that they are always convinced and faithful. On the contrary, ever since the beginning there has been resistance, man has withdrawn into himself and his own interests, and has been tempted to bargain with God in order to solve problems on his own terms. There are the betrayals and sins that mark the path of the people throughout the history of salvation, which is the history of God's fidelity to His people, and the infidelity of the people of God. However, God never tires, He is patient and over time He continues to educate and form His people, like a father with his son. He maintains this same attitude with the Church”.

“Indeed, we too, in spite of our intention to follow the Lord Jesus, experience every day the selfishness and hardness of our hearts. However, when we recognise ourselves as sinners, God fills us with His mercy and His love. This is what enables us to grow as the people of God, as a Church; it is not our cleverness, our merits, but rather the daily experience of how much the Lord loves and cares for us. This is what makes us truly feel that we are His, that we are in His hands, and it enables us to grow in communion with Him and among ourselves. Being Church means having a sense of being in the hands of God, Who is our father and loves us, Who awaits us”.

The Pope underlined that this is God's plan: “to form a people blessed by His love and able to bring his blessing to all populations on earth. This project does not change, and is always in process. It found its culmination in Christ, and God continues to carry it out in the Church to this day. Let us then ask the grace to remain faithful in following the Lord Jesus and in listening to His Word, ready to set out every day, like Abraham, towards the land of God and man, our true homeland, and thus to become a blessing and sign of God's love for all His children”.

He added, “I like to think that a synonym, another way we could describe Christians is this: we are men and women, we are people who bless. The Christian, through his life, should always bless, should bless God and others. We Christians are people who bless, who know how to bless. It is a beautiful vocation”.

Mass Intention

Saturday (June 21)

5:00 PM Open

Sunday (June 22)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM Open

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Rene Paz de Leon, Thanksgiving of Choi & Cris Sia +Sheldon Gomes,

12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Virginia Moreno, Thanksgiving of Felipe & Victoria Paculaba, +Paul & Jose

Monday (June 23)

7:00 PM +Hilda Rodrigues

Tuesday (June 24)

7:30 AM +Joana Sara Mascarenhas

Wednesday (June 25)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (June 26)

7:30 AM Open

Friday (June 27)

7:00 PM +Expedito Caniedo

Saturday (June 28)

9:00 AM +Carmen Bantay

5:00 PM +Clement Cardozo

To offer a Holy Mass Intention, please see Cecilia or call the parish office. You can also request through parish website

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\$1,524,050.77

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\$86,712.65

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\$1,610,763.42

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our church building project*

SAVE THE DATE!

Daughters of Isabella - 5th Anniversary Dinner Dance
 Saturday, September 13, 2014
 at Delta Meadowvale Hotel & Conference Centre
 \$40 per person – Cash bar
 For tickets please contact the Daughters of Isabella



Vacation Bible School

St. Edith Stein School
 July 7 to 11
 Registration is \$50

Annual Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine
 St. Josephine Bakhita Day
 August 23, 2014

Retrouvaille Toronto: Help for Troubled Marriages

A live-in weekend followed by six post sessions to help couples experiencing troubles in their marriage relationships. For further information, call 416-281-6007 or go to www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

*Please remember to give to our poor box
 Thank you!*

*Joint Finance Committee and Fundraising Committee Meeting
 Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:45 PM
 St. Peter's Mission Church Basement*

Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$3037.00
Building Fund	\$1110.00
St. Peter's Church	\$280.00
Wednesday Collection	\$80.00
ShareLife	\$425.00
Stipend	\$255.00
Vacation Bible School	\$100.00
Social Concerns	\$5.00
Total	\$5292.00

Solemn Eucharistic Adoration with His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins

June 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
 St. Paul's Basilica
 83 Power Street, Toronto

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins and the Office of Catholic Youth invite all to join the young adults of the Archdiocese of Toronto in participating in solemn Eucharistic Adoration. A professional choir will offer chant for a portion of adoration and His Eminence will provide a brief reflection. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be made available for the duration. A social for the young adults of the Archdiocese will follow at St. Paul's Basilica parish hall from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Catholic Youth at 416-599-7676 or youth@ocytoronto.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults

Our parish offers the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and For Children. If you or anyone you know wish to be baptized, confirmed, or you have been away from the Church and hope to return to the practice of the Faith, please contact Roman Lim or Fr. Mark for more information.



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