# **ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH**

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## 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

April 30 (Saturday) 5:00 PM +Donald Miranda, +Maria Bui

#### May 1 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish community 9:00 AM +Suzett & Luis Lopes, +Marila Angelo, Thanksgiving of Avelino & Cleofe Lara 11:00 AM 40th Wedding anniversary of Jaime & Veronica Sorria, Thanksgiving of Marian, JP, & Kaytee Tingin, +Consuelo Villacrusis 12:30 PM For a safe trip for Fr. Mark

May 2 (Monday) 7:00 PM +Maria Bui

#### May 3 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Special Intention of Julie Belo, +Maria Bui

May 4 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Rebecca Bui

May 5 (Thursday) 7:45 AM Open

May 6 (Friday) 7:00 PM +Ruben Esteron, +Maria Bui

April 30 (Saturday) 9:00 AM Open

#### **Fourth Gathering**

Confirmation Candidates of St. Bernard School, St. Edith Stein School, Public and Private Schools will be held on Saturday

May 7 at 4 PM, St. Joan of Arc School Chapel

St. Simon Stock School and St. Faustina School Confirmation Candidates will have their session on May 14 at 4 PM

Make-up session will be on May 15 at 10 AM

#### Pastor's Desk

This Sunday is the Lord's Mercy Sunday. When St. Benedict wrote his Rule of Life in the fifth century, he listed seventy-two tools of the spiritual life, which is basically a list of the Ten Commandments, the practice of the virtues, the taming of the passions and desires, and other instructions that any Christian can do at home or at work. At the end of the list, St. Benedict wrote: "...and never to despair God's mercy."

God's mercy is the consistent message of the entire Scriptures beginning in the Old Testament and continuing in the New Testament. Many saints have reflected and spoken about it including St. Faustina. Blessed John Paul II instituted the second Sunday of Easter as the Sunday of God's Mercy, not only because he was a great devotee of the revelations of our Lord through St. Faustina, but also because he saw the face evil, from the atrocities of World War II to the rise and fall of Communism; from an oppressed country, he was also called to the Chair of St. Peter. His legacy to the church is characterized by his deep and abiding trust in God's mercy. God was so pleased with his offering that God took him to heaven on the eve of God's mercy Sunday in 2005.

Our parish community joins with the universal church in its joy today as the Servant of God, John Paul II is declared "Blessed". We heard the shout of thousands of people at John Paul's funeral: "Santo Subito!" and today, the voice of the people and the voice of God were joined together. Blessed John Paul II, pray for us!

I will be away from May 1 to 23 for my annual home visit to see my parents. I am very grateful to Very Reverend Monsignor Terence D'Souza, Rev. AlaRey Abella, and Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan for accepting the responsibility of celebrating the sacraments for you in my absence. Without their assistance, this annual home visit will not be made possible.

I have instructed Sister Necy to coordinate matters while I am away. Sister Cristina is visiting her sister in Michigan this week, but she will be back on the weekend of May 7 and 8. She will return definitely to the United States on the 14th of May. We thank Sister Cristina for her generous service to our parish community. We will surely miss her.

Please direct all communications to Sister Necy for immediate assistance. However, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time via email: frmark@stjosephinebakhita.org



#### Flowers for Mothers' Day

Next weekend, May 7 and 8, our parish will be selling Flowers for Mothers after all the Masses to support our Building Fund. Please support our project. Thank you so much.

#### **Congratulations!**

The children that are enrolled in Public and Private Schools and have been doing their sacramental preparation in the parish are celebrating their First Communion this weekend at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Our congratulations and prayers to them and and their families on this blessed day.



# Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming to Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish

VBS is a unique opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children and their

families. The activities offered are: Bible time, Arts and Crafts. Music, Games and more. It is scheduled from Monday through Friday (July 4-8, 2011) at 8:30 am -12:30 pm. If you are interested please contact Sr. Necy at 289-997-2105 or email: srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.org.

# You can work wonders!... ShareLife.

When Janelle came to Rosalie Hall, a ShareLife agency, she was a young, single mother suffering from a decade-old abusive relationship. Emotionally unstable and with low esteem, she was relying on Employment Insurance to live. Rosalie Hall helped Janelle regain her strength and independence. Today, hoping for a brighter future for her and her child, she has left the abusive relationship she was in and is studying to be a social worker In 2009, ShareLife agencies provided help to more than 11,000 young people – offering counseling to 1,964 pregnant youth and young mothers.

#### Current ShareLife Collection: \$6,199 Parish Goal for 2011: \$21,000 2nd ShareLife collection – May 1, 2011 Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

# Remember to do your regular exercise and be ready to walk 5 km for our church!

Our third St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Walkathon of Hope will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Through this walk, we hope to fundraise for our future Worship space. You can register and participate in the walk, donate, or gather donations and come out for a fun day! We will be walking a picturesque 5 km. The cost is \$10 to register, and all registered walkers receive a free tshirt. After the walk we have a bbq lunch, face painting for the children, live music, entertainment. It should be fun for all. All donations to the cause will receive a tax receipt.

#### Thank you for supporting our Building Fund \$546,589.13

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.

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EASTER FOOD DRIVE

A great big THANK YOU to all the parishioners who responded to the Easter Food Drive with such generous donations. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated by those in our community who need the help and we are also blessed to have such parishioners and volunteers who are always eager to help. Our sense of community is evident through our parish and there is no better feeling than to know that we are doing God's work by helping those who are struggling to provide a meal for one's family. We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and bless all of you for your unwavering support once again.

# **Easter Concert**

The Messiah choir (comprised of staff members, family and friends from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board) invites you to a performance of Handel's "Messiah" on: Thursday, May 12th and Friday, May 13th from 7:30-9:30pm.

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for ShareLife. Come celebrate the Easter Season in song! All are welcome!

## Parish Mission at Merciful Redeemer Parish May 16-19, 2011

Merciful Redeemer Parish, 2775 Erin Centre Boulevard, Mississauga.

Merciful Redeemer Parish is pleased to announce that Fr. Hugh Burns will be conducting a Parish Mission as follows:

# Monday, May 16, 2011

12:15 p.m. Mass - What are you Afraid of: Dealing with Life's Fears.

7:30 p.m. Talk - Don't Worry be Happy: Christian Joy.

#### Tuesday May 17, 2011

12:15 p.m. Mass - Cool Off! Coping with Anger.

7:30 p.m. Talk - See It Big-Keep it Simple :Poor in Spirit with Peace of Mind.

#### Wednesday, May18, 2011

12:15 p.m. Mass - Lighten Up! A Christian Sense of Humor. 7:30 p.m. Talk - Brought Near: A Sense of Belonging to the Church.

# Thursday, May 19, 2011

12:15 p.m. Mass - Seize the Day: Living the Resurrection. 7:30 p.m. Talk/Benediction - Blessed Among Women: Mary Tender and Tough

Please mark your calendars to attend this special Mission.

#### Pro-Sudan Concert Saturday, May 14, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Airways Church, Mississauga.

This concert will take place at Our Lady of the Airways Church with the participation of Artists: Maestro Sabatino Vacca; Soprano, Rachel Answorth; Tenor, Ermanno Mauro; Baritone, Jeffrey Carl and Coro S. Marco, directed by Daniele Colla.Admission is free. For information call Joe Carraro at 416-745-5610 or Our Lady of the Airways at 905-677-4615.

