

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM



We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

3801 Thomas Street,
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Friday 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Mission Church

Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Solemn Vespers and Benediction every First Friday 7:30 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" (Pope John Paul II) and "Model of Hope for the twenty-first century" (Pope 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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Mark Achilles Villanueva
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdccc
Sr. Necy, Guan, Fdccc
Fatima Chan
Rev. Mr. Michael Ho

Pastor
Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation
Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth
Parish Secretary
Deacon

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator
Children's Liturgy
Children Religious Education
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Ushers
Altar Servers
Social Concerns
Choirs

Anusha De Silva
Rory Agellon
Chanel D'Mello
Max de la Cruz
Tim Marchand
Miguel Basurto
Joanna Aguilar
Patricia Scire
Jamie Marr
Raul Manzanares
Suzanna Pereira
Ronald Pasajol
Cora and Boyer del Rosario

Church's Environment

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson Tel de la Cruz

PARISH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Roman Lim

ST. PETER'S MISSION

Chairperson JC Cadieux

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Couples for Christ
Legion of Mary

Tony Ciuffo - Tel. 905-542-9883
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Toti Quijano - Tel. 905-567-3236
Cristina Manzanares - Tel. (905) 812-0891

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. or any time by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a baptismal form and submitted to the parish office. The baptismal form is available at the parish office, after all our weekend Masses at the school, or from our website. Once the parish office receives the form, the pastor will set up the appointment to process your application.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. A marriage course is required. The pastor will arrange the wedding ceremony with Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan and celebrate the funeral, please contact the parish office. We will celebrate the Funeral liturgy either at Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church.

Elementary Schools

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Tel. (905) 542-9203
St. Edith Stein
Tel. (905) 824-5777
St. Simon Stock
Tel. (905) 785-7434
St. Faustina
Tel. (905) 821-2607

Secondary School

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

All new parishioners are welcome. Registration forms are available at the entrance to our worship space on the Weekends. You can also register online at

www.stjosephinebakhita.org

Please do not forget to request for your box of Sunday Envelopes.



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. Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTION

March 12 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Victor Almeida, +Wong Akan, +Cyril Mathias, +Helen Pinto

March 13 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish community
9:00 AM Special Intention of Fr. Neil McMillan
11:00 AM +Joao Jose, +Silvina Antunes, +Jaime & Jose Maria Prollamante
12:30 PM +Hospicio Belisario

March 14 (Monday)

7:00 PM Open

March 15 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM +Retina D'Souza

March 16 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Joseph Moolasseril, Special Intention of Lisa Griffin

March 17 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

March 18 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

March 19 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

Bukas Palad: Canada Concert Tour

Bukas Palad Music Ministry will perform at the World Vision Auditorium (1 World Dr, Mississauga) on April 8 & 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM. "Bukas Palad" (a Tagalog figurative for "generous", is a reference to St Ignatius Loyola's prayer for generosity) is a highly acclaimed Christian music group from the Philippines and is behind the well loved songs, "Hindi Kita Malilimutan", "Tanging Yaman", "Sa Iyo Lamang", and "I Will Sing Forever" that have become standards in Filipino worship in the Philippines and abroad. Tickets (\$25) are available at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish

The Lenten Season

The Season of Lent provides us with the opportunity to rediscover God and to deepen our relationship with Him. In the wisdom practiced by millions of our ancestors in the faith, the Church has found that there are three ways that we can do to rediscover God and deepen our relationship with Him. These three are prayer, fasting, and the giving of alms.



Prayer

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit out into the desert to pray and to prepare himself for his public ministry following his baptism by John in the River Jordan. Jesus would repeatedly to this to commune with God. We need to follow his example. Perhaps, during these days, we may find the time to have a desert day and allow ourselves to be haunted by God, to reestablish our sense of God's immanence and God's transcendence. There are many ways of going about these. I personally like to go to a park, close to the lake, on a spring day, where I can be alone with God. I would sit in one of the driftwoods, appreciate the freshness of the spring air, and notice the fresh buds. Otherwise, I would just sit inside my car, read the Bible or some spiritual book that I brought with me. If there is anything that catches my eye as I explore the world around me or from what I am reading, I then pause and converse with God about it. Regardless of how you want to spend your desert day, you need to make it happen. Your effort will be greatly rewarded.

