

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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



We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

3801 Thomas Street,
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Friday 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Mission Church

Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Solemn Vespers and Benediction every First Friday 7:30 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" (Pope John Paul II) and "Model of Hope for the twenty-first century" (Pope 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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Mark Achilles Villanueva
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdccc
Sr. Necy, Guan, Fdccc
Fatima Chan
Rev. Mr. Michael Ho

Pastor
Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation
Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth
Parish Secretary
Deacon

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator
Children's Liturgy
Children Religious Education
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Ushers
Altar Servers
Social Concerns
Choirs

Anusha De Silva
Rory Agellon
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Raul Manzanares
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Church's Environment

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. or any time by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a baptismal form and submitted to the parish office. The baptismal form is available at the parish office, after all our weekend Masses at the school, or from our website. Once the parish office receives the form, the pastor will set up the appointment to process your application.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. A marriage course is required. The pastor will arrange the wedding ceremony with Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan and celebrate the funeral, please contact the parish office. We will celebrate the Funeral liturgy either at Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church.

Elementary 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) 821-2607

Secondary School

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

All new parishioners are welcome. Registration forms are available at the entrance to our worship space on the Weekends. You can also register online at

www.stjosephinebakhita.org

Please do not forget to request for your box of Sunday Envelopes.

We invite the children to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday at the chapel.

Mass Intention

May 7 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Joe Furtado, +Arlene Chu
Sun Wah, + Thomas Anthieques

May 8 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish community
9:00 AM +Ida Martel, +Letecia Reyes
11:00 AM +Joao Jose & Silvina
Antunes, Special intention of Marian, JP,
Kaytee Tingin
12:30 PM Special intention of Sr.
Cristina, +Connie Neubert

May 9 (Monday)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving for Ryan D'Souza

May 10 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Open

May 11 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

May 12 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Thanksgiving of Kelly
Villanueva

May 13 (Friday)

7:00 AM Open

May 14 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Fourth Gathering will be held at the parish on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 4 PM and on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 10 AM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at Merciful Redeemer Church on

May 25 at 7 PM for St. Faustina School
May 27 at 7 PM for St. Edith Stein School
May 28 at 2 PM for St. Simon Stock School
June 4 at 11 AM for St. Bernard of Clairvaux School

Pastor's Desk

I started to write this bulletin on a fifteen hour flight from Toronto across the Pacific Ocean into Taiwan. The plane left Toronto on time at 1:30 AM, a good time to fly. Once airborne and after a hearty meal of lamb chops, it was time to sleep. I must have slept like a baby...for seven hours straight without interruption...that leaves me another seven hours to work and pray. God's gift. Most of the passengers around me are sleeping. There is very little movement in the cabin except for the occasional flight attendant. I suppose for a long flight like this, people force themselves to sleep, so as to make the trip bearable. It is not easy to sit that long especially for someone like me whose tailbone was broken awhile back and nothing can be done about it except to allow the human body to heal itself.

I brought with me a digital copy of the book entitled *Mastering Sadhana: a retreat with Anthony de Mello*, a book I have read many years ago when I was still a seminarian. After twenty years of being a priest, I thought of revisiting some of the things that gave me peace and balance. I was very young then, only twenty-one. I wonder what new perspectives this book would unfold for me now that I am forty-eight in a couple of weeks.

I remember when I was about 12 years old, I used to wonder what it feels like to be older, about four or five years older...and now, I am forty-eight and I wonder, my God, where have all the years gone by. Time flew so quickly.

It is now eleven hours since we left Toronto. I wonder how the parish is doing. The 11 AM Mass was probably just ended, people are leaving the parking lot, and the preparation for the 12:30 PM Mass must be underway. I already miss the parish. The flight attendant just brought me dimsum and green tea, but there is a bit of turbulence. All these years of flying and fear still grips my heart when this things occurs... and I can't but call on God or any angel and saint to assist. I suppose I have to learn to trust God more...easier to say than do, I must tell you.

Thank God, the turbulence has calmed down. I wonder how the parish is managing without me. I feel like the parent, who can't keep still without knowing his kids are ok. I remember my uncle Octavio advise many years ago: "learn to cut the umbilical cord..." I suppose that is what I should do... stop worrying.

