

# 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.

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## 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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	Serge Poirier	Chairperson	Rita Borg
Altar Servers	Deacon Gerry Steyn	<b>St. Peter's Mission Church</b>	
Choirs	Jamie Marr	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
	Suzanne Pereira		
	Raul Manzanares	Women at the Well	Anne-Marie Caister
Arts & Environment	Ronald Pasajol	Hospitality	Frank Amegah
Youth Ministry	Cora & Boyer del Rosario		
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Sacristans	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
Home Visitation	James Amores	<b>Daughters of isabella</b>	Rita Venantius
	Rebecca Poirier		905-824-7223
<b>Sacramental Preparation</b>		<b>Couples for Christ</b>	Toti Quijano
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.

**Our Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday (March 28/29)**  
Regular Sunday Schedule

**Holy Thursday (April 2)**

7 PM Celebration of the Lord's Supper and washing of Feet at St. Joan of Arc School  
9 PM to Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Peter's Mission Church

**Good Friday (April 3)**

12:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Joan of Arc School  
1:30 PM Meditation of the Seven Last Words  
3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Joan of Arc School  
  
7 PM Way of the Cross at St. Joan of Arc School

**Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil starts at 7:30 PM St. Joan of Arc School

**Easter Sunday**

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service at St. Peter's Mission Church  
7:30 AM Holy Mass at St. Peter's Mission Church  
Easter Egg Hunting will follow the Mass  
  
9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM Holy Mass at St. Joan of Arc School



**Pauper's Meal**

Wed April 1 - St. Joan of Arc School Cafeteria  
7 pm  
Cost \$3 per person  
Meal will be a pasta dinner  
Tickets will go on sale after all the weekend Masses

**Women's Retreat**

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre  
Saturday April 18, 2015  
Cost is \$35.00 per person  
If you wish to join, contact Janette Cutinho - Tel: 289-997-0335  
Registration deadline is March 31, 2015

**Samosa and Chicken Biryani**

will be sold on the weekend of March 28/29  
at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School  
Proceeds will go to our Building Fund.

**Mass Intention**

**Saturday (March 21)**

5:00 PM +Josephine Edith Aranha-Rego, +Mary Pillai, Recovery of Nuwanka Kottegoda

**Sunday (March 22)**

7:30 AM For the Parish Community  
9:00 AM +Gino & Ada Rispol, +Conchita Gonzales, +Jose Barbosa, +Emmanuel & Josephine Fernando-Pulle  
11:00 AM +Sheldon Gomes, Special Intention of RJ D'Souza & Family  
12:30 PM +Querobin Lopez

**Monday (March 23)**

7:00 PM Open

**Tuesday (March 24)**

7:30 AM Departed family and friends of Diane & Honorio Oliveira

**Wednesday (March 25)**

7:00 PM +Roma De Vera, +Dolores Godawen

**Thursday (March 26)**

7:30 AM Departed family and friends of Alfred & Marivic Aguilar, +Charles Cahn

**Friday (March 27)**

7:00 Thanksgiving of Fatima Chan

**Saturday (March 28)**

9:00 AM +Roma de Vera  
  
5:00 PM Open

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,604,957.54

Architectural & other Fees

\$183,052.12

**Total Building Fund Collected**

**\$1,788,009.66**

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

**To be able to confess our sins is a gift from God  
(Pope Francis)**

“The Sacrament of Reconciliation enables us to draw near to the Father trustfully, to have the certainty of his forgiveness. He is truly 'rich in mercy' and he extends it abundantly to those who turn to him with a sincere heart”, said the Pope in his homily during the penitential celebration in St. Peter's Basilica on Friday afternoon. “The transformation of the heart that leads us to confess our sins is a gift from God ... it is 'His work'” he continued. “As we leave the confessional, we were his strength that restores life and rekindles the enthusiasm of faith. After confession we are reborn”.

“Jesus' call impels us all not to stop at the surface of things, especially when facing a person. We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart to see how much generosity each person is capable of. No-one must be excluded from God's mercy. Everyone knows that the way to reach it, and the Church, is the house that welcomes all and refuses no-one. Its doors are always wide open, so that those who are touched by grace may find the certainty of forgiveness. The greater the sin, the greater the love must be that the Church expresses towards those who convert”.

“Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may make more evident her mission as witness to mercy. It is a path that begins with a spiritual conversion; and we must take this path. Therefore, I have decided to convoke an extraordinary Jubilee, which will be centred upon God's mercy. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. Let us live this in the light of the Word of the Lord: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful'. And this is especially for confessors! Have mercy!”.

“I am convinced that all the Church, which is in great need of receiving mercy, as we are sinners, may find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and making fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called upon to give consolation to every man and every woman in our time. Let us not forget that God forgives everything, and God always forgives. Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness. Let us hereafter entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she might turn her gaze upon us and keep watch over our path; our path of repentance, our path with an open heart, a year long, to receive God's indulgence, to receive God's mercy”.

**Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love  
(Thomas Cardinal Collins)**

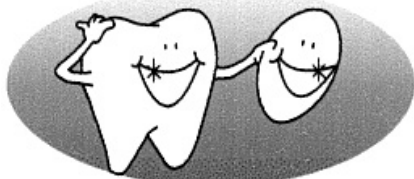
Our pastoral plan challenges us to witness and serve in diverse ways and to be advocates where injustice occurs: through pastoral care to those who are poor and marginalized, to students on campus, to those who are imprisoned, seeking refuge or suffering physically or spiritually. We can do all of this by working with our parishes, lay movements, Catholic institutions, chaplaincies and various pastoral services. We hear the words at Mass, “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”. How can we be the hands and face of Jesus in our community?

Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 3,044.50
Building Fund	\$ 2,483.89
St. Peter's	\$ 266.00
Stipend	\$ 160.00
Wednesday	\$ 145.50
ShareLife	\$ 560.00
Baptism	\$ 150.00
Lay Movement	\$ 200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,009.89</b>

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We have always tried to expose our deaf children to both communities. as their parents, we have talked to them and tried to answer their questions when they saw someone using sign language and they had basic sign language books. then one day our oldest son, ethan, said he would like to learn sign language. We discovered Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer camp and enrolled him in the program. the following year Gavin joined his older brother and they both want to go again. We also put our name in for the Family Communication program because we wanted to support our children. these opportunities increased the boys' awareness of the deaf community and also helped them gain respect for different ways of communication. they enjoyed both experiences as did we. We all hope to take part in the Family program again. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps.

*Please give generously. You can work wonders!*



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