

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

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

MINISTRIES

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Children Religious Education
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Church's Environment

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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

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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.

Preparing Children for Lent

One of the challenges of Lent is making it meaningful for children. In the past our tendency may have been to sit down at meal-time and start the discussion with, "Well, what are each of you going to give up for Lent?" Perhaps this year the question could be, "What are you thinking about doing for Lent?"



MASS INTENTION

March 5 (Saturday)

5:00 PM For the Parish community

March 6 (Sunday)

7:30 AM +Conchita Fernelles

9:00 AM +Angela Lara, +Luis Veira

11:00 AM +Baby Lorenzo Balancio,
+Emilia Lobandino, Thanksgiving of of
Sia Family

12:30 PM +Anne D'Mello, +Rose Marie
Lagrand

March 7 (Monday)

7:00 PM Open

March 8 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM +Rosario Paz

March 9 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Inocencio Guillermo

March 10 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Thanksgiving of Pete Alcantara

March 11 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

March 12 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

Lent is more discipline than denial. And that discipline is more growth-producing and life-changing if it is positive. It can take the form of evaluating where each of us "is" in our life at this time and coming up with some ideas of what we would like to change in order to make ourselves better persons.

Some examples children might come up with at first are: I could be nicer to my brothers and sisters; I could help out around the house more; I could study harder; I could do what I am told the first time Mom or Dad asks; I could be more pleasant in the mornings.

To broaden their awareness, you could ask if there is someone they know who could really use their help, or who needs a friend. Help them to set some goals for whatever they choose to work on. It can be as simple as smiling and saying something nice to the person who needs a friend each time they see each other. Or he or she can resolve to do one nice thing for another person each day. Keep it simple and do-able.

Periodic interest and evaluation are also a help. Once in awhile or routinely, whichever works best, ask if the family member has been able to keep their resolutions and help them to see how it is helping them to grow by asking what they have learned so far from the experience. It is also extremely valuable for parents to share their experience as well. The adage that the most important things in life are "caught, not taught" is fundamental in teaching values.

Home is the primary teaching environment, whether it is conscious or unconscious. Life-lessons will be "caught" every day, and it is so important that the direction of those lessons be on a conscious level. Communication is the key, and it can be done simply by ordinary interest in what is happening within the life of the child and helping them to evaluate their experiences and growth. A helpful question, whether it gets a response or not, is "What have you learned from this experience?" The answer may not be there at first, but it will at least prompt some thought. Your recognition of the fact that they cannot always answer immediately can open the door for discussion later on after they have had a chance to think about it, if they choose. Talking reinforces learning experiences, but for some it is enough to ask the question and let it sit.

Again, the important thing is to do something this Lent to be a better person ourselves, to be the kind of person God wants us to be, and to make the world a better place because of our life within it.

So...what are you going to do for Lent?

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may ever know what is right, and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(reprinted from Celebration: A Living Tradition, February 1998)



BIBLE STUDY

The third session of our Bible Study will be held on Monday, March 7 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".

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Relic of St. Josephine Bakhita

March 6 Aurora & Joe Barinque
March 13 Frank Amegah

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— Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto
1st ShareLife Sunday – April 3, 2011
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Schedule for Ash Wednesday March 9, 2011



8:00AM Holy Mass & Distribution of Ashes at St. Peter's Mission Church

*School Liturgies of the Word and Distribution of Ashes
Families of the students in these schools are welcomed*

9:15 AM St. Simon Stock School
11:00 AM St. Bernard School
1:00 PM St. Faustina School
2:00 PM St. Edith Stein School

7:00 PM Holy Mass & Distribution of Ashes at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Cafeteria.



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