

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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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. 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) 821-3256

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

PASTORAL TEAM

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| 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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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Volunteer Coordinator | Anusha De Silva | Financial Council | |
| Children's Liturgy | Wilma Menezes | Chairperson | Tel de la Cruz |
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| Youth Ministry | Cora & Boyer del Rosario | | |
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| Sacristans | Patricia Scire | | 905-542-9883 |
| Home Visitation | James Amores | Daughters of isabella | Rita Venantius |
| | Rebecca Poirier | | 905-824-7223 |
| 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

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| Saturday | 5:00 PM |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM |
| | 11:00 AM |
| | 12:30 PM |

WEEKDAY MASSES

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| Tuesday, Thursday | 7:30 AM |
| Wednesday, Friday | 7:00 PM |

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

SUNDAY MASSES

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| Sunday | 7:30 AM |
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WEEKDAY MASSES

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| 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.



FORTITUDE, THE GIFT TO OVERCOME DIFFICULT MOMENTS

Vatican City, 14 May 2014 (VIS) – The Holy Father, in the catechesis of this Wednesday's general audience, mentioned the first three gifts of the Holy Spirit considered during the previous weeks: wisdom, understanding and counsel, and went on to talk about the fourth gift, fortitude. To explain the importance of this gift, he offered the example of the parable of the sower. The seeds which fall on the road are eaten by birds, and those which fall among the stones dry out; only those that fall on good soil grow and bear fruit.

The sower is the Father, who sows the seeds of His Word. "The seeds often encounter the aridity of our heart and, even when accepted, risk remaining sterile. With the gift

of fortitude, however, the Holy Spirit wakes the ground of our heart from its torpor, uncertainty and all the fears that may hold it back, so that the Word of the Lord may be put into practice, in an authentic and joyful manner". The Pope spoke about all those difficult moments and extreme situations in which the gift of fortitude manifests itself in an extraordinary way, and remarked that the Church is "resplendent with the witness of many brothers and sisters who have not hesitated to give their lives in order to remain faithful to the Lord and to His Gospel", and that nowadays there are still many Christians who offer witness to their faith in perilous circumstances. He added, "We all know people who have experienced difficult situations and great suffering. But, think of these men, these woman, who lead difficult lives, who struggle to maintain their families, to bring up their children: they do all of this because the spirit of fortitude helps them. ... These brothers and sisters of ours are saints, everyday saints, saints who are concealed among us; they have the gift of fortitude that allows them to carry out their duties as persons, as fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and citizens. ... And it is good for us to think about these people: if they do all this, if they can do it, why can't I? It is good for us to ask the Lord for the gift of fortitude".

However, "it should not be thought that the gift of fortitude is necessary only on some occasions or in particular situations. This gift must constitute the base note of our Christian being, nurturing in us a sanctity lived in the ordinariness of our daily life". Pope Francis commented that the phrase of the apostle Paul, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me". Before concluding, the Pontiff added that "at times we are tempted by idleness or we are discouraged, especially when faced with the burdens and trials of life. In these cases, we must not lose heart, but must instead invoke the Holy Spirit, so that the gift of fortitude might lift our hearts and transmit new strength and enthusiasm to our life and to our following of Jesus".

Heads up!!!

Parents are advised of our Summer Program for your children

Vacation Bible School
 St. Edith Stein School
 July 7 to 11
 Registration is \$50



Mass Intention

Saturday (May 17)

5:00 PM +Tere Villanueva

Sunday (May 18)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Polly Aquino
 11:00 AM +Richard Valere & Lina de Montbrun, +Isidro & Maria San Diego, +Alfredo Fonseca & son Antonio
 12:30 PM +Alain Nkenda

Monday (May 19)

7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (May 20)

7:30 AM Special Intention of Roma de Vera

Wednesday (May 21)

7:00 PM +Sheldon Gomes

Thursday (May 22)

7:30 AM Quick recovery of Rosa Linda Santos

Friday (May 23)

7:00 PM Special Intention of Kelly Villanueva

Saturday (May 24)

9:00 AM Special Intention of Fr. Mark

5:00 PM Open

To offer a Holy Mass Intention, please see Cecilia or call the parish office. You can also request through parish website

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

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\$1,508,801.30

Architectural Fees

\$72,472.29

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,581,273.59

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project



First Communion

St. Simon Stock School

will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at Merciful Redeemer
3:00 PM

"To Jesus Through Mary"



May is the month of our Blessed Mother. The Legion of Mary invites 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 conducted on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc School. About 55 children are needed to form the Living Rosary. For further details and to register your children to this event please contact the following:

Patricia (905) 567-0345, Aurora (905) 814-9627, Ana (905) 821-2343 or Cristina (905) 812-0891.

"Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of God." (Luke 18:15-17)

St. John Berchmans Circle #5570



The Columbian Squires of our parish along with their friends are hosting a CAR WASH on the 24 & 25th of May during all masses. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Church Building Fund. Parishioners are urged to support the Squires for this worthy cause.

When you arrive for mass the Squires will direct you to park in the designated spaces and you can

pick up your cleaned car after mass.

Minimum Donation \$ 5.00

Holy Mass for Seniors and their loved ones every First Thursday of the month at 3 PM
Viva Retirement Living

Parish Pastoral Council
May 26, 2014 at St. Peter's Mission Church
starting at 7:45 PM

The Sacrament of Confirmation

For St. Edith Stein School will be held on Friday, May 23, 2014 at Merciful Redeemer

Thank you for the Leaders of our Lectors' Ministry for organizing a successful lectors' gathering at St. Peter's Mission Church

| Offertory Collection | |
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| Offertory | \$3526.55 |
| Building Fund | \$1385.00 |
| St. Peter's Church | \$552.75 |
| Wednesday Collection | \$75.00 |
| Confirmation | \$1425.00 |
| Baptism | \$150.00 |
| ShareLife | \$2646.70 |
| First Communion | \$20.00 |
| Samosa | \$600.00 |
| Total | \$10381.00 |

The Problem of Pain in Persons with Dementia: The Challenges of Assessment and Management

May 27 - 12 to 5 p.m.

Columbus Room, Columbus Centre
901 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto

The deVeber Institute of Bioethics and Social Research presents an educational series on palliative care. Recommended for anyone who works with older adults: health care professionals, administrators, caregivers, volunteers and family members. Click here to view poster with information on speakers and topics.

Register by calling 416-256-0555 or email bioethics@deveber.org. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch.

St. Augustine's Seminary Centenary Open House

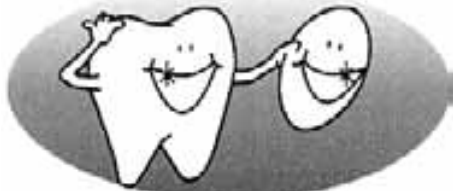
June 1 - 1 to 5 p.m.

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto
2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough

St. Augustine's opens its doors to the public. Tour this historic Catholic landmark including the chapel, library, seminarian floors, dining hall and seminary grounds. Meet members of the Faculty, Seminarians and representatives from ShareLife and Catholic Charities. Come and see the place where so many vocations began as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Augustine's Seminary.

For more information, call 416-261-7207 or visit www.staugustines.on.ca.

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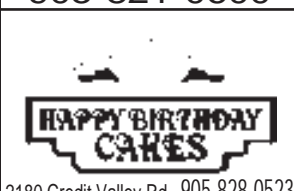
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