

# 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](http://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.

## SCHOOLS

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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

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Ms. Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

## MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	<b>Financial Council</b>	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
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RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	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**

**Influences that Shape our Personalities: Self-Forgiveness & Trying to  
Understand the Other**

9:30 am

Catholic Pastoral Centre, 4th Floor 1155 Yonge St., Toronto Catholic Family Services of Toronto New Beginnings invite you to a talk entitled, "Influences that Shape our Personalities: Self-forgiveness and trying to understand the other." Josephine Lombardi, PhD, author and Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary, will explore influences that shape our personalities and our relationships with God, other and self. Free underground parking available and we are adjacent to Summerhill TTC Subway Station. Reservation for this event is necessary. PHONE: 416-921-1163, ext. 2235

**Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide**

1:00 pm

University of St. Michael's College, Alumni Hall Rm. 100121 St. Joseph St., Toronto Symposium on the topic, "How to respond to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide." Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition; Larry Worthen, Executive Director, Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada; and Charles Lewis, retired journalist at the National Post, will be speaking on The Supreme Court of Canada assisted suicide decision. Two sessions are being offered to the public and clergy: 1 to 3 p.m. 7 to 9 p.m. The sessions will present the same content so you may choose whichever is most convenient. There is no charge to attend the symposium, but you must register online at <http://bit.ly/power-to-end-life>. CONTACT: Matthew Sanders EMAIL: [msanders@archtoronto.org](mailto:msanders@archtoronto.org) PHONE: 416-934-3400, ext. 640

Thank you to all who supported the recent Garage Sale of the Knights of  
Columbus at St. Peter's Church

**Update on The Feasibility Study**

The members of the Feasibility Study Committee of the Parish wish to thank all the parishioners who participated in the research. The result of the study can be accessed on the parish website at [www.stjosphinebakhita.ca](http://www.stjosphinebakhita.ca)

With regards to our Church Building Project, ongoing discussions with the City of Mississauga.. Hoarding work will be done on the property as part of the process for Site Plan Approval and Building Permit.

**Mass Intention**

**Saturday (June 6)**

5:00 PM +Muriel Guerra, +Ashley D'Souza, +Mary Vecchiarina, +Bienvenido Andes

**Sunday (June 7)**

7:30 AM Pierre Fernandes  
9:00 AM +William Isaac Pereira, +Michael D'Souza  
11:00 AM For the Parish Community  
12:30 PM Open

**Monday (June 8)**

7:00 PM Open

**Tuesday (June 9)**

7:30 AM Departed Family and relatives of Lam Tse Ting

**Wednesday (June 10)**

7:00 PM Open

**Thursday (June 11)**

7:30 AM Departed family of John Malone

**Friday (June 12)**

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Fatima & Leo Chau

**Saturday (June 13)**

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Manelia Orfano

5:00 PM Open

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

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$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*

**General audience: the family and the downward spiral of poverty**

Vatican City, 3 June 2015 (VIS) – The living conditions that put the family to the test and render it vulnerable, starting with poverty, will be the themes of Pope Francis' catechesis starting from today, he announced to the twenty thousand faithful attending this week's Wednesday general audience in St. Peter's Square.

The Holy Father spoke about the misery and degradation that can accompany poverty, in the suburbs of metropolises and in rural areas alike, a situation that is often aggravated by war that has a profound impact on civilians. "In truth, war is the 'mother of all poverty', a great predator of lives, souls, and of the dearest and most sacred affections", he said.

However, he added, there are many families who, although poor, seek to live their daily lives with dignity, often openly trusting in God's blessing. Nevertheless, this "must not justify our indifference, but rather increase our shame! It is almost a miracle that, even in poverty, families continue to form, and indeed preserve as best they can, the special humanity of their bonds. It is a fact that irritates those planners of well-being who consider sentiments, procreation and family bonds as a variable secondary to the quality of life. Instead, we should kneel before these families, who are a true school of humanity and who save society from barbarism".

"What will become of us if we give in to the blackmail of violence and money, and go so far as to renounce the affections of the family? A new form of civil ethics will arise only when those responsible in public life recognise the social bond, starting with the fight against the downward spiral of poverty in the family, that leads us to the abyss". The Pope also remarked on the contradiction inherent in today's economy that often appears to specialise in individual well-being, but practices the widespread exploitation of family relationships. "The immense labour of the family is not quoted on balance sheets, naturally!" he exclaimed. "It is not merely a question of bread. We are talking about work, education, healthcare. It is important to be clear about this".

"We must endeavour to stay ever closer to families afflicted by poverty", he repeated. "In effect, social misery affects the family and at times destroys it. The lack or loss of work, or its precariousness, have serious repercussions on family life, putting relationships under stress. The living conditions in the most disadvantaged areas, with problems regarding housing and transport, as well as the reduction of social, healthcare and educational services, cause further difficulties. Added to these material factors there is also the damage caused to the family by false models, propagated by the mass media, based on consumerism and the cult of appearances, which affect the poorest social classes and increase the disintegration of family bonds".

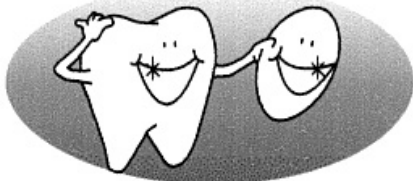
"The Church is Mother, and must never forget the tragedy of her children. She too must be poor, to become fruitful and to respond to so much suffering. A poor Church is a Church that practices a voluntary simplicity in her own life – in her institutions, in the lifestyle of her members – to break down walls of separation, especially those that separate us from the poor. This takes prayer and action. Let us pray intensively to the Lord to awaken us, to make our Christian families agents in this revolution of family closeness that is now so necessary. This is what the Church has been made of since the very beginning. And let us not forget", he warned, "that the judgement of the needy, the small and the poor prefigures the judgement of God."

Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 2,949.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,992.58
St. Peter's	\$ 240.00
Wednesday	\$ 170.00
ShareLife	\$ 600.00
Stipend	\$ 42.50
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 474.41
First Communion	\$ 3,270.00
Baptism	\$ 75.00
Papal Charity	\$ 280.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,093.49</b>

**The Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan**

Wherever we are in our archdiocese, whatever our ethnic background, age, circumstance or family situation, we can all join together in prayer. We should take account of where we have been and to look ahead to where we are going, praying that God will guide us in our mission. For the New Evangelization to become a reality in the archdiocese, each of us must grow closer to Christ. We need to know Jesus, not just know about Jesus, and that requires time each day in prayer.

Prayer not only guides our planning but is also the foundation of our ongoing life in Christ as individuals and as a community. Like the disciples, we ask: "Lord, teach us to pray," so that our parishes and our archdiocese will be schools of prayer, where we can all discover how to enter more deeply into a prayerful relationship with God.



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