

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

Fatima Chan Secretary

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

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BUILDING BAKHITA AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

Total Pledges to date: \$484,200 Our heartfelt thanks to the families that have already made a pledge

Why \$1.5M over 5 Years?

The amount of \$1.5M was based on the feasibility study done by the M & M International, the independent assessors commissioned by the parish several months earlier. In the feasibility study, it was found out that the parish has the ability to raise this amount over 5 years.

Why is it necessary that we raise this amount now in pledges?

The Archdiocese, through the Office of the Chancellor for Temporal Affairs, has challenged us to raise this amount in pledges in order to build our church in one whole phase. This is most desirable as prices goes up every year.



Parish Christmas Initiative

It's that time of year again when we must pull together and help those in our community who are less fortunate. As we have done in previous years, we are requesting assistance for those in need in the form of gift cards in varying denominations from different retailers. This method of giving provides realistic and equal assistance to families based on family size and dynamics of which cannot be communicated to the community. Gift cards can be dropped off at all masses in the box that will be provided and located at the entrance to mass starting the weekend of Nov. 21st to Dec. 20th . We are truly blessed to have such a giving community which has made this initiative so successful in the past. Thank you for your continued support this Advent Season.

Mass Intention

Saturday (November 14)

5:00 PM+Joseph D'Souza, Deceased members of the Pham family, R. J. D'Souza & family, +Buenaventura Dumadapat, Thanksgiving of Serapia Dumadapat

Sunday (November 15)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community 9:00 AM +Vilma Yeung, +Jose Barbosa, +Julia & Jose Cabral 11:00 AM +Richard Valere, Lina de Montbrun 12:30 PM Deceased relatives of Fr. Mark Villanueva

Monday (November 16)

7:00 PM +Vilma Yeung

Tuesday (November 17)

7:30 AM +Vilma Yeung

Wednesday (November 18)

7:00 PM +Vilma Yeung

Thursday(November 19)

7:30 AM +Vilma Yeung, +Dolores Godawen

Friday (November 20)

7:00 PM +Vilma Yeung

Saturday (November 21)

9:00 AM +Vilma Yeung, +Cecilia Ho Tran

5:00 PM +Avelino & Mercia Vaz

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,407,537

Architectural & other Fees \$526,901

Total Building Fund Collected \$1,934,438

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

Conviviality, a thermometer for measuring the health of family relationships

Vatican City, II November 2015 (VIS) – This morning's Wednesday general audience was held in St. Peter's Square, attended by thousands of faithful. Before beginning, the Holy Father invited those present to recite a Hail Mary for the cardinals, bishops, consecrated persons and laypeople who are currently meeting in Florence for the National Congress of the Italian Church.

He dedicated today's catechesis to conviviality, a typical characteristic of family life. This attitude of sharing the goods of life and of being happy to do so is, he said, "a precious virtue". He continued, "Its symbol, its icon, is the family gathered around the table, partaking of a meal together — and therefore not merely food, but also sentiments, stories, and events. It is a fundamental experience. When there is a celebration — a birthday, an anniversary — the family gathers around the table. In some cultures it is customary to do so also following bereavement, to stay close to those who suffer for the loss of a family member".

"Conviviality is a sure thermometer for measuring the health of relations: if in the family there is a problem or a hidden trouble, you understand immediately at the table. A family that almost never eats together, or in does not talk at the table but instead watches the television, or smartphones, is not a close family. Christianity has a special vocation to conviviality, as we all know. The Lord Jesus taught at the table, and represented the Kingdom of God as a festive banquet. Jesus also chose to consign to the disciples His spiritual testament at the table, condensed in the memorial gesture of His Sacrifice".

Francis explained that the family brings to the Eucharist its own experience of conviviality, and opens it to the grace of a universal conviviality, of God's love for the world. "Participating in the Eucharist, the family is purified of the temptation to close up in itself, fortified in love and in faith, and broadens the boundaries of its own fraternity according to Christ's heart. In our time, marked by closed minds and too many walls, the conviviality generated by the family and extended in the Eucharist becomes a crucial opportunity. The Eucharist and families it nourishes are able to overcome such limitations and to build bridges of acceptance and charity". "Nowadays many social contexts impede family conviviality. We must find a way to recover it, if adapting it to the times. Conviviality seems to have become something to buy and sell, but in that way it becomes something else. Nourishment is not always the symbol of a just sharing of goods, able to reach those who have neither bread nor affection. In rich countries we are induced to spend first on excessive consumption, and then again to remedy the excess. This senseless behaviour diverts our attention from the true hunger of the body and the mind".

"The living and vital alliance of Christian families, which support and embracesin the dynamism of their hospitality the burdens and joys of everyday life, cooperates with the grace of the Eucharist, which is able to create ever new communities with its strength that includes and saves". The Pope concluded, "the Christian family thus shows the true extent of its horizon, which is the horizon of the Mother Church and all humanity, the abandoned and excluded among all peoples".

Offertory	\$3540.45
Building Fund	\$1560.00
St. Peter's	\$203.00
Wednesday Offering	\$170.00
Stipend	\$235.00
ShareLife	\$30.00
Social Concerns	\$8.55
Shepherds' Trust	\$20.00
All Souls	\$795.00
Sunday Missals	\$395.00
Total	\$6957.00

Shepherds' Trust

There will be a second collection today for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Sunday Missals are now available at the desk for \$2.75

Box of Donation Envelopes for 2016 are now available for pickup. Please see Cecilia if you have any questions.

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Thank you

Daughters of Isabella

for organizing again our Annual International Food Festival and to all who donated food, the volunteers, and to all who came to support it.



Dr. Cecille Rubic-Pangilinan

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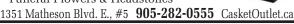
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