

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.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. Edith Stein Tel. (905) 824-5777
St. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434
St. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-3256

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

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
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Ms. Cecilia Vaz	Administrative 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

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.



**Register your children for
Vacation Bible School Venue: St. Edith Stein
School
July 6-10**

**Online Book Discussion on Henri Nouwen's "Finding My Way Home"
2:00 pm**

Online Hosted by the Henri Nouwen Society and led by Ray Glennon, this discussion will explore Nouwen's perspective on aspects of our spiritual life: The Path of Power, The Path of Peace, The Path of Waiting, and The Path of Living and Dying. CONTACT: Maureen Wright, Nouwen Legacy Manager EMAIL: mwright@henrinouwen.org WEBSITE: http://wp.henrinouwen.org/rgroup_blog/

**Young Adult's Retreat – Ages 18-35
7:00 pm**

St. Augustine's Seminary 2661 Kingston Rd., Toronto A weekend retreat to get away and spend some time reflecting on what every heart longs for – freedom and joy! Open to all young men and women ages 18-35, married or single. Weekend includes prayer, confession, conferences by the Sisters of Life, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and more. CONTACT: Sr. Maria Regina, SV PHONE: 416-463-2722 EMAIL: toronto@sistersoflife.org REGISTER: <http://www.sistersoflife.org/canada-yar> COST: \$175- Deposit of \$75 due July 10

**The Role of the Whole Parish in Preparing Children and Adults to
Celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist**

12:00 pm

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering The task of preparing children and adults to celebrate initiation is one of the joys and responsibilities of all the baptized. Each parish, regardless of its size or the number of candidates preparing to celebrate a sacrament of initiation, is able to assist the baptized community in fulfilling their primary role. The conference will name challenges and explore pastoral approaches to deepening the role of the Sunday assembly in the initiation of new members. A brochure and registration form is available online at <http://olcinitiation.blogspot.ca/> or by email: olrcia@gmail.com.

Prayer Service for Cancer Patients and their Families

2:30 pm

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto 69 William Street, Toronto Day of prayer for those affected by cancer led by Fr. Joby Kachappilly, VC. Registration is free. Contact cancerhealingday@gmail.com or 647-949-4932 or 647-660-1314 to confirm registration.

Mass Intention

Saturday (June 20)

5:00 PM +Hilda Rodrigues

Sunday (June 21)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Angelino Elias and Maria Ines Fernandes
11:00 AM +Sheldon Gomes, +Richard Valere, +Lina de Montbrun
12:30 PM 69th Wedding Anniversary of Felipe & Victoria Paculaba

Monday (June 22)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Wai Moreno

Tuesday (June 23)

7:30 AM +Ronnie & Jane Fernandes

Wednesday (June 24)

7:00 PM Departed Family and relatives of Fred Aquino

Thursday (June 25)

7:30 AM +Poly Aquino, +Roberto Paras

Friday (June 26)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Cora Cruz

Saturday (June 27)

9:00 AM Departed family of Samu Joseph & Betty Arackaparampil

5:00 PM +Clement Cardozo

To offer a Mass for yourself or your loved one, see Cecilia at the desk or use the form on our parish website.

Thank you for supporting our
Building Fund

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\$1,606,304.49

Architectural & other Fees

\$263,218.21

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,869,522.70

*Please remember to pray daily for
our church building project*

Executive Summary of the Feasibility Study

Overview

St Josephine Bakhita is viewed as a growing, friendly, welcoming and diverse community that is enthusiastic about having a church building of their own. The parish community requires a church building complete with a new chapel, hall, offices and meeting rooms.

Parishioners are generally knowledgeable about financial needs in connection with the plans for the new church and other buildings.

The Case

Participants are largely aware or somewhat aware, ninety-five percent (95%), of St Josephine Bakhita Parish's financial needs and are supportive, ninety-five percent (95%), of the plans outlined in the Preliminary Case for Support. The Case is highly supported, however, more details regarding certain aspects of the plans are recommended.

Many respondents had questions regarding certain aspects of the construction plans. The most frequently stated concern was the adequacy of parking spaces. All of the elements outlined in the Case were of high priority to the majority of parishioners with the exception of the Archdiocesan share of the Family of Faith campaign which was moderately supported.

