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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

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

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RCIA	Roman Lim	Legion of Mary	Cristina Manzanares
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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.

And God has appointed in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, and gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of languages.

(1 Corinthians 12:28)

The apostle Paul knew, all too well, that a community of faith is blessed with many gifted people who share those gifts openly to serve God. At St Josephine Bakhita, we are seeking your help. We have begun our Capital Campaign planning and your input is critical. A number of parishioners, a cross section of our parish family, will be asked to participate in face to face interviews with a consultant of Ministry & Money International. If you received a mailing with a Case Statement informing you about the plans for our new church, offices and hall we would ask you to accept our invitation to participate in a 20 minute interview. Thank you for your help and concern for St Josephine Bakhita. For those that have not receive a mailing, you will be invited to an Open Forum after masses on March 21 and 22. Thank you.

Our Holy Week 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

Mass Intention

Saturday (March 14)

5:00 PM +Jerry Castelino, +Valerie Castelino

Sunday (March 15)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM +Jose Barbosa, +William Pereira

11:00 AM +Richard Valere, +Lina de Montbrun, Special Intention of Hans Romero

12:30 PM +Salvador Limjoco

Monday (March 16)

7:00 PM Departed family of Aida of Salazar

Tuesday (March 17)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends of Wilfredo & Teresa Aliazon

Wednesday (March 18)

7:00 PM ++Damiano Rodrigues

Thursday (March 19)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends of Lorraine Chen

Friday (March 20)

7:00 Thanksgiving for Carlos, +Joseph Fernandes

Saturday (March 21)

9:00 AM +Antonia Pazcoguin

5:00 PM Open

If you wish to offer a Mass for your Loved One or for yourself, you can do so by visiting our parish website or by calling the Office at 289-997-2105.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,602,473.65

Architectural & other Fees

\$183,052.12

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,785,525.77

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

A Church that defies throwaway culture with the embrace of the young and the elderly

Firstly, Francis affirmed that he was able to identify with grandparents as he is of the same age. "When I was in the Philippines, the people called me 'Lolo Kiko', or rather, 'Grandpa Francis'", he said, emphasising that although society tends to reject the elderly, the Lord does not: on the contrary, He calls us to follow Him in all stages of life as old age too "contains a grace and a mission, a true vocation".

"However, it is not yet the time to 'set down our oars'", he said. "This period of life is different to those that preceded it, without doubt; we must also reinvent it a little since our societies are not yet ready spiritually or morally to accord it its full value. Previously, in fact, it was not normal to have so much free time; today far more so. And even Christian spirituality has been taken a little by surprise, and has had to delineate a spirituality for the elderly. But thanks to God there is no lack of testimonies from elderly saints!".

The Pope gave the example of the elderly Simeon and Anna, who awaited the arrival of Jesus in the temple for many years, and who were resigned to dying before seeing Him, even though that long wait had occupied all their lives and had been their most important commitment. However, when Mary and Joseph arrived in the Temple in compliance with the Law, the burdens of age and their long wait disappeared in an instant. "They recognised the Child, and discovered a new strength, for a new task: to give thanks and to bear witness to this Sign of God. Simeon improvised a beautiful hymn of jubilation and Anna became Jesus' first preacher, as Luke tells us in his Gospel: she began 'to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem'".

"Dear grandparents, dearly elderly", exclaimed the Pope, "let us follow in the wake of these extraordinary old people! Let us too become poets of prayer: let us acquire the taste for seeking new words, reappropriating those that the Word of God teaches us. The prayer of grandparents and the elderly is a great gift for the Church. It is a great injection of wisdom for all society, especially for those who are too busy, too encumbered, too distracted. Someone has to sing the signs of God for these people too, to proclaim the signs of God. Let us look at Benedict XVI, who has chosen to spend the final part of his life in prayer and in listening to God. Olivier Clement, a great believer from the last century, of Orthodox tradition, said, "A civilisation where one does not pray is a civilisation in which old age no longer has any meaning. And this is terrifying: more than anything we need the elderly who pray, because old age was given to us for this".

"We are able to thank the Lord for the favours received, and fill the emptiness of ingratitude that surrounds us. We can intercede for the expectations of the new generations and give dignity to the memory and sacrifices of those past. We can remind the ambitious young that a life without love is arid. We can say to the fearful young that anguish about the future can be defeated. We can teach the young who are too wrapped up in themselves that there is more joy in giving than in receiving. Grandparents form the permanent 'choir' of a great spiritual shrine, where prayer of supplication and hymns of praise support the community that works and struggles in the field of life".

Likewise, "prayer incessantly purifies the heart. Praise and supplication to God prevent the hardening of the heart in resentment and selfishness. How sad it is to see the cynicism of an elderly person who has lost the sense of his or her own testimony, who is disdainful towards the young and does not communicate the wisdom of a lifetime! Instead, it is beautiful to see the encouragement that an elderly person is able to transmit to the young in search of the meaning of faith and life. It is truly the mission of grandparents, the vocation of the elderly. The words of the elderly hold something special for the young. And they know this. The words my grandmother wrote to me on the day of my priestly ordination I still carry with me now, in my breviary; I often read them and this does me good".

Sunday Collection

Offertory	\$ 2,507.05
Building Fund	\$ 1,812.00
St. Peter's	\$ 341.90
Stipend	\$ 150.00
Wednesday	\$ 147.05
ShareLife	\$ 425.00
Frames	\$ 315.00
Total	\$ 5,698.00

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

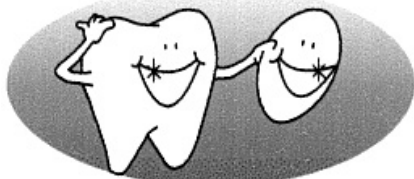
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Next ShareLife Sunday – April 12, 2015

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