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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

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
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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 Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets in support of The Arthritis Society and the Special Olympics.

Cost: \$5.00

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



Eucharistic Adoration

To pray specifically for Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Lay Missionaries

every First Saturday of the month at St. Peter's Mission Church following the 9 AM Mass until Noon

Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest that He may send labourers into his harvest.

What's OK and What's not OK with End-of-Life Care

Monday, June 1, 2015 5:30 PM

Newman Centre

89 St. George St., Toronto

All are welcome to learn more about Catholic teaching on end-of-life care. The talk will be delivered by Dr. Bridget Campion, Bioethicist and Researcher with the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute.

There will be opportunity for Q & A and discussion followed by a short reception. CONTACT (to register): Sonal Castelino EMAIL: sonal.castelino@newmantoronto.com

Healing of Family Tree and Deliverance Retreat

9:00 am

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto 69 William St., Toronto Three-day Healing of Family Tree and Deliverance Retreat (Friday to Sunday) led by Fr. Joby Kachappilly VC and Divine Team Toronto. Pre-Registration required. Registration fee: \$75. Attendance is mandatory on all three days. Food and refreshments will be provided. PHONE: 647-949-4932 647-660-1314 EMAIL: drctoronto@gmail.com or enquirydrct@gmail.com

Mass Intention

Saturday (May 30)

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

Sunday (May 31)

7:30 AM For the Parish community
 9:00 AM +Jose Barbosa
 11:00 AM +Sheldon Gomes, +Josefina Poliarco, +Petra Hoang
 12:30 PM +Richard Valere

Monday (June 1)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Menen Salazar

Tuesday (June 2)

7:30 AM Departed Souls, World Peace, +Letitica & Angelito Saring, +Felina Constianiano

Wednesday (June 3)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (June 4)

7:30 AM Departed family of Edita Lucila

Friday (June 5)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (June 6)

9:00 AM +Rev. Augustine Leung

5:00 PM +Muriel Guerra

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

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\$1,606,304.49

Architectural & other Fees

\$263,218.21

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,869,522.70

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

Engagement is a path of preparation

Vatican City, 27 May 2015 (VIS) – Engagement, the time devoted to laying the groundwork for a project of love taken on in full freedom and awareness, was the theme of Pope Francis' catechesis during today's Wednesday general audience.

“Betrothal is, in other words, the time in which two people are called to work on love, a shared and profound task” as “the alliance of love between a man and a woman, an alliance for life, cannot be improvised, and is not made in a day; it is a path on which one learns and refines. ... It is, I dare say, an artisanal alliance. To make two lives one is almost a miracle of freedom and of the heart, entrusted to faith. We must perhaps work more on this point, as our 'sentimental coordinates' have become a little confused. Those who wish to attain everything immediately, also give up on everything straight away at the first hurdle (or at the first opportunity). ... Engagement channels the will to preserve something together, something that should never be bought or sold, betrayed or abandoned, however tempting the alternatives may be”.

Francis recalled the Italian writer Alessandro Manzoni's novel “I promessi sposi”, “The Betrothed”, and invited those present to read it as it is “an authentic masterpiece which recounts the story of a betrothed couple who suffer greatly, who walk a path full of many difficulties before arriving at the end, at marriage. Do not forget this masterpiece on betrothal ... read it and you will see beauty and suffering, but also the faithfulness of the betrothed couple”. “The Church, in her wisdom, maintains the distinction between engaged and married couples – they are not the same – precisely in view of the delicate and profound nature of this fact. We are careful not to light-heartedly dismiss this wise teaching, nurtured by the experience of happily married life. The powerful symbols of the body hold the keys to the soul: we cannot treat the bonds of the flesh lightly, without opening up lasting wounds to the spirit”, continued the Holy Father, remarking that “today's culture and society have become rather indifferent to the delicate and serious nature of this passage. And on the other hand, they cannot be said to be generous with the young, who seriously intend to maintain a household and start a family. Rather, they set up a thousand obstacles, mental and practical”. Pre-matrimonial courses are a special expression of preparation that offer engaged couples what may indeed be the sole opportunity to “reflect on their experience in terms that are not banal. Yes, many couples stay together for a long time, also intimately, at times living together, without truly knowing each other”, he observed. “Therefore there is a need to re-evaluate engagement as a time to get to know each other and for sharing a plan. ... And focusing also here on the essential point: the Bible, to be rediscovered together, in a conscious way; prayer, in its liturgical dimension, but also in terms of 'domestic prayer' ... in the Sacraments ... in which the Lord comes to reside in the betrothed couple and prepares them to truly accept each other with the grace of Christ; and fraternity with the poor, the needy, which leads us towards sobriety and sharing. Couples who make this commitment both grow, and all this leads to preparing a beautiful marriage celebrated in a different way, not worldly but Christian”.

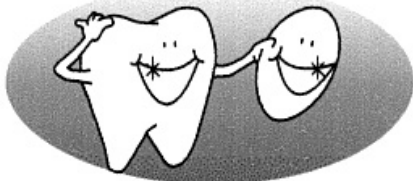
The Pope invited couples to reflect on and repeat to each other the words of the prophet Hosea: “And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord”. “May every engaged couple think of this and say to each other, 'I will make you my spouse'. Wait for that moment; it is a moment on a path on which one proceeds slowly, a path of ripening. One must not pass through the different stages too quickly. Ripening takes place in this way, step by step”. Therefore, “the time of betrothal must truly be a time of initiation ... in surprise at the spiritual gifts that the Lord, through the Church, enriches the horizon of the new family that he prepares to live in His blessing”.

Pope Francis concluded by asking the thousands of faithful in St. Peter's Square to pray to the Holy Family of Nazareth so that engaged couples may understand the beauty of the path of preparation for lifelong marriage, and greeted couples in the square by wishing them a happy engagement.

Sunday Collection	
Offertory	\$ 2,893.70
Building Fund	\$ 597.05
St. Peter's	\$ 179.80
Wednesday	\$ 32.75
ShareLife	\$ 240.00
Stipend	\$ 170.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$ 630.00
Frames	\$ 70.00
Baptism	\$ 220.00
Papal Charity	\$ 815.70
Total	\$ 5,849.00

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan

Our pastoral mission is to nurture and strengthen the faith experience of committed Catholics, as they actively encounter Christ in the Word of God and in the Sacraments, and participate in the lived faith of the Catholic Christian community. Each parish should strive to provide a full and rich experience of the Christian life, as by God's grace we build a community that will witness to Christ in our secular world. We offer pastoral care to all the faithful, attending to their many spiritual needs. We also invite those who, for whatever reason, are searching or who have drifted away from the church to come home. Our model for this is St. Peter, to whom Jesus said: “Feed my lambs... Feed my sheep.” (John 21:15-19)



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