



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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## We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Catholic  
Secondary School  
3801 Thomas Street  
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5 PM  
Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 AM  
Wednesday, Friday 7 PM  
St. Peter's Mission Church  
Ninth Line, north of Britannia Rd.

## SUNDAY MASS

Sunday 7:30 AM

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7 PM  
Saturday 9 AM

## DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Novena every Wednesday  
following the 7 PM Mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy  
every Friday after the 7 PM  
Mass

Solemn Vespers and  
Benediction every First Friday  
7:30 PM

## Pastoral Team

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant

**Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6 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 for the Twenty-first Century" (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 man and woman, 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 parishioner are welcome.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a Baptismal Request Form available in our parish website.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the pastor one year in advance. A marriage course is required. For additional information, please contact the pastor.

## Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan for the funeral, please contact the pastor.

## Schools

St. Bernard of Clairvaux  
St. Edith Stein  
St. Faustina  
St. Simon Stock  
St. Joan of Arc Catholic  
Secondary School

**The Daughters of Isabella**

will be having their annual bake sale the Weekend of May 27 and 28 after all the masses. We are looking to sell both sweet and savory items. Your donation of baked goods will be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your donation directly to the church on the day of the sale.  
Thank you for your continuing support.



*Tickets for the Carasuga: Mississauga's Festival of Cultures*

*May 26-28, 2017 will be available for sale with the Daughters of Isabela starting this weekend*

Join Fr. Mark on a Pilgrimage to Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Apparitions of our Lady of Fatima

for 14 days (from September 17 to 30) \$3,390

Please see flyers for more information

**Thank you to our Parish Sacramental Preparation Team**

The sacramental preparation of our young people is very important to our parish community. We express our gratitude to all our volunteer catechists who help our young people encounter the risen Jesus through the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

More than 4,000 young people have been assisted by our Volunteer Catechists since they started their ministry nine years ago.



The old tabernacle that you see on the left was given to us at a time when we were still not certain whether we will be given permission to construct by the City and the Archdiocese. We were also not certain whether we will be able to build in one phase or several phases due to financial constraints. The arrival of the old tabernacle was like a sign from heaven that the Eucharistic Lord, who once lived in this old tabernacle, wants to have a new home. It is my hope, as your pastor, to bring back the beauty of this tabernacle. I plan to have the front door double or triple-toned: silver for the angels, the cross in gold, and the background in

brass. It will also be covered with wood all around with Eucharistic symbols. It will be placed on a stand in our Chapel of Adoration behind the sanctuary, slightly recessed underneath the middle arch, but visible to the whole church. The cost of the restoration and the stand is estimated to be \$25,000. If you would like to assist in this project, a pledge form is available at the desk. Thank you to those who have already given towards its restoration. May God return a thousandfold your kindness and generosity!

**Mass Intention****Saturday (May 20)**

5:00 PM +Richard Valere, +Lina de Montbrun, +Peter Wu, Special intention of Fabiola Giraldo

**Sunday (May 21)**

7:30 AM For the Parish Community  
9:00 AM +Pierre Fernandes  
11:00 AM +Emerita Tadeo, Elvira Geronimo, Maria Isidro San Diego  
12:30 PM +Julito del Rosario, Thanksgiving of Justina Manalo

**Monday (May 22)**

7:00 PM Open

**Tuesday (May 23)**

7:30 AM For the deceased relatives of the Chow Family

**Wednesday (May 24)**

7:00 PM +Giovanna & Domenico Cassano

**Thursday, (May 25)**

7:30 AM For the deceased relatives of the Tang Family

**Friday (May 26)**

7:00 PM +Felipe Paculaba

**Saturday (May 27)**

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors and their families

5:00 PM Open

If you want to offer Holy Mass for yourself or your Loved One, you can use the form on our parish website or contact Cecilia at the desk or at the parish office. Our Parish also accepts Mission Masses (also commonly known as unannounced masses). These Masses are offered by priests anywhere in the world. Please inquire at the desk.

**Pray the Rosary as a family**

**The Holy Father, Pope Francis, speaks...**

In our catechesis on Christian hope, we now reflect on Mary Magdalen as an apostle of the hope brought by the Gospel.

Saint John tells us on Easter morning Mary had gone to the tomb of Jesus; she saw that it was empty, and returned to tell this news to Peter and the other disciples. Returning to the tomb, yet still not understanding what had happened, Mary encounters the Risen Lord, but does not recognize him until he calls her by name.

This first appearance of Jesus after rising from the dead is thus something intensely personal. We know that just as he did with Mary Magdalen, so too Jesus calls each of us by name and fills us with joy at his presence.

Our encounter with him brings freedom and opens up new vistas of life; it transforms our world and brings undying hope. The risen Lord tells Mary not to cling to him, but to go and tell the good news of his resurrection to the others.

Mary Magdalen thus becomes the apostle of Christian hope. By her prayers, may we be encounter anew the risen Lord, who calls us by name, turns our sorrow into joy, and sends us forth to proclaim by our lives that he is truly risen.

**Young Adults Retreat – Theology of the Body**

Friday, July 21 to Sunday, July 23  
 Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre  
 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

Join the Sisters of Life for a weekend retreat! The retreat will include opportunities for prayer, fellowship, confession, Mass and conferences on the topic of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Retreat is open for men and women ages 18 to 35. We hope to see you there! CONTACT: Sisters of Life PHONE: 416-463-2722 EMAIL: [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

**The Theology of the Body**

Tuesdays, May 30, June 6, 13, 20 – 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
 Merciful Redeemer Parish Hall  
 2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga

Are you the person you want to be? Are you happy and fulfilled? If you're wondering if there is more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover this extraordinary Catholic teaching, called Theology of the Body. Given to us by St. John Paul II, author and presenter Christopher West unpacks this teaching in his DVD series "Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life." Will be presented for adults in a DVD format and open discussion. CONTACT: Anthony PHONE: 416-302-4253

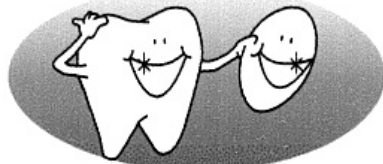
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**Living the Gospel by caring for the elderly...**

"Words cannot convey our gratitude to Elizabeth and to the Society of Sharing for giving our mother a new meaning to her life. Before the friendly visit program started, our mother was very depressed and unmotivated. However, her life changed when Elizabeth started to visit her. Elizabeth is a very kind, energetic and enthusiastic volunteer and her hobby is artwork. She decided to share her talent with our mother and has been giving her art lessons in acrylic painting. The intellectual stimulation has been tremendous and, as a result, has enhanced her health and her quality of life as she relaxes and focuses on her art projects. Thank you again, for all your support." Last year ShareLife-supported agencies provided outreach programs that met the needs of over 2,200 seniors.

Next ShareLife Sunday is June 4, 2017  
 Please give generously.

Total Parish ShareLife Contribution collected to date: \$10,410



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