

# 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.org](http://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.

## SCHOOLS

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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

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

## PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Sr. Necy Guan, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdccc	Pastoral Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

## MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	<b>Financial Council</b>	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
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Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	<b>Building Committee</b>	
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	Suzanne Pereira	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
	Raul Manzanares		
	Ronald Pasajol	Women at the Well	Anne-Marie Caister
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Youth Ministry	Elisha Pinto		
	Ryan Mascarenhas	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Tony Ciuffo
Social Concerns	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
Sacristans	James Amores	<b>Daughters of Isabella</b>	Rita Venantius
Home Visitation	Rebecca Poirier		905-824-7223
<b>Sacramental Preparation</b>		<b>Couples for Christ</b>	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Cristina Manzanares
First Reconciliation/Eucharist	Chanel D'Mello		905-812-0891
Confirmation	Clara Fernandes		

## 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.

*The Homily of the Holy Father on the occasion of the conclusion of the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization*

"The whole of Mark's Gospel is a journey of faith, which develops gradually under Jesus' tutelage. The disciples are the first actors on this journey of discovery, but there are also other characters who play an important role, and Bartimaeus is one of them. His is the last miraculous healing that Jesus performs before His passion, and it is no accident that it should be that of a blind person, someone whose eyes have lost the light. We know from other texts too that the state of blindness has great significance in the Gospels. It represents man who needs God's light, the light of faith, if he is to know reality truly and to walk the path of life. It is essential to acknowledge one's blindness, one's need for this light, otherwise one could remain blind for ever.

"Bartimaeus, then, at that strategic point of Mark's account, is presented as a model. He was not blind from birth, but lost his sight. He represents man who has lost the light and knows it, but has not lost hope: he knows how to seize the opportunity to encounter Jesus and he entrusts himself to Him for healing. ... And when Jesus calls him and asks what he wants from Him, he replies: 'Master, let me receive my sight!' ... In the encounter with Christ, lived with faith, Bartimaeus regains the light he had lost, and with it the fullness of his dignity: he gets back onto his feet and resumes the journey, which from that moment has a guide, Jesus, and a path, the same that Jesus is travelling".

"St. Augustine, in one of his writings, makes a striking comment. ... 'Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, had fallen from some position of great prosperity, and was now regarded as an object of the most notorious and the most remarkable wretchedness, because, in addition to being blind, he had also to sit begging'. ... This interpretation ... invites us to reflect on the fact that our lives contain precious riches that we can lose, and I am not speaking of material riches. From this perspective, Bartimaeus could represent those who live in regions that were evangelised long ago, where the light of faith has grown dim and people have drifted away from God, no longer considering Him relevant for their lives. These people have therefore lost a precious treasure, they have "fallen" from a lofty dignity - not financially or in terms of earthly power, but in a Christian sense - their lives have lost a secure and sound direction and they have become, often unconsciously, beggars for the meaning of existence. They are the many in need of a new evangelisation, that is, a new encounter with Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, Who can open their eyes afresh and teach them the path".

"The new evangelisation applies to the whole of Church life. ... I would like here to highlight three pastoral themes that have emerged from the Synod. The first concerns the Sacraments of Christian initiation. It has been reaffirmed that appropriate catechesis must accompany preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The importance of Confession, the Sacrament of God's mercy, has also been emphasised. ... In fact it has often been said that the real protagonists of the new evangelisation are the saints: they speak a language intelligible to all through the example of their lives and their works of charity.

"Secondly, the new evangelisation is essentially linked to the 'Missio ad Gentes'. The Church's task is to evangelise, to proclaim the message of salvation to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ. During the Synod, it was emphasised that there are still many regions in Africa, Asia and Oceania whose inhabitants await with lively expectation, sometimes without being fully aware of it, the first proclamation of the Gospel. So we must ask the Holy Spirit to arouse in the Church a new missionary dynamism, whose protagonists are, in particular, pastoral workers and the lay faithful".

"A third aspect concerns the baptised whose lives do not reflect the demands of Baptism. ... Such people are found in all continents, especially in the most secularised countries. The Church is particularly concerned that they should encounter Jesus Christ anew, rediscover the joy of faith and return to religious practice in the community of the faithful. Besides traditional and perennially valid pastoral methods, the Church seeks to adopt new ones, developing new language attuned to the different world cultures, proposing the truth of Christ with an attitude of dialogue and friendship rooted in God Who is Love".

"Bartimaeus, on regaining his sight from Jesus, joined the crowd of disciples, which must certainly have included others like him, who had been healed by the Master. New evangelisers are like that: people who have had the experience of being healed by God, through Jesus Christ. ... Let us put away, then, all blindness to the truth, all ignorance and, removing the darkness that obscures our vision like fog before the eyes, let us contemplate the true God".

