

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

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. Bernard of Clairvaux Tel. (905) 542-9203
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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

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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

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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.

Update from the Building Committee

The Building Committee continued to deliberate with the Architect with regards to the design of our worship space. We looked at the design of the sanctuary, the chapel, and the sacristy. We also discussed the arcade in the front and the sacral garden with the Stations of the Cross including the outdoor the shrine marked by the small circle on the right hand side of the building (facing Thomas). On Tuesday, the Architect, Fr. Mark, and Deacon Gerry met with Fr. Vito Marzillano, the chair of Sacred Art and Architecture of the Archdiocese for his input on the design. Please continue to pray for guidance and direction.



VBS (Vacation Bible School) is back to Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish in July!

Children from Kindergarten to Grade Four are invited to participate. This is an opportunity for the children to know more about Jesus and the Bible in a fun way. The activities are: Bible Stories, Music, Arts and crafts, Games and Snacks.

Theme: Son West Round-up

Dates: July 8-12, 2013 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Venue: Saint Simon Stock Catholic Elementary School

Donation: \$50.00

Upcoming Trips and Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and Holy Land
under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Mark
September 29 to October 12, 2013

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Ushers' Ministry

The coordinators of the Ushers' Ministry would like to request all active ushers to please identify themselves by signing their names on the sheet at the desk. We are planning a series of training to equip you to fulfill your role more effectively. Thank you for sharing your time and talent.

It is now possible to Financially support our Parish by using your preferred Credit Card. Just visit our Parish Website and click on the Archdiocese of Toronto under Donate Now. A form to fill will open, but make sure you choose the right parish in the drop down menu. You can make a one-time donation or setup a recurring gift. Thank you.

Thank you for supporting our
Building Fund

\$1,332,509

If you wish to book a Mass during the week you can easily do so by visiting our parish website at www.stjosephinebakhita.ca or call the parish office.

Mass Intention

Saturday (June 15)

5:00 PM +Walter Mumford, +Crescenciano Pena, +Leonardo & Randy Cruz

Sunday (June 16)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM Successful surgery of Egypt Padilla

11:00 AM +Richard Valere, +Lina de Montbrun, +Expedito Caniedo

12:30 PM +John Kurisunkal

Monday (June 17)

7:00 PM +Hilda Paul

Tuesday (June 18)

7:30 AM +Norbert DeSouza

Wednesday (June 19)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Pol Cruz, Thanksgiving of Aguilar family

Thursday (June 20)

7:30 AM +Albin Kattar

Friday (June 21)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Rachel Doummar, +Sheldon Gomes

Saturday (June 22)

9:00 AM Intention of Boy & Wai Moreno

5:00 PM Open

Sunday (June 23)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM +Anselmo Elias, +Maria Ines Fernandes

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Rene & Paz de Leon

12:30 PM Open

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The Church, defined in Vatican Council II as the People of God, was the topic of Pope Francis' catechesis during the Wednesday general audience. The Holy Father explained the concept of the People of God through a series of questions: "What does it mean to

be the People of God? How does one become a member of this people? What is its law, its mission, and its goal?"

To be the People of God, the Bishop of Rome said, "first of all means that God doesn't belong to any particular people because He is the one who calls us ... and this invitation is addressed to all, without distinction, because God's mercy 'wills everyone to be saved'. Jesus doesn't tell the Apostles and us to form an exclusive group of elite members. Jesus says: 'Go and make disciples of all nations'. ... I would also like to say to whoever feels far from God and from the Church, to whoever is timorous or indifferent, to whoever thinks they are no longer able to change: the Lord also calls you to be part of his people and He does so with great respect and love!" A person becomes part of this people "not through physical birth, but by a new birth ... Baptism ... through faith in Christ, God's gift that must be nourished and made to grow throughout our lives."

What is the law of the people of God? "It is the law of love, love for God and love for neighbour ... which isn't a sterile sentimentalism or something vague, but is the recognition of God as the one Lord of life and, at the same time, welcoming others as true brothers and sisters ... the two go hand in hand. How much further must we still journey to live this new law concretely? ... When we look in the newspapers or on TV there are so many wars between Christians; how can this happen? Within the people of God, so many wars! In neighbourhoods, at work, how many wars for envy and jealousy! Even in the same family, how many internal wars! We must ask the Lord to help us understand this law of love. How beautiful it is to love one another as true brothers and sisters. Let's do this today. Maybe we all have the people we like and [those we] dislike. Perhaps many of us are a little upset with someone. So let's say to the Lord: 'Lord, I am angry with this person or that one. I will pray to you for him and for her.' Praying for those we are angry with is a good step in this law of love. Shall we do it? Let's do it today!"

"This people's mission," the Pope continued, "to bring God's hope and salvation to the world: to be a sign of the love of God who calls all to friendship with him ... It is enough to open a newspaper to see that the presence of evil is around us, that the Devil is at work. But I want to say out loud: God is stronger! ... Let's all say it together ... God is stronger! And I want to add that reality, which at times is dark and marked by evil, can change if we first bring to it the light of the Gospel, above all with our lives. If, in a stadium ... on a dark night, one person lights a light, it can barely be seen. But, if over 70,000 spectators each light their own light, then the stadium lights up. Let us make our lives the light of Christ. Together we will bring the light of the Gospel to all of reality."

The goal of this people is "God's kingdom, begun on earth by God himself, and which must be further extended until it is

brought to perfection, when Christ, our life, shall appear. The objective [of the people of God], therefore, is full communion with the Lord, familiarity with him, entering into the divine life itself, into his family, where we will live the joy of his boundless love."

"Being the Church, being the people of God," Francis concluded, "... means being God's leaven in this our humanity. It means proclaiming and bearing God's salvation in this our world, which is often lost and needful of having encouraging answers, answers that give hope, that give new energy along the journey. May the Church be the place of God's mercy and love, where everyone can feel themselves welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And in order to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged, the Church must have open doors so that all might enter. And we must go out of those doors and proclaim the Gospel"

SUNDAY OFFERING

June 9, 2013

OFFERTORY	\$2,816.26
BUILDING FUND	\$2,598.00
ST. PETER'S CHURCH	\$507.00
WEDNESDAY OFFERING	\$158.00
MASS STIPEND	\$365.00
SHARELIFE	\$300.00
BAPTISM	\$233.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	\$400.00
WALKATHON	\$13,048.00
FROM THE BOX	\$32.74
TOTAL	\$20,425.26

St. Josephine Bakhita Pilgrimage at Canadian Martyrs' Shrine

August 24, 2013 - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Canadian Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, ON

All are welcome to join us as we spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Program of activities:

A monument will be installed in honour of Our Lady of Kibeho who appeared in Rwanda 30 years ago warning them of genocide. Bishop Anselm Umoren, from the Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria will celebrate Holy Eucharist with other members of the clergy. The day's events also include: Living Rosary, Sharing/Witnessing, Scriptural Reflection, Praise and Worship. St. Josephine Bakhita Festival of Arts presents young people from various parishes performing the Passion of Christ. Vocation directors will be present to talk to pilgrims about priestly/religious vocations.



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