In general, the plans are enthusiastically endorsed by the interviewees. However, many questions about the detailed construction costs and interior costs are required.

Leadership and Volunteerism

While many respondents were reluctant to name parishioners, a few recommended capable individuals who could lead a campaign. In all, eighteen (18) parishioners were identified by respondents as people capable of leading a campaign. Many people would also consider volunteering for a committee or visiting fellow parishioners in a fundraising situation. All indicators in this area are strong and St Josephine Bakhita would have the leadership required to embark on a campaign.

Goal Attainability and Financial Support

Of the 62 respondents interviewed, fifty-six (56) agreed to support the campaign financially, two might contribute financially, two would not and two did not answer. Of the fifty-six (56) respondents participating financially there was a total of \$338,501 on the low end for an average of \$5,737. This is a moderate average gift size for campaigning.

Participants were cautiously optimistic about the attainability of the initial goal. Many had suggestions about fundraising activities and sponsorship ideas to support the campaign.

Other

Participants support a campaign in the parish with seventy-four percent (74%) stating that the campaign is high priority for them. The Family of Faith Campaign is seen as a good vehicle for pursuing the financial support needed.

There is opportunity within the parish for bequest notification and donations. A program of information and bequest identifications would greatly benefit the parish.

Recommendations

Overall, a campaign at St Josephine Bakhita parish has broad support and enthusiastic approval of parishioners. Supporters are eager to commence the construction of their new church and other buildings. It is our recommendation that the parish can raise between \$1.5M and \$2.0M for the construction of the new church, hall, offices and meeting rooms including parking and landscaping.

It is also important to provide the some critical additional information regarding certain aspects of the plans prior to actual fundraising.

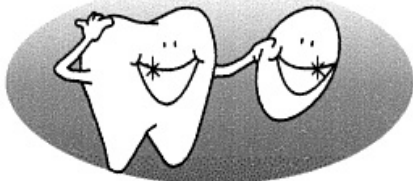
The parish may address the above additional information while commencing with the planning of a fundraising campaign immediately.

Once the parish has discerned this report, a full communication to parishioners is recommended.

Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 2,467.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,880.50
St. Peter's	\$ 213.00
Wednesday	\$ 122.00
ShareLife	\$ 85.00
Stipend	\$ 140.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 1,300.00
Beads and things	\$ 55.00
Catholic Missions	\$ 782.00
Total	\$ 7,044.50

Thanks to God's compassion given to us in Jesus, "many families demonstrate in their actions that death does not have the last word. Every time that a bereaved family – even terribly – finds the strength to keep the faith and love that unite us to those whom we love, it prevents death from claiming everything. The darkness of death must be faced with more intense love. In the light of the Resurrection of the Lord, Who never abandons any of those whom the Father has entrusted to Him, we can remove the 'sting' from death, as the apostle Paul said; we can prevent it from poisoning life, from spoiling our affections, from making us fall into the darkest emptiness. In this faith, we are able to console each other, knowing that the Lord has defeated death once and for all. Our dear ones have not disappeared into the darkness of nothing: hope assures us that they are in the good and strong hands of God. Love is stronger than death", the Pope emphasised. If we let ourselves be supported by this faith, "the experience of bereavement can generate a stronger solidarity in family ties, a new openness to the suffering of other families, a new fraternity with those families who are born and reborn in hope".

Faith gives us birth and rebirth in hope, reiterated Francis, recalling the passage from the Gospel in which Jesus revives the widower's son, restoring him to his mother. "This is our hope", he exclaimed. "Jesus will restore to us all our dear ones who have passed away, He will return them to us and we will meet them again. ... Let us remember this gesture of Jesus ... as the Lord will do the same with the loved ones in our family". This faith, he said, "protects us from a nihilistic vision of death, as well as from the false consolations of the world, 'so that the Christian truth does not risk mixing itself with myths of various types'", giving way to rites of superstition, ancient or modern".



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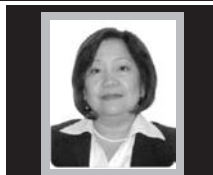
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