## Mass Intention

Saturday (November 3)  
5:00 PM +Maria Salvador Cruz

Sunday (November 4)  
7:30 AM For the Parish  
Community  
9:00 AM +Jose & Luis Vieira, Len  
and Lilian  
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Anusha  
De Sila, +Bienvenido Andes,  
+Reynaldo Bandejo  
12:30 PM +Peter & Ana Mocanu

Monday (November 5)  
7:00 PM +N. M. George

Tuesday (November 6)  
7:30 AM +Charles & Adeline  
Gomes

Wednesday (November 7)  
7:00 PM +Elizabeth D'Souza,  
+Anne & Louis D'Mello

Thursday (November 8)  
7:30 +Julian de la Cruz

Friday (November 9)  
7:00 PM Fr. Mark's Intention

Saturday (November 10)  
9:00 AM Open

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### BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Building Committee will meet on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Basement of St. Peter's Mission Church starting at 7:30 PM. If you are interested to be a part of the Building Committee, please indicate your intention to Fr. Mark in person, by phone, or by email.

**Come and See Weekend:  
Discerning a Religious Vocation**

November 17 – 18, 2012

St. Philip Neri Parish, 2100 Jane St., Toronto.

St. Philip Neri Parish is hosting a Come and See Weekend on the topic of "Discerning a Religious Vocation!" for young men 16 to 35. For more information or to let us know that you will be attending, please contact Br. Louis Mousseau at 416-819-6687 or e-mail [mousseaulouis@rogers.com](mailto:mousseaulouis@rogers.com) by November 12.

**Dominican Seminars for "Vatican II: Continuing the Conversation"**

November 15, 22, 29, 2012

St. Dominic's Church, 625 Atwater Avenue, Mississauga.

You are invited! As the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II continues, join Dominican Seminars for "Vatican II: Continuing the Conversation" exploring how the council documents presented a vision of renewal and challenge us to continue that vision today. Mary Ellen Chown M.Ed., M.Div. will facilitate. Please join us for 3 Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00. Prepaid registration is required. Please email to [dominicanseminars@gmail.com](mailto:dominicanseminars@gmail.com) for a registration form (or find them at St. Dominic's Church Office, 625 Atwater Avenue, Mississauga). Cheques to be made payable to Dominican Institute of High Park.

**23rd International Festival of Religious Song**

November 23-25, 2012

John Paul II Centre, 4300 Cawthra Road, Mississauga.

CATHOLIC YOUTH STUDIO invites you to the 23rd International Festival of Religious Song. The theme of this year's event is taken from the document announcing the Year of Faith: "Jesus Christ is the 'pioneer and perfecter of our faith' (Heb 12:2): in Him all the longing of the human heart finds fulfillment." Soloists, bands and choirs, both youth and adult, are invited to take part in the Festival competition. Artist registrations will be open until Wednesday, October 31st. The Festival competition will take place on Friday, November 23rd, with the winners performing on Saturday, November 24th. The well-known Christian vocalist, Chris Bray, will perform with his band on Sunday, November 25th, at 2:30 p.m., leading a concert of worship and praise. Artist registration, info and tickets: [festivalofsong.ca](http://festivalofsong.ca) and 416-588-0555.

**Professor Gill Goulding, C.J. to Speak on the New Evangelization**

Wednesday, November 28, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.

Regis College, 100 Wellesley Street West, Toronto.

Professor Sister Gill Goulding will present "Reflections on the New Evangelization" at Regis College. Sister Goulding is presently serving as one of the consulting theological experts for the General Apostolic Synod on the New Evangelization in Rome. Seating is limited at this free event. For more information or to register, visit [www.RegisCollege.ca/NewEvangelization](http://www.RegisCollege.ca/NewEvangelization), email [inquiries@RegisCollege.ca](mailto:inquiries@RegisCollege.ca) or call 416-922-5474, ext. 221. Toronto.

**Total Offerings last weekend**

Offertory Collection	\$3,072.15
Building Fund	\$1,181.40
St. Peter's Church	\$212.92
Wednesday Collection	\$102.00
Mass Stipend	\$280.00
Confirmation	\$240.00
All Souls	\$27.00
Mission Sunday	\$20.00
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$6,713.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,848.87</b>

**International Food Festival**

*Organized by the Daughters of Isabella  
for the Building Fund*

Friday, November 9, 2012 starting at 5:30 PM to Midnight  
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

Entrance is \$10 and food will be sold at a nominal price  
Children age 15 and under are free to enter.

If you wish to host a table, please contact Rita Venantius  
or any of the Daughters of Isabella

**St. Edith Stein Elementary School presents  
their Annual Christmas Bazaar!!**

Come and browse among a variety of vendors offering  
crafts, jewelry, toys, clothing and more. There will also be  
a bake sale and silent auction, as well as face painting for  
the kids.

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2012

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM

Location: St. Edith Stein Elementary School (6234 Osprey  
Blvd. Mississauga, ON)

For more information or to book a table, please contact  
[steinbazaar@hotmail.com](mailto:steinbazaar@hotmail.com)



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