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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6:00 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" (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

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
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Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
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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.



**Register your children for
Vacation Bible School Venue: St. Edith Stein School
July 6-10**

The Church's Teaching on Marriage and Annulment

On Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7 p.m., Father Brian Clough, Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Toronto will give a talk on the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage and annulment. The talk will take place at the Catholic Pastoral Centre - 1155 Yonge St. 4th Floor (Adjacent to the Summerhill TTC Subway Station; also free underground parking available). For inquiries, please call Catholic Family Services of Toronto 416-921-1163 x2227 or x2235.

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion?

Hope and healing are possible and God's mercy endures forever. The Sisters of Life will be hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for Women in Toronto on Saturday May 30, 2015. For confidential registration please call the Sisters of Life at 845-357-0258 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For additional info, visit: <http://www.sistersoflife.org/days-of-prayer-healing-testimonies-faqs>

The Sisters of Life will have a special Mass for those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One through abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or tragedy on Sunday, May 31, 2015. 2 pm Holy Hour (confessions available), 3 pm Mass for Trinity Sunday, St. Peter's Church, 830 Bathurst Street (Bathurst Subway). For more information: toronto@sistersoflife.org or 416-463-2772

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

May 22–8p.m.to May 24–5p.m.
Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre
1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

Consider joining a Marriage Enrichment Weekend for married couples focused on improving communication skills, refreshing and renewing your marriage. The weekend is hosted by a team of three married couples and a priest. CONTACT: Gerard and Marge McCauley PHONE: 905-792-1925 EMAIL: gerard.marge@rogers.com

May is the month of our Blessed Mother.

The Legion of Mary invites all children and youth to participate in the recitation of the Living Rosary followed by Flower Offering to our Blessed Mother, Mary. This devotion will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at the St. Joan of Arc School. About 55 participants are needed to form the Living Rosary. Your family and friends are most welcome to join.

Please bring flowers to offer to our Blessed Mother after the Living Rosary.

To register for this event and further details please contact the following : Patricia (905) 567-0345, Aurora (905) 814-9627, Ana (905) 821-2343 or Cristina (905) 812-0891.

Mass Intention

Saturday (May 9)

5:00 +Maria Bui, Peter & Maria Nguyen

Sunday (May 10)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Catherine & Budji Bagui
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Julieta & John Rodrigues, +Alain Nkongo Nkenda
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Karl Pereira

Monday (May 11)

7:00 PM +Sebastian Kollapilly

Tuesday (May 12)

7:30 AM +James Dooley

Wednesday (May 13)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Boy and Wai Moreno

Thursday (May 14)

7:30 AM +James Jones

Friday (May 15)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Aquileo Villanueva

Saturday (May 16)

9:00 AM For Parish Benefactors and Friends

5:00 PM Open

To offer a Mass for yourself or your loved one, see Cecilia at the desk or use the form on our parish website.

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\$1,606,304.49

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\$235,441.14

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,841,745.14

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our church building project*

General audience: the beauty of Christian marriage

Vatican City, 6 May 2015 (VIS) – The beauty of Christian marriage, which is not “simply the beauty of the ceremony that takes place in church, but rather the Sacrament made by the Church, giving rise to a new family community”, was the theme chosen by Pope Francis in the catechesis of this Wednesday's general audience.

“It is what the apostle Paul summarises in his famous expression: 'This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the Church'. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Paul affirms that the love between spouses is the image of the love between Christ and the Church. An unimaginable dignity! But in reality it is inscribed in God's plan of creation, and with Christ's grace countless Christian couples, even with their limits, their sins, have achieved this”.

St. Paul, speaking of new life in Christ, says that “all Christians are called to love each other as Christ has loved them, that is 'submitting to one another', meaning at each other's service. Here he introduces the analogy between the husband-wife couple and that of Christ and the Church. It is clear that this is an imperfect analogy, but we must grasp the spiritual meaning, elevated and revolutionary but at the same time very simple, within the reach of every man and woman who trust in God's grace”.

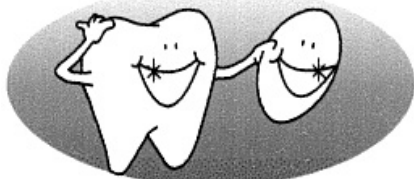
“‘Husbands should love their wives as their own bodies', says Paul; 'as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her'. The effect of this radicalism of the devotion required of man, for the love and the dignity of the woman, based on the example of Christ, must have been enormous within the Christian community itself. This seed of evangelical newness, that re-establishes the original reciprocity of devotion and respect, has ripened slowly throughout history, but in the end it has prevailed”.

The sacrament of marriage “is a great act of faith and of love: it bears witness to the courage of believing in the God's creating act and of living that love that drives us always to go onwards, beyond ourselves and even beyond the family itself. The Christian vocation to love without reserve and without measure is such that, with Christ's grace, it is at the base of the free consensus that constitutes marriage”. Furthermore, the Church herself “is fully involved in the history of each Christian marriage: she is built on its successes and suffers in its failures. However we must ask ourselves seriously: do we accept fully, ourselves, as believers and pastors, this indissoluble bond of the history of Christ and the Church with the history of marriage and the human family? Are we willing to take on this responsibility seriously?”.

The decision to 'marry in the Lord' also contains a missionary dimension, which means having at heart the willingness to become conduits of God's blessing and the Lord's grace for all. Indeed, Christian couples participate in the mission of the Church inasmuch as they are couples. ... And thus the life of the Church is enriched every time by the beauty of this matrimonial alliance, just as it is impoverished every time it is defaced. The Church, to offer the gift of faith, love and hope to all, is in need of the courageous faithfulness of married couples in the grace of their sacrament. The people of God needs their daily progress in faith, love and hope, with all the joys and the hardships that this path involves in a marriage and in a family”. “Yes: St. Paul was right, it is a great mystery”, concluded the Pope. “Men and women, courageous enough to place this treasure in the clay vessels of our humanity, are an essential resource for the Church, and also for all the world. May God bless you a thousand times for this!”.

Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 2,918.15
Building Fund	\$ 3,240.35
St. Peter's	\$ 518.30
Wednesday	\$ 116.35
ShareLife	\$ 1,747.00
Stipend	\$ 140.00
Religious Frames	\$ 50.00
Social Concern	\$ 39.35
Total	\$ 8,769.50

**Loving God,
 as a mother gives life and
 nourishment to her children,
 so you watch over your
 Church.
 Bless these women,
 that they may be strengthened
 as Christian mothers.
 Let the example of their faith
 and love shine forth.
 Grant that we, their sons and
 daughters,
 may honor them always
 with a spirit of profound
 respect.
 Grant this through Christ our
 Lord.
 R. Amen.**



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