

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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#### We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School 3801 Thomas Street Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 5 PM Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 AM Wednesday, Friday 7 PM St. Peter's Mission Church Ninth Line, north of Britannia Rd.

### **SUNDAY MASS**

Sunday 7:30 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday 7 PM Saturday 9 AM

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday following the 7 PM Mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7 PM Mass

Solemn Vespers and Benediction every First Friday 7:30 PM

#### **Pastoral Team**

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva Pastor Rev. Michael Ho Deacon Rev. Gerry Steyn Deacon

Cecilia Vaz Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6 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 for the Twenty-first Century" (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 man and woman, 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 parishioner are welcome.

# Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a Baptismal Request Form available in our parish website.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the pastor one year in advance. A marriage course is required. For additional information, please contact the pastor.

#### **Funerals**

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan for the funeral, please contact the pastor.

#### **Schools**

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Edith Stein

St. Faustina

St. Simon Stock

St . Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School







# Would you like to sponsor a pew?

Thank you to the 34 families that have donated.

We need about fifty-six of these pews to sit about 750 people. A one whole pew is worth \$3800. A pew can be divided into several sections. Each section (approximately 4 and half persons) is estimated at \$950. Some families may want to sponsor the whole pew, while others may just want to sponsor one or several

sections. If you are interested in sponsoring a pew or a section of a pew, a form is available at the desk or you can visit our parish website and fill the form online.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Friday, March 17- Sunday, March 19 Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

A weekend of discovery for a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend for couples to spend together. It allows couples time to take a fresh look at their marriage and to re-discover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The weekend format helps couples to communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling. CONTACT: Gerard & Marge PHONE: 905-792-1925 EMAIL: gerard.marge@rogers.com

#### **Annual Dinner & Dance for the whole family**

"The Knights of Columbus are holding their Annual Dinner & Dance on Saturday, April 29, 2017. This is a fundraiser to help furnish and decorate our church now being built.

Location: Capitol Banquet Hall, 6435 Dixie Road, Mississauga, On.
Time: Cocktails: 6:30 Dinner: 7:30
Tickets: \$50.00
Children 12 and under \$12.00

### **Mass Intention**

### Saturday (March 11)

5:00PM +Christopher & Joaquim Colaco

### Sunday (March 12)

7:30 AM For our Parish community 9:00 AM Open II:00 AM +Richard Valere, Lina de Montbrun, Wadeh Zakhem, +Yvette Harroush, +Najebeh Isa, +Teodoro Ang, +Judith King, +Jaime Prollamante 12:30 PM +Ana & Blaise Gonsalves, +Josie Doronila

## Monday (March 13)

7 PM Open

### Tuesday (March 14)

7:30 AM +Cristeta Calimlim

## Wednesday (March 15)

7:00 PM +John Mota

#### Thursday, (March 16)

7:30 AM Deceased relatives of Tan family

## Friday (March 17)

7:00 PM +Benjamin Baretto

### Saturday (March 18)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors and their families

5:00 PM Open

If you want to offer Holy Mass for yourself or your Loved One, you can use the form on our parish website or contact Cecilia at the desk or at the parish office. Our Parish also accepts Mission Masses (also commonly known as unannounced masses). These Masses are offered by priests anywhere in the world. Please inquire at the desk.

Way of the Cross every Friday Evening after the Mass

### The Liberating Power of Fasting

The Catechism lists fasting as one of the three pillars of penance in the Christian life. Fasting, prayer and almsgiving express our conversion, respectively towards oneself, God, and neighbor. (CCC 1434) Fasting is a critical part of our metanoia, our turning away from sin. We are in constant need of this conversion towards God. It was when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit that Original Sin and concupiscence entered our human nature. Since then, as St. Paul eloquently wrote, "the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh." (Gal. 5:17) This is our human predicament. The question we must ask ourselves is: Do our bodily desires and instincts rule our spirit, or does our spirit control our bodies? The mortification of the flesh, through fasting, offers a sort of "liberation of man" against this "wound inflicted on the dignity of our nature by intemperance." (Paentiemini, II) Through fasting, we can cultivate this cardinal virtue of temperance, as moderation and self-control tame the unruliness of the flesh. (Excerpt from Catholic Exchange by Brian Kranick, March 6, 2017)

## 8th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

March 25, 2017 Registration – 8 a.m. John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

Topics include: Call to Holiness, Why Minister to Moms? Finding your Catholic Voice, Marriage and Sanity, How does CatholicMomsGroup.com Work? Speakers include: Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Deacon Robert & Gabrielle Suthers, Tanya Granic Allen, Cheryl Thompson, and Dorothy Pilarski. Cardinal Collins will celebrate the opening Mass. A mother-daughter event Calling ALL Girls the evening before will feature six speakers, including Lisa D'Souza from Office of Catholic Youth and Kimberly Go, Youth Minister from St. Edmund parish. WEB: www.dynamicwomenfaith.com PHONE: 905-279-7702

#### Come & See Weekend

March 17 to 19, 2017

Come and See Weekend – Friday, March 17 (Begins at 7 p.m.) to Sunday, March 19, 2017 at St. Augustine's Seminary. Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please contact (the Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations at 416 968 0997; email: vocations@archtoronto.org

"What would happen if we turned around when we forgot it: if you forget your cellphone— oh no! I don't have it, I'll go back and find it; what if we read the message of God contained in the Bible the way we read messages on our cellphones?"

Pope Francis

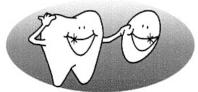
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Sunday Collection		
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Building Fund	\$	3,324.48
St. Peter's Church	\$	355.95
Liturgical Fund	\$	681.95
Stipend	\$	120.00
Family of Faith	\$	360.00
Social Concerns	\$	20.00
Missals	\$	20.00
Frames	\$	60.00
Total	\$	7,831.18

# Living the Gospel by providing for vocations to the priesthood...

"Living and studying at St. Augustine's can bring untold blessings into the lives of those entering ministry," shares Matt McCarthy, a current Seminarian. Matt's interest in sports and his desire to enter the priesthood and minister to those in his community, gives him an opportunity to serve the Church in a unique way. At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St. Augustine's and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping to sustain vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God's call. Last year ShareLife helped support 70 seminarians in their formation studies.

Sunday April 2, 2017 is ShareLife Sunday Please give generously.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) every Saturday from 4 PM to 5 PM



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