# **ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH**

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### WEBSITE: www.stjosephinebakhita.org

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

As the Master desires...

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.

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva Rev. Michael Ho Sr. Necy Guan, Fdcc Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdcc Mrs. Fatima Chan

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

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Tel. (905) 542-9203 St. Edith Stein Tel. (905) 824-5777 St. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434 St. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-2606

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

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Deacon Pastoral Assistant Pastoral Assistant Secretary

#### MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	Financial Council	
Children s Liturgy	Rory Agellon	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz		
Lectors	Tim Marchand	Fundraising Committee	
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Altar Servers	Hartoni Ashali		
Choirs	Jamie Marr	Building Committee	
	Suzanne Pereira	Chairperson	Rita Borg
	Raul Manzanares		
	Ronald Pasajol	St. Peter's Mission Church	
Arts & Environment	Cora & Boyer del Rosario	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
Youth Ministry	Jamie Lyn Venantius		
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			905-542-9883
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RCIC	Liza Capule		905-824-7223
RCIA	Roman Lim	Couples for Christ	Toti Quijano
First Reconciliation/Euch	arist Chanel D'Mello		905-567-3236
Confirmation	Clara Fernandes	Legion of Mary	Cristina Manzanares
			905-812-0891

	We celebrat	te Holy Mas	s 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	7:45 AM
Wednesday, Friday	7:00 PM

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

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES 7:00 PM Monday Saturday 9.00 AM

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#### 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.

## The True Vine

The image of the vine in this Sunday's gospel reading to tell the story of our interrelatedness to one another and to God is not original to Jesus, but no less powerful imagery. The imagery was frequently used in the Old Testament. The intertwining branch signified growth and life and the grape clusters, or vineyard, fertility (Song of Songs 7:12). Israel itself was likened to a vine, planted and tended byGod (Jeremiah 2:21;



also in Psalm 80:809); and Israel's fidelity and fruitfulness or lack thereof were often illustrated with imagery drawn from the vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7; Ezekiel 15:1-8). Given its scriptural foundation and the fact that Jesus' contemporaries were very familiar with all of the aspects of viticulture, the vine proved an apt symbol for the bond which Jesus came to establish between God and all of humankind.

There are many lessons we can glean from this imagery. It can, for example, illustrate how our lives are bounded inextricably to one another. It can also refer to to the one sturdy stock from which these many branches draw their life...or it may refer to the gnarled and twisted manner in which the vine grew that we can find meaning to underscore the fact that there are as many pathways to growth as there are spirit-filled people in the church and that our shared experience would not unfold without its share of curves, bumps, and detours.

As this image continues to challenge and to teach us, we might do well to recall the manner in which the vine grows and spreads. Regular pruning is necessary to achieve maximum fruitfulness and dead branches must be removed to preserve the life and vitality of the vine. As a result of that vitality, tiny, tender green tendrils are produced; these reach out in all directions from the vine, gently seeking for a place to anchor themselves and establish a new base of support or foothold for the vine. Gradually these tendrils develop into sturdy branches and the vine continues to flourish. These last images reminds us of the suffering that is necessary to growth and our responsibility for the one-onone, personal encounters that are essential for the health and holy development of the community or living vine which we call church.

> We welcome into our parish community Deacon Gerry and Betty Steyn

# Mass Intention

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

Sunday (May 6) 7:30 AM For the parish 9:00 AM +Melchor Capillo, Thanksgiving of Avelino & Maria Cleofe 11:00 AM +Thanksgiving of Anton Raz, +Lina de Montburn 12:30 PM Thanksgiving of D'Souza Family, +Anna & Petre Mocano

Monday (May 7) 7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (May 8) 7:45 AM +Josephine Hunt

Wednesday (May 9) 7:00 PM Open

Thursday (May 10) 7:45 AM +Yolanda Navera

Friday (May 11) 7:00 PM Open

Saturday (May 12) 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Aquileo Villanueva 5:00 PM +Maria Bui, +Anthony Fredric

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

\$1,021,361.75

We congratulate our young people from St. Bernard School and St. Faustina School who received their First Communion yesterday, May 5, at Merciful Redeemer Church. We also look forward next Sunday, May 13, at the 12:30 PM, the First Eucharist of our children enrolled in our Parish Religion Class. The weekly Bible Study is held every Thursday from 7:30 PM to 9 PM at the Parish Rectory Basement. If you are interested in participating, please call Fr. Mark or send him an email at frmark@stjosephinebakhita.org

## JOIN FR. MARK AND 30 PARISHIONERS FOR A CRUISE TO ITALY, DUBROVNIK, GREECE, AND TURKEY

starting October 14, 2012 for 16 days

\$3390 per person Contact: Cora Cruz (905) 812-2659 more details about the trip is available at. the door

# ShareLife

Thank you for your ongoing support of ShareLife. Our total Sharelife offering to date is \$11,641.73. The next Sharelife Sunday is April 28 & 29.

# Come And See Week - Young Women

Ages 18-32 May 1 -8, 2012 Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate Convent, 640 Hillview Rd., Cambridge.

If you are a young women 18-32 discerning religious life, and would like to explore the charism of the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, we invite you to attend our Come and See week this year. You will live with the Sisters and participate in their life, as well as benefit from talks and discussions on religious life, as a way for your to help discern God's will for your life. Come and See Week will be held at the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate Convent, 640 Hillview Rd. Cambridge, as well as at our SOLI Formation House nearby. For more information or to register please contact www.solisisters.ca/ comeandsee.

## The Catholic Register 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, 2011. 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 \$2 will be donated to the Building Fund. Please purchase your passports from the Daughters of Isabella!

**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 at905-858-9912 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 coworkers, 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!



Sacrament of Confirmation. for our young people fro m St. Faustina School will be held at Merciful Redeemer Church on Friday, May 11

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