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



As
the
Master
desires...

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.

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) 821-3256

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

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
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Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

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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**

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.

The Knights of Columbus Garage Sale

Saturday 30th May 7.00am - 3.00pm.

St. Peters Mission Church 6056 Ninth Line, Mississauga

Money raised from this Garage Sale will be donated to St. Josephine Bakhita Church Building Fund.

Please bring your donations to St. Peter's Church on Friday 29th May evening from 6.00pm - 9.00pm or on Saturday morning before 7.00am.

For Volunteering / Inquiries please contact Narciso Rodrigues 416-303-1337



The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets in support of The Arthritis Society and the Special Olympics.

When: After every Mass on May 23 and 24

Cost: \$5.00

1,000 prizes to be won including 9 cash prizes ranging from 10,000 to \$250,000.00

**Hike & Prayer: Toronto Island
7:45 pm**

Meeting at the Toronto Ferry Docks Faith Connections invites young adults (18-39) to join us for a hike and prayer at Toronto Island. We'll gather at 1:45 p.m. at the Toronto Ferry Docks to take the 2:15 p.m. ferry to Hanlan's Point. Bring sturdy shoes, water and weather-appropriate gear (rain or shine). RSVPs appreciated. A ministry of Fontbonne Ministries, Sisters of St. Joseph, Toronto. CONTACT: John-Paul Markides PHONE: 416-467-2645 WEB: www.faithconnections.ca

Mass Intention

Saturday (May 23)

5:00 PM +Joanna and Dominic Cassano

Sunday (May 24)

7:30 AM +Anne Allan
9:00 AM For the Parish Community
11:00 AM Open
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Catherine and Budji Bagui, +Conrad Estepa

Monday (May 25)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Fr. Mark

Tuesday (May 26)

7:30 AM Departed family of Cecilia Casile

Wednesday (May 27)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of AJ Alcantara

Thursday (May 28)

7:30 AM Departed family of Rolando & Terensita Canimo

Friday (May 29)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Menen Salazar

Saturday (May 30)

9:00 AM For Parish Benefactors and Friends

5:00 PM +Xavier and Doris Pillai, +Solomon Anthicques

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

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,606,304.49

Architectural & other Fees

\$253,211.14

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,859,515.63

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

Education, the natural vocation of the family

Vatican City, 20 May 2015 (VIS) – The education of children as the natural vocation of the family was the theme of Pope Francis' catechesis during this Wednesday's general audience in St. Peter's Square. The Holy Father, first citing the words of St. Paul to the Colossians: "Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged", emphasised the duty of parents to accompany their children step by step, without demanding the impossible, so as not to overwhelm them. He then went on to speak of the difficulties faced by mothers and fathers who often only have the opportunity to see their children in the evening when they return home tired after work – "those who are lucky enough to have work", he added – and also referred to the even more critical situation faced by separated parents, inviting them to ensure that the conflicts between the couple do not have an impact on the children.

Francis also mentioned that the family has been accused of other things, including authoritarianism, favouritism, conformism, and emotional repression that generates conflicts. "In fact, a fracture has opened up between family and society, undermining mutual trust, and in this way, the alliance between family and society in the education of children has entered into a crisis".

"There are many symptoms", he continued. "For example, in schools this has affected relationships between parents and teachers. ... On the other hand, there has been a proliferation of so-called 'experts' who occupy the role of parents even in the most intimate aspects of education ... and parents are expected only to listen, to learn and to adapt. Deprived of their role, they often become excessively apprehensive and possessive with regard to their children, to the point of never correcting them. They tend to increasingly entrust them to 'experts', even in relation to the most delicate and personal aspects of their life, placing themselves in the corner. In this way, parents run the risk of excluding themselves from the life of their children".

"How have we arrived at this point? Without doubt in the past parents, or rather, certain educational models, had certain limits. But it is also true that there are mistakes that only parents are authorised to make, as they are able to compensate for them in a way that is impossible for any other person. On the other hand, as we well know, life now spares us little time for speaking, reflection and exchange. Many parents are 'kidnapped' by their work and other worries, and they find themselves paralysed by the fear of making mistakes. The problem, however, is not only about talking. ... Let us ask ourselves instead: do we seek to understand 'where' our children truly are on their path? Where is their soul? ... And above all, do we want to know?".

Francis underlined that the Christian communities are called upon to offer support to the educational mission of the family. "At the base of everything there is love, that which God gives to us, that "is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things". Even in the best of families, there is much to be endured, and it takes a lot of patience. Jesus Himself experienced education in the family". "Even in this case, the grace of Christ's love fulfils what is inscribed in human nature. How many excellent examples we have of Christian parents full of human wisdom! They show that good family education is the backbone of humanism. Its spread through society is the resource that allows us to compensate for the shortcomings, the wounds, the lack of paternity and maternity that affect the least fortunate children, and works true miracles".

"I hope that the Lord may give Christian families the faith, freedom and courage necessary for their missions. If family education rediscovers the pride of its central role, many things will change for the better, for uncertain parents and disappointed children. It is time for fathers and mothers to return from their exile, and to fully resume their role as educators", concluded Francis.

Sunday Collection

Offertory	\$ 2,677.15
Building Fund	\$ 2,119.00
St. Peter's	\$ 310.00
Wednesday	\$ 123.85
ShareLife	\$ 130.00
Stipend	\$ 70.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 5,480.00

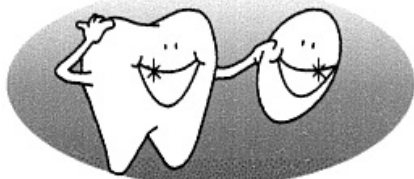
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following the 9 AM Mass to Noon

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

The Archdiocese of Toronto is one of the most culturally diverse dioceses in the world, with Mass celebrated in more than 30 languages each week. This richness of diversity is one of our greatest gifts to be nurtured lovingly and responsibly.

For those who have come to call the Archdiocese of Toronto home, parishes with a treasured cultural history serve not only as a spiritual home but a gathering of family members who share a common culture, language and tradition. It is not uncommon for parishioners to spend many hours at the parish each week, engaging in spiritual, social, educational and outreach opportunities that foster a sense of belonging and a deep connection to traditions that span generations.

In considering the core directions of the pastoral plan, we must draw on the richness of this diversity while, at the same time, challenging one another to consider how we can stay connected with the body of Christ beyond our parish boundaries. We will work to maintain a deep connection to the local church, while encouraging our culturally diverse parishes to share their successful models of collaboration, worship and outreach with neighbours and friends across the Archdiocese of Toronto.



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