

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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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](http://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.

## SCHOOLS

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St. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434  
St. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-3256

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

## PASTORAL TEAM

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

## MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	<b>Financial Council</b>	
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RCIA	Roman Lim	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	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.



### Presentation of Letters of Request for the Sacrament of Confirmation

will be held at all Masses on the weekend of November 30 and December 1

for candidates from St. Bernard of Clairvaux School, St. Edith Stein School, and Parish Religion Class

### The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

will held on the First Sunday of Advent at the 11 AM Mass

The rite that is called the rite of acceptance into the order of catechumens is of the utmost importance. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates who have completed the period of the pre-catechumenate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church.

### The Season of Advent is coming up!

be prepared, waiting, ready, with hearts wide open

Christmas Novena Mass will held at St. Peter's Mission Church starting December 15 to December 22 at 7 PM  
The last day of the Novena December 23 will be held at St. Joan of Arc Secondary school at 7 PM followed by the Parish Christmas party



### Francis: The Pope From the New World

a new documentary from the Knights of Columbus

Produced by the Knights of Columbus, this new documentary delves into the life story and thinking of Pope Francis, the first pope from the Americas, the first pope who is a Jesuit, and the first to take the name Francis. The Canadian premiere airs on Sunday, November 24, 9:30 p.m. ET on [www.saltandlighttv.org](http://www.saltandlighttv.org) (available to all) and also on Salt + Light Television – consult your TV provider for network details. The DVD is available on Amazon.com with shipments in time for Advent/Christmas. Visit [www.popefrancisdokumentary.com](http://www.popefrancisdokumentary.com).

### Seminar of Hope

December 6 (7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) December 7 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

St. Anne's Church  
115 Vodden St., Brampton

Have your loved ones stopped practicing their faith? Do you feel guilty in how you raised your children because they have left the church? Do you wonder why God is not answering your prayers for your children/grandchildren? How can you pray effectively for them and for yourself?

Pre-register to receive your free participant manual by emailing [vernon@seminarofhope.org](mailto:vernon@seminarofhope.org). For more information, visit [www.seminarofhope.org](http://www.seminarofhope.org) or call 905-453-1303.

*On behalf of all the priests in the Archdiocese, Thank you for supporting the Shepherd's Trust Collection*

### Mass Intention

#### Saturday (November 23)

5:00 PM +Clement Cardozo, +Ambrosio Braz. +Maria Angelica Fernandes

#### Sunday (November 24)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community  
9:00 AM Open  
11:00 AM Open  
12:30 PM Gabriel Noronha, +Antonio D'Souza

#### Monday (November 25)

7:00 PM +Rosalina Valenzona

#### Tuesday (November 26)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the families of the Moolasseril & Kollappillil

#### Wednesday (November 27)

7:00 PM Open

#### Thursday (November 28)

7:30 AM Deceased members of the families of Joyson D'Souza & Jim Dooley

#### Friday (November 29)

7:00 PM Deceased members of the families of Samuel Vaz & Mary Katalayi

#### Saturday (November 30)

9:00 AM For Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +Teresa Fernandes. +Antonio Menona,

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\$1,393,374.31

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\$52,444.68

**Total Building Fund Collected**

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The forgiveness of sins, with reference to the so-called “power of the keys”, biblical symbol of the mission Jesus gave to the Apostles, was the theme of the Pope's catechesis during today's general audience in St. Peter's Square this morning.

“The agent of the forgiveness of sins is the Holy Spirit”, said Pope Francis, explaining that in his first appearance before the Apostles, the risen Christ performed the gesture of breathing on to them, saying “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained”. Jesus, bodily transfigured, is now a new man, who offers the Paschal gifts, the fruit

of his death and resurrection: peace, joy, forgiveness of sins, the mission, and above all the Holy Spirit that is the source of all this. The breath of Jesus ... indicates the transmission of life, the new life regenerated by forgiveness. But before this gesture ... Jesus shows the wounds on his hands and his side: these wounds represent the price of our salvation. The Holy Spirit brings us God's forgiveness, 'passing through' Jesus' wounds”.

In turn, the Church is “the depository of this power. God forgives all men in his sovereign mercy, but He Himself wishes for them to belong to Christ and His Church, receiving pardon through the ministers of the Community. ... In this way, Jesus calls us to experience the ecclesial and community dimension of reconciliation. ... The Church ... accompanies us along the path of conversion throughout our lives. The Church is not the 'owner' of the power of the keys, but is rather the servant of the ministry of mercy”.

“Many people nowadays perhaps do not understand the ecclesial dimension of forgiveness, as individualism and subjectivism dominate”, observed the Pope. “Certainly, God forgives every repentant sinner, personally, but the Christian is bonded with Christ, and Christ is united to the Church. For us, as Christians, it is an extra gift, but it is also an extra commitment; to pass humbly through ecclesial ministry. We must value this. ... I go to my brother priest and say, 'Father, I have done this...' and he answers, 'But I forgive you; God forgives you'. In that moment I am sure that God has forgiven me”.

The Pope's final point of reflection was the figure of the priest as a 'tool' in the forgiveness of sins. “The priest, a man who, like us, is in need of mercy, truly becomes an instrument of mercy, bringing us the limitless love of God the Father. ... At times we hear of those who claim to confess directly to God ... yes, as I said before, God always listens, but in the Sacrament of Reconciliation he sends a brother to bring forgiveness to you, the certainty of forgiveness, in the name of the Church”.

The service that the priest offers as a minister of God in forgiving sins requires that “his heart is at peace; that he does not mistreat the faithful, but rather is humble, benevolent and merciful; that he knows how to sow hope in hearts and, above all, is aware that the brother or sister who seeks the Sacrament of Reconciliation seeks forgiveness and does so in the same way that many people sought Jesus, in order that he might cure them. When a priest who does not have this disposition of spirit it is better if, until this is corrected, he does not administer this Sacrament. The penitent faithful have the right to find, in priests, the servants of God's forgiveness”.

“Let us not forget that God never tires of forgiving us; through the ministry of the priest he holds us in a new embrace that regenerates us and enables us to get up again and continue anew on our path”, the Holy Father concluded.

Offertory Collection	
November 17, 2013	
Offertory	\$2,753.05
Building Fund	\$1,344.50
St. Peter's Church	\$457.00
Wednesday Collection	\$106.00
Mass Stipend	\$170.00
Shepherds' Trust	\$2,685.35
Beads and Things	\$97.00
Daughters of Isabella	\$223.00
Humanitarian Relief	\$445.00
From the box	\$53.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,334.50</b>

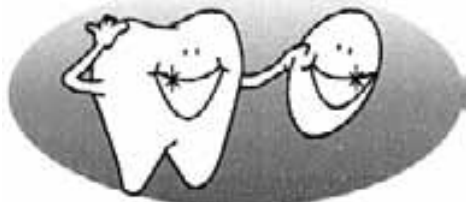


“So often, our own sins and failings seem to be an obstacle in encountering the love of our Lord, preventing us from taking the steps towards authentic and renewed conversion. Yet Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks out the lost, the physician who comes 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.

**Year of Faith Closing Mass**

November 24 – 5 p.m. St. Paul's Basilica  
83 Power St, Toronto

The Year of Faith will come to its conclusion on the Solemnity of Christ the King. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins will celebrate a Mass to officially conclude the Year of Faith in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Priests are invited to concelebrate with Cardinal Collins. All parishioners of the Archdiocese are encouraged to attend.



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