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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.org

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

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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	7:45 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.

**Children's Liturgy**

Children from JK to Grade 5 are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word during our Sunday Eucharist.

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m., and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTION**November 19 (Saturday)**

5:00 PM +Maria del Pilar Rosas, +Ambrosio Braz

November 20 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Souls in Purgatory, +Maria Antao
11:00 AM +Richard Valere, +Micallef family, +Monica Cardozo, +Jesus Diaz
12:30 PM Open

November 21 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Sheldon Gomes, +Elizabeth D'Souza

November 22 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM +Carlos Cruz

November 23 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Maria Kutty Dias

November 24 (Thursday)

7:45 AM +Lopez family, +Filomena Sagnep

November 25 (Friday)

7:00 PM +Fernandes Family

November 26 (Saturday)

9:00 AM +Magampon Family

5:00 PM, +Carlos & Antonio Menonna

UPDATE ON OUR BUILDING FUND

Our Total Building Fund is \$915,387.50
Thank you for your continued support.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you or anyone you know are interested to become Catholic, please contact the parish office or contact Sister Linda and Roman Lim.

From the Pastor's Desk

As I prepared this Bulletin, our pilgrim group has arrived in Jerusalem. On Tuesday, we visited the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. One interesting feature of the old church is its very low entrance that forces the person who wish to enter to bend and pay homage. It is there to remind the pilgrim that Jesus, though he was divine, humbled himself to become one of us. On Wednesday, we will begin the day with a Holy Mass at the Garden of Gethsemane, where our Lord spent his last hours before he was condemned to die on a cross. From here, we will retrace his steps as he enters the old city gate. On our way, we will visit the chapel of the Betrayal, the tomb of the Blessed Mother, the place where the first Christian martyr, Stephen, was stoned to death. We will enter St. Stephen's gate and enter the Church of St. Ann. Beside this crusader church is the pool of Bethesda then to the western wall of the Temple (also called the Wailing Wall), through the streets of Old Jerusalem and eventually the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As we enter the door of Christianity's most holy site, we will climb some stairs to bring us to Mount Calvary, then down to the place where they laid him as the disciples removed Him from the cross and prepared Him for burial. We would then pass through a narrow passageway leading into the place where Jesus was buried and risen from the dead.

As we retrace the steps of Jesus, we carry with us your petitions as we have done so throughout this journey.

It is hard to describe the various emotions that were evoked in us as we traveled through the land of Jesus. When we were in a boat in the Sea of Galilee, our group spontaneously danced. When we were in Gethsemane, tears flowed from our eyes. What a wonderful grace we have received these last few days. An interesting feature of our pilgrimage is the person of St. Therese. It seems that the saint was helping us make this pilgrimage. We saw her picture in unexpected places: on a street in Cana and on the main altar of the chapel where we celebrated the Holy Mass on Mt. Carmel in Haifa.

God willing, we will be back in Toronto on Monday, November 21. Please pray that we may have a safe journey home. If you wish to see some of the pictures we have taken, you may visit our parish website.

Donation Envelopes for 2012

The parish office will start issuing the box of Donation envelopes for 2012 on the First Sunday of Advent.

We ask our parishioners to please pick up their box before or after the Mass. Make sure that it is your designated box that you are getting. Many families in the parish have the same family name. Thank you for your cooperation.

The New Missals

will be made available to parishioners at \$3 per copy or \$5 for two.

*Advent is Coming!***Prepare to Light your Advent wreath**

The Season of Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birthday of the Savior. The progression of the season is marked by the lighting of the Advent Candles arranged in an evergreen wreath to symbolize the eternal cycle of the seasons and the persistence of life in the midst of winter. There are four candles to represent the four weeks - the three candles are colored purple and one is colored rose or pink. The rose colored candle is lighted on the third Sunday to symbolize the joy and the excitement that are welling up within us as we draw near to Christmas. In some Advent wreath, a fifth candle is added. A white candle to symbolize Christ and it is lighted on Christmas eve. The custom is observed both in family setting and at church services.



The work of our parish is made possible through the giving hearts of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on time and energy, the **Pre-Authorized form of Giving** has been designed to assist you in your giving.

Join the Eighty (80) families in our parish who have chosen this method of supporting the parish.

Pre-Authorized Forms are available at the desk.

The St. Josephine Bakhita Council is also holding an

Anniversary Dinner Dance

on Friday, December 2, 2011 at Vic Johnson Arena
Ticket is \$40.



The Women at the Well

Exploring Women's Spirituality through the Saints will meet on Saturday, November 26, 2011
10 AM at St. Peter's Mission Church

Youth Ministry

meets every Third Sunday of the month
November 20, 2011 from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM
at St. Joan of arc School

The Daughters of Isabella will hold

A Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

on the weekend of November 26 and 27
at St. Joan of Arc School
Please support their project.



Have you ever thought of serving our parish as a volunteer?

We are always looking for volunteers.

Contact Sister Linda or Fr. Mark to explore potential areas of ministry.

Our parish, for example, would like to expand our ministry to sick and homebound. We are also looking for volunteers to assist in the Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

These are just some of the possibilities.

To serve the Lord is a great delight!

For Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers

A Meeting for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers have been arranged for the following dates. We advise that each of the volunteers should choose the date which is convenient to them to attend.



Eucharistic Ministers
Sunday, 4-5:30 pm, Nov. 20, 2011
Tuesday, 7-8:30 pm, Nov. 22, 2011

Lectors
Sunday, 4-5:30pm, Nov. 27, 2011
Tuesday, 7-8:30pm, December 6, 2011

The venue for all the meetings will be at St. Peter's Mission Church

Holy Name of Mary College School

Open House
November 26, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Holy Name of Mary College School, 2241 Mississauga Road, Mississauga.

Holy Name of Mary College School, a university preparatory private Catholic school for girls (Gr. 5-12), is holding an Open House. All are invited to attend.

More information can be found on www.InspireYourDaughter.com or call 905-891-1890.

Win Great Prizes!

Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2012. The Theme for this coming year is "We Will All Be Changed." (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58)



First prize is an iPad 2 (16 GB), second prize is an Amazon Kindle Fire and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register.

Deadline for entries is January 9, 2012. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX it to 416-934-3409. For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404. Don't miss this opportunity!

Right to Life Speech Contest

"What is a Person?" Speech Contest – sponsored by Toronto Right to Life Association. Write a speech that answers this question and the winner receives \$200.

Contest is open to students from grades 9-12. Submission Deadline is December 23, 2011. For contest rules and details, call TRL at 416-483-7869 or visit www.righttolife.to.



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