ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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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.org

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.

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 exemplifed 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.

SCHOOLS

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

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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 7:45 AM Wednesday, Friday 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Mission Church Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday 7:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday after the 7 PM Holy
- 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.

Pastoral Letter on Freedom of Conscience and Religion

from the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

This is the first installment of a twelve page Pastoral Letter

We are writing this pastoral letter to men and women of good will because of our conviction that religious believers can enrich society with their innumerable contributions to culture, political and economic life, health care and education. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we are called to renew our commitment to building a world where every individual, every community of faith, and every society enjoys in law and in practice authentic freedom of conscience and religion.

We hope to rekindle in all Canadians an appreciation of the significance of these rights as essential for ensuring the common good, and to encourage our fellow citizens, especially those in professions where these rights may be at risk, to defend them courageously. As Catholic Bishops, we particularly wish to address those members of the faithful who find themselves in difficult situations where they may be pressured to act against their religious faith or their conscience.

Recent international and national events present a disturbing trend of threats to freedom of conscience and religion experienced by those who suffer from bias, prejudice, hate propaganda, discrimination and persecution because of their religious beliefs. The Catholic Church fosters and defends these freedoms which are grounded in Sacred Scripture and supported by rational reflection. In championing them, she finds common ground with everyone, regardless of their religious affiliation.

We affirm what Pope Benedict XVI states in his Message for the 2011 World Day of Peace: "It is painful to think that in some areas of the world it is impossible to profess one's religion freely except at the risk of life and personal liberty. In other areas we see more subtle and sophisticated forms of prejudice and hostility towards believers and religious symbols" (Benedict XVI, Message for the 2011 World Day of Peace, n. 1).

While freedom of conscience belongs essentially to individuals, freedom of religion is broader: it implies the ability to embrace and openly practice one's faith, both individually and communally, within society. It is directly related to freedom of conscience inasmuch as conscience, oriented to truth, is formed by religious faith. Religious freedom is the most meaningful freedom of all, "since it is through faith that men and women express their deepest decision about the ultimate meaning of their lives" (Benedict XVI, Sacramentum Caritatis, n. 87). Indeed, the right to religious freedom is "the litmus test for the respect of all the other human rights." Where it is protected, peaceful coexistence, prosperity and participation in cultural, social and political life flourish. But when it is threatened, all other rights are weakened and society suffers.

Mass Intention

Saturday (May 19) 5:00 PM +Maria Bui

Sunday (May 20)
7:30 AM For the parish
9:00 AM +Carmelita de la Torre,
+Benilda Agcaoili
11:00 AM +Richard Valere,
+Rolando Dizon, +Elvira
Geronimo, +Emerita Tadeo
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Alice
D'Souza

Monday (May 21) 7:00 PM +Sheldon Gomes

Tuesday (May 22) 7:45 AM Open

Wednesday (May 23) 7:00 PM Open

Thursday (May 24) 7:45 AM Thanskgiving of Fr. Mark

Friday (May 25) 7:00 PM Open

Saturday (May 26) 9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors 5:00 PM Open

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

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Congratulations to our Parish First Communicants who received our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time last Sunday noon Mass.

Congratulations also to our Confirmandi from St. Faustina School who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit from the hand of Bishop John Boissonneau.

ShareLife

Thank you for your ongoing support of ShareLife. Our total Sharelife offering to date is \$13,017. The next Sharelife Sunday is June 2 & 3.



Vacation Bible School

VBS comes to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish on July 9-13, 2012 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at St. Edith Stein Catholic Elementary School.

This is a ministry to the children from Kindergarten to Grade 4. They will learn more about Jesus in a "fun way" through: Bible Class, Arts and Crafts, Music, Games, and snacks. Registration dates: May 5 - June 2, 2012 after all Masses at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School. We ask for a donation of \$50.00 per child. We provide all materials and snacks. For questions or more information, please contact Sr. Necy at 905-858-9912 or email: srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.org. Come and join us and have fun!!!



St. Josephine Bakhita Parish's 4th annual WALK OF HOPE Saturday June 9th 2012

Come out to meet other parishioners, get some exercise outdoors, and raise money for our

building fund! Registration opens at 9am, and the walk will kick off at 10am in the Joan of Arc parking lot.

Start collecting pledges from co-

workers, friends and family right away! Every walker that brings in a minimum of \$50 in pledges receives a free t-shirt and goodie bag. Registration and pledge forms are available after every mass, or can be printed from the church website. You can also solicit donations online, so ask your friends and family who live

abroad. The top fundraisers will receive great prizes! Register online or after mass by May 13th, and you will be eligible for a wonderful Early Bird Prize! After the walk we have a \$5 lunch which includes a hamburger/pizza slice/or hot dog, drink and ice cream! There will be face painting, giveaways, and live entertainment! So register and start collecting those pledges for a fun day for everyone!

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is Looking for a Student Correspondent

The Catholic Register invites high school and university students to join our team as a correspondent for the 2012-2013 school year. You'll get published in a national newspaper and report on news from your community

while sharing your thoughts on faith, culture and current issues. Learn from professional journalists. The year culminates with an expense-paid retreat in Toronto. Application deadline is June 30, 2012. For more information, contact Vanessa Santilli

at vanessa@catholicregister.org or see www.catholicregister.org for details. Click on the "Youth" tab and "YSN application.



If you are planning on attending Carassauga this year, The Daughters of Isabella will be selling Carassauga Passports after all the Masses this weekend. The cost per passport is \$10 of which \$3 will be donated to the Building Fund. Please purchase your passports from the Daughters of Isabella!

Junior Retreat Girls Ages 11-15

June 15-17, 2012

St. Lawrence Parish, 475 Mary Street, Hamilton

Girls, are you adventurous, excited to be Catholic, and between the ages of 11 and 15? Yes? Then you are invited to join the sisters for an exciting and totally new experience of our awesome Catholic Faith! Come learn more about Jesus and His Holy Church. We will have Mass, Adoration, spiritual talks, sports, and other cool activities! Get your spot quick...there are only 50 spots available. Cost: \$40. Facilitated by the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. Find out more or register at: solisisters.ca/juniorretreat.html.

Vocation Retreat Young Women Ages 16-32

June 9-10, 2012

Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, Cambridge.

Sign up for a vocation retreat to meet and pray with the Sisters and other young women discerning religious life! There will be times of Adoration and prayer, talks and activities with the Sisters. Cost: \$20. Find out more or register at: solisisters.ca/retreats.html.

Thank you!

We thank our Sacramental Preparation Team for all the work that they did in preparing our children to receive the first kiss of Jesus in the Eucharist.



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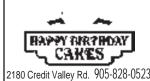
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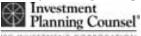
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