

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. 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
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Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

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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.

5th Annual Parish Walkathon

Join us for some sun, a little exercise, a bbq lunch, and meet your fellow parishioners! Our 5th Annual Walk of Hope is on Saturday June 8, 2013. Registration opens at 9am and the walk kicks off at 10am. Registration and pledges can be done on our website, or forms are available after masses. Start collecting pledges from co-workers, neighbours, and friends today! All walkers who collect at least \$50 in pledges receive a free t-shirt and goodie bag. Congratulations to our Early Bird winner JANE KHOO! She receives a Kodak Digital Camera (Donation courtesy of Marie Murad). Hope to see everyone there!

Working wonders for our faith...

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2013 ShareLife Parish Campaign. You are helping ShareLife agencies continue the valuable work they do for the poor and marginalized in our region by giving generously. You have made the path to new opportunities much easier for thousands of the most vulnerable in our communities. For those who wish to make a donation, you are still welcome to do so. You can drop your ShareLife envelopes in the offertory basket until July 31, 2013 or donate online at www.sharelife.org. Thank you!

Our Total collection as of May 26 for Sharelife is \$14,829.50

Our Parish Youth Day was a success!!! Thank You to all who helped organize the event. There were about 80 young people. Our church is alive!!!

Queen of the Apostles' Retreat Centre

Another honeymoon is a perfect way for a couple to celebrate their marriage. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre offers married couples the privacy, comfort, hospitality and inspiring program that encourage couples to continue exploring their lives together. The next weekend is June 15-17. For information telephone: 905-278-8879, 905-829-0116, 416-694-1742 or register at Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229.



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 2, 2013

Our Parish community will mark the occasion with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour, from 10 AM to 11 AM (in between the 9 AM and 11 AM Sunday Mass)

The Western Pastoral Region will mark the occasion with a Eucharistic Procession beginning at 3 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Parish (Dufferin and Lawrence)



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.

Mass Intention

- Saturday (June 1)
5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Menen Salazar
- Sunday (June 2)
7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community
9:00 AM +Celia Capillo
11:00 AM +Peter Cam Hoang, +Leticia Saring, +Angelito Saring
12:30 PM Open
- Monday (June 3)
7:00 AM +Elias Leitao
- Tuesday (June 4)
7:30 AM Poor Souls
- Wednesday (June 5)
7:00 PM Open
- Thursday (June 6)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Fr. Mark
- Friday (June 7)
7:00 Open
- Saturday (June 8)
9:00 AM For Parish Benefactors
5:00 PM +Elizabeth Petersen, +Muriel Guerra

If you wish to offer a Holy Mass for yourself or your loved one, you can do so online on our parish website.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund
\$1,310,916.59

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and Holy Land

under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Mark

September 29 to October 12, 2013
(14 days)

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Tour Coordinator - Cora Cruz (905) 812-2659

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In his teaching, the Holy Father explained that God's plan is "to make of all of us one family of his children, [a family] in which each one feels close to and loved by him ... feels the warmth of being the family of God. The Church—not an organization born out of an

agreement between some persons but ... the work of God, born of this love and progressively built in history—has her origin in this great plan." The Church, the pontiff explained, "is born of God's desire to call all men and women to communion with him, to friendship with him, even further, to participate as his children in his very divinity. The word 'Church' itself, from the Greek 'ekklesia', means 'convocation'. God calls us, urges us to leave selfishness behind, the tendency to be wrapped up in oneself, and calls us to be part of his family. This call has its origins in creation itself. God created us so that we might live a relationship of profound friendship with him and, when sin cut off that relationship with him, with others, and with creation, God did not abandon us. The entire story of salvation is the story of God seeking humans, offering us his love, gathering us to him. He called Abraham to be the father of many; He chose the people of Israel to forge a covenant that embraces all peoples; and he sent, in the fullness of time, his Son so that his plan of love and salvation might be fulfilled in a new and eternal covenant with all of humanity."

"When we read the Gospel we see that Jesus gathers a small community around him that welcomes his word, follows it, shares his journey, becomes his family. And with this community He prepares and builds his Church." It is a Church whose origin lies in the "supreme act of love on the Cross, in Jesus' opened side from which flow blood and water, symbol of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Baptism. In the family of God, in the Church, the lifeblood is God's love that is made concrete in loving him and others, all, without distinction or limits. The Church is a family in which we love and are loved." The Church is made manifest, as on Pentecost, "when the gift of the Holy Spirit fills the hearts of the Apostles and compels them to go out and begin the journey to proclaim the Gospel, to spread God's love." The Pope observed that, even today, "there are some who say: 'Christ yes, the Church no'. Like those who say: 'I believe in God, but not in the priests'. But it is precisely the Church that brings us Christ and brings us to God. The Church is the great family of the children of God. Of course it also has human aspects. there are defects, imperfections, and sins in those who make her up, pastors and faithful. Even the Pope has them, and many. But what is beautiful is that, when we realize that we are sinners we encounter the mercy of God who always forgives. He never forgets us. He gathers us up in his love of forgiveness and mercy. Some say that sin is an offence against God, but it is also an opportunity for the humility to realize that there is something better: God's mercy. Let's think about this." "How much do I love the Church? Do I pray for her? Do I feel part of the family of the Church? What am I doing to make it a community in which everyone feels welcomed and understood, feels God's mercy and love that renews life? Faith is a gift and an act that has to do with us personally, but God calls us to live our faith together, as a family, as the Church."

SUNDAY OFFERING

May 12, 2013

OFFERTORY	\$2,532.10
BUILDING FUND	\$2,165.00
ST. PETER'S CHURCH	\$286.50
WEDNESDAY OFFERING	\$92.15
MASS STIPEND	\$120.00
SHARELIFE	\$2,735.50
BAPTISM	\$210.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	\$400.00
PAG	\$6,578.12
TOTAL	\$15,119.37

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

Please register, on weekends, by the June 1-2, at all Masses at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School. For more information, please email to: srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.ca or call 905-858-9912 or 905-812-2659.

Update on the Building Committee Meeting

The Building Committee met last Monday with the Architect at St. Peter's Mission Church. The Architect discussed with the group the result of the feedback of the City Planners. There are a number of City by-laws that needed to be looked at and we may have to involve someone to represent our interest and who is knowledgeable in dealing with the City. Please continue to pray for guidance and direction.

The architect also presented to us some preliminary drawings on the roof and some improvement on the floor plan of the church, office, and hall. We also looked at a sample of what we may want to incorporate as a material for the church roof.

Our next Building Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, starting at 7:45 PM St. Peter's Mission Church basement.

Join us for a Tour of South America aboard the "Splendour of the Seas" - Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines visiting Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Punta del Este, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador de Bahia, Ilheus, Cabo Frio for 17 days (February 8-24 for \$3790 Contact Halina 647-294-4116 or Stan 647-463-9057



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