ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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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.

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 exemplifed 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

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

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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

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.

Social Concerns Ministry

Interested in issues of poverty, hunger, homelessness, peace, and equality? Do you want to help those who are helpless or be a voice for those who are silenced? Consider joining the Social Concerns Ministry group. We will be working on projects for charity as well as promoting awareness and action on social justice issues. Come to an information meeting on Sunday, November 17th after the 12:30pm mass in the matrix of St. Joan of Arc school. If you have any questions, feel free to email: audferrer@vahoo.com

If you are interested to supporting the parish financially either through the Pre-Authorized Giving Method or Credit Card, information is available at the desk. Please ask Cecilia or Fr. Mark for more information.

Support for Victims of Philippine Typhoon Haiyan Disaster

A special collection will be made at all Masses on the weekend of November 23/24 Please use the "Humanitarian Envelope" available at the door



Toronto-area Catholics are responding to the humanitarian crisis in the Philippines with prayer and practical aid following the catastrophic effects of Typhoon Haiyan on November 8.

In response to news that thousands are dead, more than 600,000 have been forced from their homes and an estimated 9.5 million people are in need of aid across nine provinces, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for

humanitarian relief efforts through its network of parishes and its online portal at www.archtoronto.org.

"We offer our prayers as well as practical assistance to the people of the Philippines at this time," said Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. "Disasters of this magnitude affect people around the world. As victims in the Philippines struggle to recover from the devastation of the storm, we recognize that thousands of people in our local community are desperately awaiting word about the well-being of friends and family. In addition to our financial efforts, we join together in prayer to support all who are affected."

Relief workers from the official Catholic relief agency on the ground, NASSA-Caritas Philippines, say the victims most need emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items, potable water and toilets as relief operations gear up.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- \bullet Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org \bullet By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
 - Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

Name of Parish - Philippines Typhoon Haiyan - Humanitarian Relief

The Canadian government has announced it will match donations to the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund made by Canadians between Nov. 9 and Dec. 9. Contributions made through the Archdiocese of Toronto for this relief effort will be eligible for the matching program.

Building Committee

The Building Committee will meet on Monday, November 18, 2013 at the Parish Rectory starting at 7:45 PM.

Mass Intention

Saturday (November 16)

5:00 PM +Piere Marie Fernandez, +Richard Valere, +Lina de Montbrun

Sunday (November 17)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM +Inacin Pereira, +Ruby Ong Manly

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Rene de Leon, Thanksgiving of Mark Korol 12:30 PM +Eva Whigan

Monday (November 18)

7:00 PM For all our Faithful departed

Tuesday (November 19)

7:30 AM +Dolores Godawen

Wednesday (November 20)

7:00 PM +Sheldon Gomes, +Gregory Occhiuzzi

Thursday (November 21)

7:30 AM For all the Faithful Departed

Friday (November 22)

7:00 PM +Avelino Mericia Vaz

Saturday (November 23)

9:00 AM For all the Faithful Departed

5:00 PM +Maria Angelica Fernandes

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997

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Please remember to pray daily for our church building project



"I believe in one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins". In effect, Baptism is the "door" to faith and Christian life, and the mission of the Church, following the mandate of the Risen Christ is "to evangelize and to forgive the sins through Sacramental Baptism". To better explain this expression, the Pontiff divided it into three points: "I believe", "in one Baptism", and "for the forgiveness of sins".

By proclaiming "I believe", said the Holy Father, "we affirm our true identity as sons of God". At the same time, "Baptism is linked to our faith in the remission of sins. The Sacrament of Penance or Confession is, indeed, like a 'second Baptism', which always refers to

the first to consolidate or renew it. In this sense, the day of our Baptism is the beginning of a path of conversion which lasts throughout our lives, and which is continually supported by the Sacrament of Penance". When we go to confess our weaknesses, our sins, we ask Jesus Christ for forgiveness ... but we also go to renew our Baptism with this forgiveness. Confession is not a torture chamber, it is a celebration of the day of Baptism".

The Pope described Baptism as "the act of birth of a Christian in the Church", and asked the participants in the audience to raise their hands if, alongside their birthday, they remembered the date of their Baptism. Since few hands were raised in St. Peter's Square, he set those present the task of asking their parents or finding out when they returned home, and urged them to celebrate it to commemorate the act of birth into the Church.

The Holy Father then considered the second element: one Baptism, recalling that the word "baptism" literally means "immersion". "This sacrament", he emphasized, "constitutes a true spiritual immersion in the death of Christ, from which we emerge as new creatures. It is a cleansing for regeneration and enlightenment. Regeneration because it puts into effect the birth from the water and the Spirit without which no-one may enter the kingdom of heaven, and enlightenment since, through Baptism, the human person is filled with the grace of Christ, 'the true light that gives light to everyone' and dissipates the shadows of sin. By virtue of this gift, the baptized is himself called to become 'light' to his brothers, especially for those who find themselves in the shadows and do not perceive any glimmer of light on the horizon of their lives".

Finally, Pope Francis turned to the forgiveness of sins. In the Sacrament of Baptism "all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all forms of punishment for sin. By Baptism we open the door to a new form of life that is not oppressed by the weight of a negative past, but instead already resonates with the beauty and goodness of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a powerful intervention of God's mercy in our lives, for our salvation. But this salvific intervention does not remove the weakness from our human nature; it does not take away our responsibility to ask forgiveness whenever we err".

"And I cannot be baptized twice, three times, four", he continued, speaking off the cuff, "but I can go to confession and when I do so, I renew the grace of Baptism. It is as if it were a second Baptism. The Lord Jesus, Who is so good, and Who never tires of forgiving me. Listen! Baptism opens the door to the Church ... but when the door narrows a little because of our weaknesses or our sins, confession helps us to open it because it is like a second Baptism, which forgives us all and enlightens us, helping us to go ahead joyfully in the light of the Lord. Because life is about living in the joy of Jesus Christ and it is a grace from the Lord.

Offertory Collection	
November 10, 2013	
Offertory	\$3,130.26
Building Fund	\$937.00
St. Peter's Church	\$224.00
Wednesday Collection	\$77.00
Mass Stipend	\$220.00
Frames	\$202.00
Missals	\$35.50
Daughters of Isabella	\$9,500.00
Poor Box	\$311.50
From the box	\$16.24
Total	\$14,653.50



"So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus

came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes to heal the sick. And one of his first acts after the Resurrection was to entrust to the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. Thus, in order to undergo an authentic and renewed conversion, and to encounter the Love of God, a focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation – this most powerful encounter with divine mercy – is essential." – Thomas Cardinal Collins. On Wednesday, December 11, 2013, we will be having a Day of Confessions throughout the Archdiocese.

Parish Book of Life

One way of remembering our beloved dead is to write their names in the Parish Book of Life. If you lost a loved one recently, we invite you to include their names so they will be prayed for by the community.



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