It is now 1:15 PM Toronto time. It must be communion time at the parish. *Gracious Lord, although I cannot receive you now in the Eucharist, I join with my brothers and sisters in welcoming you into our lives. In honour of your divine mercy, grant us the grace to have an abiding and trusting faith. May we, as a parish community, continue to be shaped in the hope that saves with Blessed Mary, Mother of Charity under the foot of the Cross. Amen.*



Our parish is having a **Vacation Bible School** for children in Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two
July 4 to 8, 2011
9:00 AM to 12 PM

Venue: St. Edith Stein Catholic Elementary School

If you are interested to register your child, the registration forms will be available from May 7 & 8 in all the Masses. The cost is \$50 payable to St. Josephine Bakhita Parish

Third Annual Parish Walkathon of Hope

June 11, 2011

The cost of the registration is \$10 and all registered walkers will receive a free t-shirt. All donations to the cause will receive a tax receipt.

WORKING WONDERS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS...

12 years ago, Michael walked into the Good Shepherd Centre, a ShareLife recipient – homeless, penniless, friendless. He was only 25 but had already wrecked a promising life with hard drinking and drug use. Availing of the Centre's Drug and Alcohol Recovery Enrichment program, Michael finally managed to turn his life around and start afresh - those who knew him then and now are just astounded at the change. ShareLife funded agencies assisted over 20,000 people with special needs last year, affirming their value to our society.

Current Sharelife Collection: \$10,000
Parish Goal for 2011: \$21,000

Third Sharelife Collection - June 5, 2011
Please give generously. You can work wonders

Easter Concert

The Messiah Choir (composed of staff members, family and friends from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board) invites you to a performance of Handel's Messiah on Thursday, May 12th, and Friday, May 13th from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for Sharelife. Come and celebrate the Easter Season in song! All are welcome!

The National March for Life
May 12, 2011
Ottawa, Ontario.

The National March for Life is a pro-life gathering in Ottawa meant to remind our country that there is no protection in Canadian law for children in the womb. An abortion can be performed at any time during pregnancy with no legal repercussions. Join us on Parliament Hill on Thursday, May 12, 2011, starting at noon, as people come together to stand up for our faith and say, "Abortion Kills a Human Being".

Information regarding the many pro-life events from May 11 to 13, which include: Masses, banquets, a candlelight vigil, a youth conference, and buses to Ottawa can be found on the website: www.marchforlife.ca or call Campaign Life Coalition at 416-204-9749.

A HEARTFELT THANKS

I was overwhelmed with mixed emotions during the farewell dinner tendered for me by the parish on April 30. I thank all parishioners who contributed for the catered dinner, and for the send-off gift of an IPAD, and Mrs. Slack and St. Edith Stein Catholic Elementary School for providing the protective cover for it. Thanks for the generous gifts and cards with inspiring messages I received from different families and individuals in the parish. Merci beaucoup to the 5:00PM Mass choir, the Parish Council, the Daughters of Isabella and Anusha De Silva, who organized and coordinated the abundant dinner and entertainment. Muchas gracias to Fr. Mark and Sr. Necy, for making all this possible.

I leave you all with this famous saying: " For all that has been, Thanks! For all that will be, Yes!" (Dag Hammarsjold). This sums up my present disposition. The farewell party was not a "closure" of my pastoral experience here at St. Josephine Bakhita's (as somebody interpreted it), for me - it was the culmination of three great years with you all. As I have mentioned time and time again, for this - I will ever be grateful.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

There will be two days each week for RCIA sessions, on Sundays after the 12:30PM Mass in St. Joan of Arc chapel or on Thursdays at 7:00PM in St. Peter Church. Anyone who wants to participate may choose between these two schedules. If you or someone you know might want to begin the RCIA process, please register at the desk after Mass on weekends or call the parish office.

The neophytes will continue with Mystagogy until before Pentecost Sunday, after the 12:30PM Mass each Sunday. Thanks to the RCIA Team for the long hours and their many talents in making the RCIA process possible for St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. They facilitate inquiry, catechumenate, and mystagogy sessions, assist with interviews of candidates and sponsors, and assist with dozens of items which need attention. The RCIA Team is composed of Roman and Agnes Lim (Coordinators), Melvyn Marques, Aisha Eghobamien. We invite other parishioners who may be interested to volunteer as catechist, sponsors, prayer partners. Please contact Roman Lim. Thank you.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund
\$551,590

Every donation counts, not matter how small and done regularly, will bring us closer to the \$5 Million target to start the construction of our new church. There will be a second offering in all the Masses this weekend.

Happy Mother's Day!
to all mothers and soon-to-be mothers in our parish



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