



# 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

**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  
St. Joan of Arc Catholic  
Secondary School

### Book Fair

The Daughters of St. Paul will be at our Parish on the weekend of November 26-27 with a Catholic Book & Media Fair. They will have a wonderful selection of Bibles, books, music CDs and DVD movies for all ages from their Centre on Dufferin Street in Toronto. Now is your chance to get some inspirational Advent/Christmas gifts for you and your family and friends. You can find more information about the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul/Pauline Books & Media can be found at [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org)

### Bethlehem Products for yourself or someone you loved

The main income for the Christian community of Bethlehem - the Birth Place of Jesus - is selling their hand crafted olive wood religious items to the pilgrims who visit the area.

The past few years have been extremely hard for the community as a result of declining tourism. Some Christians responded by fleeing the Holy Land and the absence of a living Christian community is very dangerous for the Holy Sites such as the Church of the Nativity.

On November 26 & 27th, we will be having some of their beautiful art held for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

### Thank you to the Daughters of Isabella

for organizing the Annual Parish International Food Festival  
Thank you to the donors and all those who came out to support it.

### Donation Envelopes

The Donation Envelopes for the coming year will be available in two weeks. They will be arranged in alphabetical order. Please ensure that you take the right envelope. There are many families in the parish that have the same family names. Thank you for your cooperation.

### “Last Things” Information Series – Legal Preparation for End of Life Decisions

November 24 at 7:30 pm  
St. Joseph Parish  
5440 Durie Rd., Mississauga

Geoff Cauchi, lawyer and noted advocate on right to life issues, will address the need for each of us to make an end-of-life directive, so that our values and care will not be compromised when we are in the hospital or in a nursing home. CONTACT: Right to Life Association Mississauga & Area EMAIL: [righttolifemb@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifemb@gmail.com)

### Rite of Enrolment for the children receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion

will be held at any of our Sunday Masses at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School on the weekends of November 19/20 and November 26/27. Please remember to include in your prayers and sacrifices for the children as they look forward to receiving our Lord in the Eucharist in the Spring.

### Mass Intention

#### Saturday (November 19)

5:00PM +Avelino & Mericia Vaz,  
+Antonio Menona, +Alfred Thomas  
Rego

#### Sunday (November 20)

7:30 AM +Vicente & Dolores  
Godawen  
9:00 AM Emilia Natale, +Emmanuel  
Emeahu  
11:00 AM For the Parish Community  
12:30 PM For the Parish Community

#### Monday (November 21)

7:00 PM +Monica Cardozo

#### Tuesday (November 22)

7:30 Avelino & Mericia Vaz

#### Wednesday (November 23)

7:00 PM +Ferdinand Sison

#### Thursday, (November 24)

7:30 AM For the deceased members of  
the Cueto Family

#### Friday (November 25)

7:00 PM Open

#### Saturday (November 26)

9:00 AM +Patrick Paul

5:00 PM +Laval Ma Cho Shing, +Louis  
Pereira, +Gilbert Eid

If you want to offer Holy Mass for yourself or your Loved One, you can use the form on our parish website or contact Cecilia at the desk or at the parish office.

Our Parish also accepts Mission Masses (also commonly known as unannounced masses). These Masses are offered by priests anywhere in the world. Please inquire at the desk.

**Sunday Missals are available at the desk  
for \$4 a copy.**

**Thank you to the families who have  
made a pledge for the purchase of  
our pews.**

**An Excerpt on the Message of His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins on Euthanasia**

His Eminence on the 37th Annual Cardinal’s Dinner in Toronto in the presence of the Ontario Premier and Toronto Mayor and about 1800 guests called so-called mercy killing a “merciless assault on human dignity.” He said the practice is wrong regardless of what euphemism is attached to it, whether it is “falsely called mercy killing, or even more falsely medical assistance in dying and most falsely of all dying with dignity.

When people are dying, particularly from a long illness, they will probably lack the "wholeness of mind" to make good decisions, Collins said in his address. But failing health should not be equated with waning dignity and used to justify extinguishing a life.

"Everyone dies with dignity, and it is not right to hasten death in the mistaken belief that doing that is what is needed to allow a person to die with dignity," Collins said.

True mercy is not found in killing but in recognizing "the dignity of the human person, and to acknowledge that each person we encounter is a who, not a what," Collins said. "Each one of us has dignity, worthiness, which is inherent within us, despite any superficial weakness or inadequacy."

He warned against falling into the trap of falsely believing dignity "depends on us being good looking, healthy, dynamic, successful, rich, in control, on top of our game, and so on."

"In that case, the man at the side of the road who was helped by the Good Samaritan in the very paragon of acts of mercy, had no dignity: naked, beaten up, bloody, and repulsive to look at or touch."

Society should embrace the example of the Good Samaritan and extend mercy "not only to the homeless, to the sick, to those suffering or in prison, to any victims of violence, and to refugees, but especially to those who are dying," Collins said.

"We do that through true palliative care, by using the best medical expertise available to control pain, and by surrounding the one who is dying with the love."

Human dignity has nothing to do with being in control or looking good, he said.

"The homeless have dignity, the same as anyone else. Those suffering from addictions have dignity. All those who for any reason do not match some standard of physical and psychological and mental acceptability have dignity. Those who drool have no less dignity than those who do not.

"If we don’t understand that deeply, we are in real trouble as a society and individually

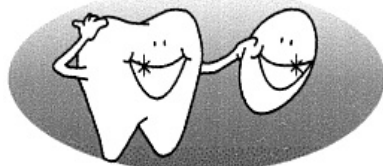
**Confessions during Advent Time**

Fr. Mark will be available to hear confessions from 4 to 5 PM every Saturday throughout the Advent Season. You can also approach him at any time.

Confession times in our neighbouring parishes will be made available as soon as they are available.

OFFERING	
Offertory	\$ 2,409.00
Building fund	\$ 942.00
St. Peter’s Church	\$ 530.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 115.00
Stipend	\$ 440.00
World Mission	\$ 20.00
Shepherds’ Trust	\$ 1,530.00
Sunday Missals	\$ 73.00
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 6,059.00</b>





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