

# 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](http://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
Sr. Necy Guan, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

## MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	<b>Financial Council</b>	
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First Reconciliation/Eucharist	Chanel D'Mello		
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	7:45 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.

**Children's Liturgy**

Children from JK to Grade 5 are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during our Sunday Eucharist.

**A Lenten Meditation**

*Each day has its share of dying,  
each plan has its unmet potential;  
each heart has its pain and sadness  
linked by love to the grief of others.*

*Christ lifted up, you are the sign of the great  
mystery  
that God gives life in death,  
freedom through suffering,  
hope in the face of annihilation,  
and peace in the gift of love.*

*Let us enter our pain with you,  
unafraid of dying the little daily dying  
and the transforming paschal dying  
when, one with you in faith, we leave this  
pilgrimage  
and enter your kingdom of eternal love.*

*You who were broken and who died for us  
give us now your new life beyond fear,  
beyond death.*

-Paul Philibert, OP

**The Regional Mass of Thanksgiving**

in celebration of the Archbishop's elevation to the College of Cardinals will be held on March 12, 2012 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 7:30 PM. All are welcome

**The Way of the Cross**

We invite everyone to join us every Friday evening throughout the Lenten Season, after the 7 PM Holy Mass, for a meditation and prayer of the Way of the Cross at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Chapel.

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Fr. Mark will make himself available to hear confession from 4 PM to 5 PM every Saturday or by appointment during the weekdays for anyone who wish to make their Confession as part of their Lenten journey.

**MASS INTENTION****March 10 (Saturday)**

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Johanna Pariasih, +L. C Rath, +John Francis Barreto

**March 11 (Sunday)**

7:30 AM For the Parish community  
9:00 AM For the Parish community  
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Nathan Mekala, +Heidi Hipolito Pua  
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Alan & Lalaine Tan

**March 12 (Monday)**

7:00 PM +Felix & Sotero Navarro, +Marcosa Sabarita +Johnny Palo

**March 13 (Tuesday)**

7:45 AM +William Sy

**March 14 (Wednesday)**

7:00 PM +William Sy

**March 15 (Thursday)**

7:45 AM +Ritinha D'Souza

**March 16 (Friday)**

7:00 PM Open

**March 17 (Saturday)**

9:00 AM For Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Milagros Umali, +Benjamin Barretto, +Isabelle Fernandez

**Update**

Thank you for supporting  
our Building Fund

\$993,655.49

Please pray that one day we will have  
our own church building.

## SILENCE IS INDISPENSABLE FOR PRAYER

Vatican City, 7 March 2012 (VIS) - During his general audience this morning Benedict XVI concluded a series of catecheses dedicated to the prayer of Jesus. Today he turned his attention to the theme of alternating words and silence which characterised Christ's earthly life, above all on the Cross, and which is also significant in two aspects of our own lives.

Addressing the 10,000 pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Pope explained that the first of these aspects "concerns accepting the Word of God. Interior and exterior silence are necessary in order to hear that Word", he said. Yet, "our age does not, in fact, favour reflection and contemplation; quite the contrary it seems that people are afraid to detach themselves, even for an instant, from the spate of words and images which mark and fill our days".

However, "the Gospels often show us ... Jesus withdrawing alone to a place far from the crowds, even from His own disciples, where He can pray in silence". Moreover, "the great patristic tradition teaches us that the mysteries of Christ are linked to silence, and only in silence can the Word find a place to dwell within us".

"This principle", the Holy Father went on, "holds true for individual prayer, but also for our liturgies which, to facilitate authentic listening, must also be rich in moments of silence and of non verbal acceptance. ... Silence has the capacity to open a space in our inner being, a space in which God can dwell, which can ensure that His Word remains within us, and that love for Him is rooted in our minds and hearts, and animates our lives".

The Pope then turned to focus on the second important aspect of the relationship between silence and prayer. "In our prayers", he said, "we often find ourselves facing the silence of God. We almost experience a sense of abandonment; it seems that God does not listen and does not respond. But this silence, as happened to Jesus, does not signify absence. Christians know that the Lord is present and listens, even in moments of darkness and pain, of rejection and solitude. Jesus assures His disciples and each one of us that God is well aware of our needs at every moment of our lives".

"For us, who are so frequently concerned with operational effectiveness and with the results ... we achieve, the prayer of Jesus is a reminder that we need to stop, to experience moments of intimacy with God, 'detaching ourselves' from the turmoil of daily life in order to listen, to return to the 'root' which nourishes and sustains our existence. One of the most beautiful moments of Jesus' prayer is when, faced with the sickness, discomfort and limitations of his interlocutors, He addresses His Father in prayer, thus showing those around him where they must go to seek the source of hope

and salvation".

Christ touches the most profound point of His prayer to the Father at the moment of His passion and death, Pope Benedict said. And citing the Catechism of the Catholic Church he concluded by noting that "His cry to the Father from the cross encapsulated 'all the troubles, for all time, of humanity enslaved by sin and death, all the petitions and intercessions of salvation history are summed up in this cry of the incarnate Word. Here the Father accepts them and, beyond all hope, answers them by raising His Son. Thus is fulfilled and brought to completion the drama of prayer in the economy of creation and salvation'".



### Bible Study

The third session of our Bible Study will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2012 starting at 7:30 PM in the Parish Rectory.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry will have a gathering at St. Joan of Arc School on Sunday, March 25 starting at 2 PM.

### PAUPER'S DINNER

The Daughters of Isabella will be hosting again a Lenten Sacrificial Dinner (Pauper's Meal) on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 starting at 7:30 PM at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School Cafeteria. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses. Please come out and enjoy a simple meal with fellow parishioners. It is a good way to begin your Paschal Fast.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Once again we are calling on the parishioners to help make a difference for families in need during the Lenten season. We will be collecting food items during mass hours, starting on the weekend of March 17 & 18 until Palm Sunday. Bins will be set up along the hall for dropping off food items before Mass. If you have the means to help we would truly appreciate a donation to the food drive either as a food donation (please check expiry dates) or a grocery gift card.





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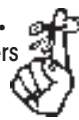
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