

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

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

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) 821-3256

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	Financial Council	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz	Fundraising Committee	
Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	Building Committee	
	Serge Poirier	Chairperson	Rita Borg
Altar Servers	Deacon Gerry Steyn	St. Peter's Mission Church	
Choirs	Jamie Marr	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
	Suzanne Pereira		
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Arts & Environment	Ronald Pasajol	Hospitality	Frank Amegah
Youth Ministry	Cora & Boyer del Rosario		
Social Concerns	Elisha Pinto	Knights of Columbus	Tony Ciufo
Sacristans	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
Home Visitation	James Amores	Daughters of isabella	Rita Venantius
	Rebecca Poirier		905-824-7223
Sacramental Preparation		Couples for Christ	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
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.

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.

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

Join Fr. Mark on a Tour of Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium & France

May 11-23, 2015 (13 days) \$3090

Tour Coordinator: Cora Cruz (647) 892-8320

Travel arrangements by International Heritage Tours

Contact: Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116

The cost includes air transportation, hotel accommodate, 2 meals daily (breakfast and dinner), all sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide. All tips in restaurants and hotels.

Flyers are available at the desk

Join the Seniors at Viva Retirement Living for a Holy Mass on December 4, First Thursday of December.

Advent Masses at the Catholic Schools

December 3 at 1 PM at St. Edith Stein Catholic Elementary School

December 4 at 9 AM St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Elementary School

December 10 at 7 PM St. Simon Stock Catholic Elementary School (They will be joining the Parish Community on our regular Wednesday Evening Mass at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School)

December 11 at 7 PM at St. Faustina Catholic Elementary School

Lay Pastoral Visitors' Training

Are you interested and available to help your parish to minister to the sick and the home-bound in your community? This programme, of three Saturdays of six hours each, will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and/or bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are confined in their homes, nursing homes and hospitals due to illness or infirmity. You can help bring Catholic Social Teaching to life by responding to the needs of the sick and the home-bound in a way that is both affirming and encouraging. Saturdays, January 24, 31, and February 7, 2015 at St. Anne's Parish (Brampton) from 9:45 AM to 3:15 PM.

Mass Intention**Saturday (November 29)**

5:00 PM +Magdalene Anticques,
+Sebastian Paes, +Joe Furtado,
+Saturnino & Nemesia Villa

Sunday (November 30)

7:30 AM For All the Faithful Departed
9:00 AM +Nicole Meurni
11:00 AM Thanksgiving for Menaka de
Silva, Thanksgiving for Alfred Victor
Aguilar
12:30 PM +Teresa Fernandes, Special
Intention of Derick Magampon

Monday (December 1)

7:00 PM Deceased relatives of Jean-
Claude Cadieux

Tuesday (December 2)

7:30 AM Deceased relatives and
friends of Edwin Rovelo

Wednesday (December 3)

7:00 PM Open

Thursday (December 4)

7:30 AM +Deceased relatives and
friends of Aleja & Teodorico Borja

Friday (December 5)

7:00 PM +Eva Whigan

Saturday (December 6)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado, +Ruben
Esteron, Thanksgiving of Victoria
Paculaba

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

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Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,966,406.34

Architectural & other Fees

\$124,309.88

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,690,716.22

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

General Audience: the Church on the path to the Kingdom of Heaven

Vatican City, 26 November 2014 (VIS) – The Holy Father dedicated the catechesis of this morning's general audience to "a fundamental truth that Vatican Council II kept clearly in mind, and which must never be forgotten: the Church is not a static reality, still, an end in itself, but is instead continually in progress through history, towards the final, marvellous destination that is the Kingdom of Heaven, of which the earthly Church is the seed and the beginning". He continued, "When we face this horizon, we realise that our imagination stops and discovers that it is only just able to intuit the splendour of the mystery that overcomes our senses. And certain questions arise spontaneously in us: when will this final passage take place? What will the new dimension in which the Church enters be like? What will become of humanity? And of the Creation that surrounds us? But these questions are not new; they had already been posed by Jesus' disciples in those times".

Francis explained that, faced with these questions, the Council Constitution "Gaudium et spes" affirms that "we are unaware of when the earth and humanity will come to an end, and we do not know how the universe will be transformed. Certainly, the appearance of this world, deformed by sin, will pass away. However, we know from Revelation that God prepares a new home and a new land, in which justice will abide, and whose joy will superabundantly satiate all the desires for peace that arise from the heart of man. ... We will finally be clothed in joy, peace and God's love, completely and without any limit, face to face with Him".

In this way, the Pontiff emphasised that it is good to perceive that there is a basic continuity and communion between the Church in Heaven and the Church in her earthly path, without forgetting that we are always invited to offer good works, prayers and the Eucharist to alleviate the suffering of souls that still await endless beatitude. "From a Christian perspective the distinction is no longer between those who are already dead and those who are not, but between those who are with Christ and those who are not. This is the decisive element for our salvation and for our happiness".

"At the same time, the Sacred Scripture teaches us that the fulfilment of this marvellous plan cannot but affect all that which surrounds us and which emerged from the thought and the heart of God. ... What we expect, as the completion of a transformation that is in reality already in process ever since Christ's death and resurrection, is therefore a new creation; it is not, therefore, the annihilation of the cosmos and all that which surrounds us, but rather bringing everything to its fullness of being, of truth, of beauty. This is the plan that God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, has always wished to fulfil, and is fulfilling". He concluded, "when we think of these stupendous reality that awaits us, we realise the extent to which belonging to the Church is truly a wonderful gift, that leads towards the highest vocation".

Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$2885.05
Building Fund	\$1040.00
St. Peter's Church	\$167.95
Wednesday Collection	\$74.00
Stipend	\$360.00
Shepherds Trust	\$95.00
Beads & Things	\$80.00
Sacramental Preparation	\$175.00
Total	\$4877.00

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

December 10, 2014

from 9 to 11 AM

Merciful Redeemer Church

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

Presentation of Letters

Confirmation Candidates

December 6/7, 13/14

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

every First Saturday of the Month

St. Peter's Mission Church on the Ninth Line
following the 9 AM Morning Mass until 12
Noon.

Join us and let us pray together for vocations
to the priesthood, Diaconate, consecrated
life, and Lay Missionaries



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