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



As
the
Master
desires...

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. Edith Stein Tel. (905) 824-5777
St. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434
St. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-3256

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

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

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Sacramental Preparation		Couples for Christ	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	Legion of Mary	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.



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

*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

Mass Intention

Saturday (March 7)

5:00 PM +William Isaac Pereira,
+Manuel Fonte, +Anthony Pillai,
+Ronnie Fernandes

Sunday (March 8)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM +john Barbosa

11:00 AM Open

12:30 PM +Anna Gonsalvez

Monday (March 9)

7:00 PM +Rev. Rudy Volk

Tuesday (March 10)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends
of Camille & Georgette Mamaril

Wednesday (March 11)

7:00 PM +Ranjan Victoria

Thursday (March 12)

7:30 AM Departed family and friends
of Tony and Lina Chan

Friday (March 13)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (March 14)

9:00 AM For parish benefactors and
their families

5:00 PM+Jerry Castelino

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

\$1,600,661.65

Architectural & other Fees

\$183,052.12

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,783,713.77

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

General audience: awaken a collective sense of gratitude towards grandparents and the elderly

Thanks to advances in medical care, the Holy Father observed, life expectancy has increased and there is a far greater number of elderly people, but nevertheless society has not adapted to this change, and has not responded by creating space for them, with the respect and consideration their fragility and dignity demand. “When we are young, we are induced to ignore old age, as if it were an illness to keep at bay; however, once we become old, especially if we are poor, ill and alone, we experience the gaps in a society programmed for efficiency, which as a consequence ignores the elderly”. He recalled the words of Benedict XVI during his visit to a residential home for the elderly: “The quality of a society ... is also judged by how it treats elderly people and by the place it gives them in community life”, and exclaimed, “A civilisation can sustain itself if it respects wisdom, the wisdom of the elderly. On the contrary, a civilisation in which there is no place for the elderly or in which they are discarded because they create problems ... carries the virus of death”.

He continued, “In the west, scholars present the current century as 'the century of old age: there are fewer children and an increase in elderly people. This imbalance is a great challenge to contemporary society. And yet, a certain culture of profit insists on making the elderly appear to be a burden, an extra weight. They are not only unproductive; they are an encumbrance, and are to be discarded. And discarding them is sinful. We do not dare to say this openly, but it happens. There is something cowardly in this inurement to throwaway culture. We want to remove our growing fear of weakness and vulnerability, but in this way we increase in the elderly the anguish of being inadequately supported and abandoned”.

Francis recalled that during his ministry in Buenos Aires he had first hand experience of these problems. “The elderly are abandoned, and not only to material precariousness. They are abandoned as a result of our selfish inability to accept their limits, which reflect our own limits, in the many difficulties that they must overcome nowadays to survive in a civilization that does not allow them to participate, to have their say, or to be referents according to a consumerist model in which 'only the young can be useful and can enjoy themselves'. The elderly should instead be, for all of society, the reserve of wisdom of our population. How easy it is for our conscience to slumber when there is no love”. In the tradition of the Church, there is “a legacy of wisdom that has always promoted a culture of closeness to the elderly, a willingness to provide affectionate and supportive accompaniment in this final stage of life. This tradition is rooted in the Sacred Scripture”. Therefore, “the Church cannot and does n wish to conform to a mentality of impatience, far less indifference and disdain, with regard to old age. We must reawaken our collective sense of gratitude, appreciation and hospitality that enable the elderly to feel like a living part of the community. The elderly are men and women, mothers and fathers who have walked the same road before us, in the same house, in our everyday struggle for a dignified life. They are men and women from whom we have received much. The elderly person is not an alien. We are the elderly: sooner or later but in any case inevitably, even if we do not think about it”. “We are all a little fragile, the elderly”, he continued.“Some, however, are particularly weak, many are alone, and affected by illness. Some depend on the indispensable care and attention of others. Will we take a step back for this?

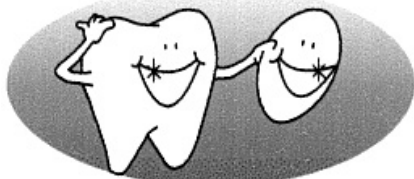
Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 3,847.45
Building Fund	\$ 4,053.79
St. Peter's	\$ 384.05
Stipend	\$ 280.00
Wednesday	\$ 57.00
ShareLife	\$ 4,783.21
Beads and Things	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 13,485.50

Will we abandon them to their fate? A society without closeness, in which gratuitousness and selfless affection – even among strangers – are disappearing, is a perverse society. The Church, faithful to the Word of God, cannot tolerate these degenerations. A Christian community in which closeness and gratuitousness are no longer considered indispensable, would lose its soul with this. Where there is no honour to the elderly, there is no future for the young”.

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