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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6:00 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" (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.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.

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

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Ms. Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

MINISTRIES

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RCIA	Roman Lim	Legion of Mary	Cristina Manzanares
First Reconciliation/Eucharist	Chanel D'Mello		905-812-0891
Confirmation	Clara Fernandes		

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	7:30 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.

On the Way to Bethlehem

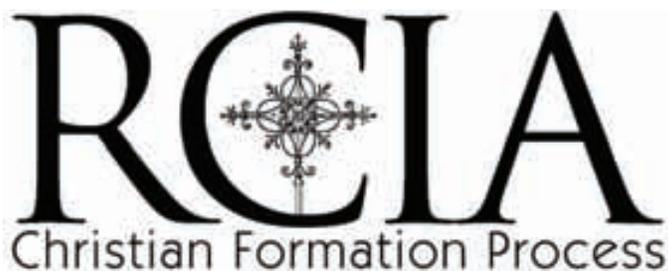
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
 November 28th, 28th, 30th, 2014
 6:30 PM-8:30 PM at Country Heritage Park
 8560 Tremaine Road, Milton
 Admission: \$5 (Adults)/Children (Free)
 for more information: info@onthewaytobethlehem.ca

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 did last year, we are requesting assistance for those in need in the form of gift cards in varying denominations from different venues. 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 by the administration desk starting the weekend of Nov. 22nd to Dec. 14th. 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.

Religious Items from Bethlehem

will be sold on the weekend of November 29 & 30
 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School
 to support the Christians of Bethlehem

**The Rite of Acceptance**

will be celebrated on the Eve of the First Sunday of Advent
 November 29 at 5 PM

After a period of inquiry, during which time those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, are now invited to move onto the next stage, known as the period of the Order of Catechumens. It is a period whereby the Catechumens turn more readily to God in prayer, to bear witness to the Faith, to set their hopes in Christ, to follow supernatural inspiration in their deeds, to practice the love of neighbour, even at the cost of self-renunciation. It is also a time for the Catechumens to get to know more the parish community.

Mass Intention**Saturday (November 22)**

5:00 PM +Avelino & Mericia Vaz,
 +Clement Cardozo, +Antonio
 Menonna

Sunday (November 23)

7:30 AM For All the Faithful Departed
 9:00 AM +Nicole Poirier,
 Thanksgiving of of Laetitia Jesuthasan
 11:00 AM +Alvita Furtado, +Tomas,
 Romana, & Cristino Ramos,
 +Hertrupes & Eugenio Salto,
 Thanksgiving of Rene de Leon
 12:30 PM +Gabriel Norohna, +Monica
 Cardozo, Thanksgiving of Marlix Alix

Monday (November 24)

7:00 PM +Mary Kelly

Tuesday (November 25)

7:30 AM Deceased relatives and
 friends of Gina & Edwin Mopas

Wednesday (November 26)

7:00 PM Deceased relatives and
 friends of Marie Murad

Thursday (November 27)

7:30 AM +Deceased relatives and
 friends of Maria Amalsad

Friday (November 28)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (November 29)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM Open

If you wish to offer a Mass, you may
 call the parish office or use the form
 on our parish website.

Thank you for supporting our
 Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,565,366.34

Architectural & other Fees

\$124,309.88

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,689,676.22

*Please remember to pray daily for
 our church building project*

General Audience: We are all called to be holy

Vatican City, 19 November 2014 (VIS) – As is usual on Wednesday morning, the Pope toured St. Peter's Square to greet the faithful and pilgrims awaiting him before the beginning of the General Audience. He dedicated today's catechesis to the universal vocation to sanctity, to provide an answer to the question, "In what does this universal vocation consist? And how can we fulfil it?"

"Firstly, we must take into account that sanctity is not something that we procure, that we obtain ourselves through our qualities and capacities. Sanctity is a gift, it is the gift that the Lord Jesus gives to us, when He takes us with Him and clothes us in Himself, making us like Him", he said. "Sanctity is the most beautiful face of the Church: it is rediscovering oneself in communion with God, in the fullness of His life and His love. ... It is not the prerogative of the few: sanctity is a gift that is offered to all, without exclusion, and which therefore constitutes the distinctive characteristic of every Christian".

"To be holy", he continued, "it is not necessary to be bishops, priests or religious. ... We are all called to be holy! ... It is by living with live and offering one's own Christian witness in our everyday occupations that we are called to become holy; and each person in the condition and in the state of life in which he finds himself": consecrated persons, married couples, unmarried baptised persons, parents, grandparents, catechists, educators and volunteers. "Every state of life leads to sanctity, if lived in communion with the Lord and in the service of one's brethren".

Pope Francis urged those present to examine their consciences, asking how they could respond to the Lord's call to sanctity. He emphasised that when the Lord calls us to be holy, he does not ask us to do something weighty or sad, but rather offers us an invitation to share in his joy. "If we understand it in this way, everything changes and acquires a new meaning, beautiful, starting from the little things of everyday life. ... And each step towards sanctity will make us better people, free of selfishness and self-centredness, and open to our brothers and their needs". He added, "we do not walk the path of sanctity alone, each for himself, but rather together, in that single body that is the Church, loved and sanctified by the Lord Jesus Christ", and concluded by encouraging those present to continue on this path.

Would you like to attend the Daily Mass but you are unable to do so because of work or family obligations?

Daily Holy Mass can now be viewed on YouTube at
<https://www.youtube.com/user/dailymass>

Christmas Novena

December 15 to 22 at 7 PM St. Peter's Mission Church

December 23 at 7 PM followed by Potluck Christmas Party for the whole Parish at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$2957.75
Building Fund	\$1765.00
St. Peter's Church	\$375.00
Wednesday Collection	\$106.00
Stipend	\$220.00
Shepherds Trust	\$2486.00
Total	\$7909.75

Feasibility Study Committee

We are looking for volunteers for our Feasibility Study Committee. We are hoping to spend the first quarter of the new year identifying the concerns of our parish community in a systematic manner.

St. Michael's Choir School at Massey Hall

A Toronto Christmas Tradition

December 6 – 7:30 p.m.

December 7 – 3:00 p.m.

Massey Hall

178 Victoria St., Toronto

Tickets are now available for the Choir School's annual Christmas concert. Buy online at www.masseyhall.com, or call 416-872-4255. For more information, visit www.christmasconcert.ca

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession)**

December 10, 2014 from 6 PM to 7 PM

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

Every Saturday afternoon from 4 PM to 5 PM

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

Lay Spiritual Formation Program

December 6

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

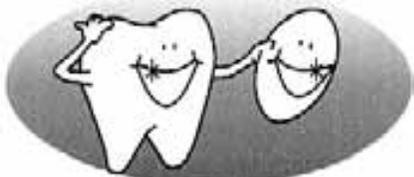
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2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

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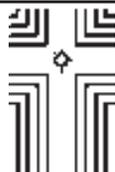
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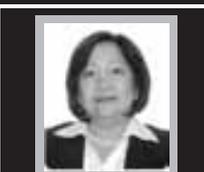
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