Fasting

Fasting is often mistaken for dieting. "Fasting is not dieting," the Rev. George Szews wrote, "although the two may have similar effects. Fasting gives us the opportunity to recognize, first of all, how much our physical hungers drive us and, then, that we have other hungers as well. Like the "wall" runners and joggers break through, there is a freedom which comes in fasting in which we enter a "new space" while running along the same path we take every day. We see things differently and we even feel things differently. We can come to see who we really are when we are not numbed by food and drink. Sometimes, it is a hard picture to look at, but it is real and can set a new direction for our lives."

Almsgiving

It is no coincidence that as we begin our Lenten journey, our Archdiocese is also encouraging us to support ShareLife. Over 250,000 people in our local church and countless more around the world are benefited from the support and programs of ShareLife agencies. Make an effort therefore this year to connect your prayer and fasting with your financial support of ShareLife. We are accustomed to meeting our needs first, but the Christian story tells us a different story. On the night that our Lord was about to have his last dinner with his friends, Jesus knelt down and washed their feet. He served his friends first, before he sat down to eat his own meal. By doing so, he reached a new level of relationship with his disciples and showed us who he really was. May our generous sharing of our money, time, and talent also accord us a deepening of our relationship with God and with those around us. May it also show something of who we really are.



BIBLE STUDY

The third session of our Bible Study will be held on Monday, March 14 at 7:45 PM to 9:30 PM, St. Peter's Mission Church. The topic of the Bible Study is "The Gift of the Psalms".

VOLUNTEER SCREENING PROCESS

We remind all volunteers in High Risk ministries in our parish to sign-up for scheduled interviews with members of the Volunteer Screening Committee. The letter you received from Fr. Mark explains the relevance and necessity of this process. Thank you for your collaboration. Please direct all inquiries regarding this matter to Sr. Cristina or Anusha De Silva. Thank you.

BAKHITA BEADS AND THINGS BOUTIQUE

This new initiative in our parish is for the Church Building Fund. Please refer to our bulletin two Sundays ago for its description (www.stjosephinebakhita.org). It is held during Coffee & Donuts Sundays or when there are special occasions in the parish. For further information, please contact Tessie Buena at 905-607-1902. Donations of bead works and other handicrafts are most welcome. Thank you.

WOMEN AT THE WELL

This women's spirituality program in our parish will be held on Saturday, March 26, at 10:00-11:30 AM. The topic for reflection this month is the Book of Esther. Participants come prepared for discussion; bring your Bible and a journal notebook. Please ask Sr. Cristina about the venue.

Eucharistic Minister's and Lector's Training

March 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Mission Church



We need volunteers to assist our Fundraising Committee, please contact Roman Lim if you are interested.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund
\$525,647.50

Every donation you make, no matter how small and done regularly, will bring us closer to the \$5 Million target to start the construction of our new church.

Together we can continue to work WONDERS...

"The guiding principles for our rich tradition of Catholic stewardship emphasize the importance of sharing time, talent and treasure with those around us. Ultimately, our lives are defined by how we've used the gifts we've received. We need to be active and engaged in our society, sharing the blessings we have, as best we can. That involvement can take many forms, one of which is charity. In our region, we have the chance to exercise Catholic charity in a truly meaningful way through ShareLife, our annual charitable appeal. Please consider supporting ShareLife, the annual fundraising appeal of our Archdiocese, during this Lenten season."

— Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto
1st ShareLife Sunday – April 3, 2011
Together, we can work WONDERS!



FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday March 26, 2011 at 9:00am

Catholic Cemeteries and the Archdiocese estate planning team will share:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure your wishes are legally protected
- About Powers of Attorney
- The cost savings of making an estate plan
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, burial and funerals

An estate planning kit and DVD will be provided at no cost. Location: Assumption Cemetery Centre (6933 Tomken Rd. Mississauga) Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries
416.733-8544 ext. 237 or fjannetta@ccat.on.ca
Paul Nazareth, Archdiocese Development Office
416.934-3400 ext 561 or pnazareth@archtoronto.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married couples: You deserve a weekend to celebrate being together; to rediscover each other and focus on ways to make your relationship even better. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers this opportunity. Consider giving each other or another couple that you know the gift of a weekend away from daily pressures; time to be with each other and with God on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming Weekend Date: March 25-27, 2011 For further information or registration please contact: Cora & Mike Bryce (905-896-2958) or cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca

Join us for the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday after the 7 PM Holy Mass at St. Joan of Arc School Chapel



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