# **ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH**

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# WEBSITE: www.stjosephinebakhita.org

# OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6:00 PM

As the Master desires...

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.

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva Rev. Michael Ho Sr. Necy Guan, Fdcc Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdcc Mrs. Fatima Chan

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

#### SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Tel. (905) 542-9203 St. Edith Stein Tel. (905) 824-5777 St. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434 St. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-2606

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

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Deacon Pastoral Assistant Pastoral Assistant Secretary

#### MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	Financial Council	
Children s Liturgy	Rory Agellon	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz		
Lectors	Tim Marchand	Fundraising Committee	
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Altar Servers	Hartoni Ashali		
Choirs	Jamie Marr	Building Committee	
	Suzanne Pereira	Chairperson	Rita Borg
	Raul Manzanares		
	Ronald Pasajol	St. Peter's Mission Church	
Arts & Environment	Cora & Boyer del Rosario	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
Youth Ministry	Jamie Lyn Venantius		
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			905-542-9883
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RCIC	Liza Capule		905-824-7223
RCIA	Roman Lim	Couples for Christ	Toti Quijano
First Reconciliation/Euch	arist Chanel D'Mello		905-567-3236
Confirmation	Clara Fernandes	Legion of Mary	Cristina Manzanares
			905-812-0891

St. Joan of Arc Secondary School
3801 Thomas Street
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

We celebrate Holy Mass at

	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

7:30 AM

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Monday		7:00 PM	
Saturday		9:00 AM	

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#### 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 26 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Carlos & Antonio Mennona

# November 27 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community 9:00 AM +Magdalen Anthicques 11:00 AM +Richard Valere, +Emerita Tadeo, Special Intention of Richard Micallef, Thanksgiving of Rico & Gina Tingin 12:30 PM +Elma Singson

November 28 (Monday) 7:00 PM +Rovia Family

November 29 (Tuesday) 7:45 AM +Flores Family

#### November 30 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Magallano Family, +Elma Singson

December 1 (Thursday) 7:45 AM +Rovello Family

#### December 2 (Friday)

7:00 PM +Ruben Esteron

December 3 (Saturday)

9:00 AM +Obidos Family, Thanksgiving of Fr. Mark

5:00 PM, +Carlos & Antonio Menonna

# UPDATE ON OUR BUILDING FUND

Our Total Building Fund is \$917,000 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.



As we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, we welcome the New Translation of the Roman Missal with a special blessing together with our Advent wreath. The Sacramentary will serve our parish community for many years to come: at baptisms, funerals, marriages, and above all at the countless Masses we will be celebrating together. We give thanks to God for this gift. We thank all those who work hard to make this new translation possible. May this new translation deepen our trust in God and may it also help us to better understand the mysteries of our faith.

The Season of Advent is a time to begin again. In the busyness of these days, may we never lose the real reason - the coming of Christ among us. He already came by his birth in Bethlehem. Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus promised that He will come again. As we await His coming, may the Lord find in us an open heart and a readiness to serve. May He, the Emmanuel, God-with-us, renew the promise of His Love. It is He alone who can quiet our restless longing.

#### **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 your are getting. Many families in the parish have the same family name. Thank you for your cooperation.

# The New St. Joseph Sunday Missals

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

#### Protect Martyrs' Shrine & Satine-Marie Among the Hurons

An outdoor industrial waste transfer and recycling facility is being planned to face the sacred sites of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and Martyrs' Shrine, across the Wye River. The facility threatens to spoil the natural tranquillity and peaceful surroundings of these Canadian heritage and religious sites. While the Jesuits support the work of recycling and the ecological benefits it brings, concern has been raised over the location of the noisy industrial activity.

If you would like to express your concerns over the proposed facility, you are invited to visit: www.jesuits.ca to find background information, resources and letter templates to assist with this effort. On November 30, organizers are planning on bringing all the signed letters in a pilgrimage to the Midland Town Council to show opposition to building this outdoor recycling facility next to Martyrs' Shrine and Sainte-Marie.

#### NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings is a faith based ministry serving those who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death, or separation / divorced. Grieving the death of a loved one, struggling with a separation / divorce. If you or someone you know is searching for hope and spiritual encouragement after such a loss please join us Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The location is St. John of the Cross Church, 6890 Glen Erin Drive, Mississauga, On. All are welcome. Pre registration is not necessary. Any questions, call Deacon James MSW, RSW, Psyn. D. at 416-921-1163 EXT 2227. or email jshaughn@cfsofto.com

# **Project Rachel**

December 2-4, 2011 Have you been hurt by an abortion experience? Were you thinking about attending the Project Rachel retreat?

It's not too late to register. Please contact <u>info@stmarysrefuge.org</u> or call 416-629-8264. All emails and phone calls are private and confidential.

# Pastor's Desk

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.



#### **Ministry of Lectors**

A Meeting for Lectors has been arranged for the following dates. We advise that each of the volunteers should choose the date which is convenient to them to attend.

> 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

# St. Augustine's Seminary Advent Retreat

At His Feet, At His Service, In His Name: An Advent Reflection Saturday, December 3, 2011 - 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough.

Come and enjoy a day of reflection with Dr. Josephine Lombardi as we prepare ourselves to receive Christ. This retreat will lead us through self-examination and will affirm the need for humility and self-awareness as we prepare to meet and serve the Lord.

Dr. Josephine Lombardi is Assistant Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary. She is an author and hosts a weekly radio show on the New Evangelization on Radio Teopoli.

The cost is \$35.00 per person, lunch included. Please register by emailing <u>staugustines.reception@utoronto.ca</u> or by calling 416-261-7207 ext. 221.

# Advent Meditation Series

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Scarboro Missions, 2685 Kingston Road, Scarborough.

Scarboro Missions welcomes you to commune with God in a deeper way featuring Catholic sources of prayer and meditation.

**November 30:** "All are Called" - The Reformation Roots of Lay Theology and Protestant Mysticism by Dr. Marvin L. Anderson, Dept. of History, University of Toronto.

**December 7:** "Cloud of Unknowing" - A Timeless Guide to Contemplative Prayer by Nada Conic, Lecturer University of Toronto and Spiritual Counsellor at Manresa Retreat Centre.

**December 14:** "Stillness, Breath and Embodied Prayer in Meditation" by Katie Flaherty, Lay Spiritan Associate and Scarboro Missions Retreat Facilitator.

**December 21:** "The Forgotten Women" (Widows of India) by Noemi Weis, Producer. (Movie as a way of leading into Christian meditation.)

For inquires or for more information please contact 416-261-7135 ext. 266/239, <u>terryg@scarboromissons.ca</u> <u>www.scarboromissions.ca</u>. No admission fee. Voluntary offering to help defray costs is always appreciated.

The St. Josephine Bakhita Council is also holding an

Anniversary Dinner Dance

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



St. Joan of Arc School Council is selling cookbooks produced by Credit Valley Hospital \$10 per copy Proceeds will go to support the Hospital and our Parish Building Fund

# **Christmas Novena Mass**

will be held again this year at St. Peter's Mission Church from December 15 to 22 at 7 PM The last Novena Mass which will be celebrated on December 23 at 7 PM will be held at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School. It will

be followed by potluck dinner. All Parishioners are invited.

BAICESALE

The Daughters of Isabella will hold

# A Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

on this weekend 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!

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