

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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



We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

3801 Thomas Street,
Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Friday 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Mission Church

Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass
- Solemn Vespers and Benediction every First Friday 7:30 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" (Pope John Paul II) and "Model of Hope for the twenty-first century" (Pope 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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Mark Achilles Villanueva **Pastor**
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdcc **Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation**
Sr. Necy, Guan, Fdcc **Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth**
Fatima Chan **Parish Secretary**

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator Anusha De Silva
Children's Liturgy Rory Agellon
Children Religious Education Chanel D'Mello
Eucharistic Ministers Max de la Cruz
Lectors Tim Marchand
Ushers Miguel Basurto
Altar Servers Joanna Aguilar
Social Concerns Patricia Scire
Choirs Jamie Marr
Raul Manzanares
Suzanna Pereira
Ronald Pasajol
Cora and Boyer del Rosario

Church's Environment

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson Tel de la Cruz

PARISH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Roman Lim

ST. PETER'S MISSION

Chairperson JC Cadieux

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Daughters of Isabella Rita Venantius - Tel. 905-824-7223
Couples for Christ Toti Quijano - Tel. 905-567-3236
Legion of Mary Cristina Manzanares - Tel. (905) 812-0891

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. or any time by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a baptismal form and submitted to the parish office. The baptismal form is available at the parish office, after all our weekend Masses at the school, or from our website. Once the parish office receives the form, the pastor will set up the appointment to process your application.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the parish priest one year in advance. A marriage course is required. The pastor will arrange the wedding ceremony with Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

Funerals

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan and celebrate the funeral, please contact the parish office. We will celebrate the Funeral liturgy either at Merciful Redeemer Church or St. Peter's Mission Church.

Elementary 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) 821-2607

Secondary School

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

All new parishioners are welcome. Registration forms are available at the entrance to our worship space on the Weekends. You can also register online at

www.stjosephinebakhita.org

Please do not forget to request for your box of Sunday Envelopes.

Mass Intentions**Saturday (November 13, 2010)**

5:00 PM Open

Sunday (November 14, 2010)

7:30 AM For the parish community

9:00 AM +Melchior & Melecio Capillo Sr.

+Casmir & Thresa Fernandes,

+Francisca & Teresita Nuguid,

Special Intention of Francisco Nuguid Sr.

11:00 AM Special Intention of Ramil

Garcia, +Jesus Diaz, +Benjamin

Jaojoco, +Cecilia & Anthony Mutu

12:30 PM Open

Monday (November 15, 2010)

7:00 PM For the Faithful Departed

Tuesday (November 16, 2010)

7:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday (November 17, 2010)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of D'Melo family,

+Vicky Quiambao

Thursday (November 18, 2010)

7:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

Friday (November 19, 2010)

7:00 PM For the Faithful Departed

Saturday (November 20, 2010)

9:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

Sacramental Preparation

Our parish community looks forward to celebrating the Rite of Enrolment of our children who are preparing for First Reconciliation/First Communion in all Masses this Sunday and the next.

For children at St. Bernard, St. Edith Stein, and our Parish Religion Class, the Rite of Enrolment will be this Sunday, November 13 & 14.

For children at St. Faustina and St. Simon Stock, the Rite of Enrolment will be next Sunday, November 20 & 21.

Pastor's Desk

This week, in between the sessions of the annual Clergy updating in Alliston, I read the life of the philosopher, Carmelite, and saint, Edith Stein, to familiarize myself of a famous person, who also happens to be the patron saint of one of our schools in the parish. It is my belief that everything in life happens for a reason and that it is our duty to connect the dots. We envision ourselves as a parish community, for example, as "a community faith, committed to live the greatest love of Jesus Christ crucified and Mary, Mother of Charity at the foot of the Cross". How might this standing at the foot of the Cross with Mary look like? Who among the saints can inspire and show us how to do it? The pastoral team has decided to have the relic of Mother Bakhita visit every home in the parish and among the prayers we decided to accompany this visit is the recitation of the rosary of our Lady of Sorrows, a devotion that is as old as the cross. Magdalen of Canossa instructed her daughters to abandon everything in the loving heart of the most holy Mother Mary, who stood at the foot of the Cross. Like Magdalen, Josephine Bakhita also learned to dwell on Mary's sword-pierced heart by the regular meditation of the seven sorrows. Edith Stein, too, prayed and meditated for hours before the picture of our Lady of Sorrows and as a fruit of her meditation, composed this poem in 1938.

*Today I stood with you beneath the Cross,
And felt more clearly than I ever did
that you became our mother only there.
Even an earthly mother faithfully
Seeks to fulfill the last will of her son.
But you became the handmaid:
The life and being of the God made man
Was perfectly inscribed in your own life.
So you could take your own into your heart,
And with the lifeblood of your bitter pains
You purchased life anew for every soul.
You know us all, our wounds, our imperfections;
But you also know the celestial radiance
That your son's love would shed on us in heaven.
Thus carefully you guide our faltering footsteps,
No price too high for you to lead us to our goal.
But those whom you have chosen for companions
To stand with you around the eternal throne.
They here must stand with you beneath the Cross,
And with the lifeblood of their own bitter pains
Must purchase heavenly glory for those souls
Whom God's own Son entrusted to their care.*

Life can be very hard. It is with the bitter pains of our lives that we are to stand beneath the Cross; to connect all these bitter pains to the bitter sufferings of Christ for our salvation and that of the whole world.

(Source: Posselt, Teresia Renata, *Edith Stein: The Life of a Philosopher and Carmelite* ed. Susanne M. Batzdorff, Josephine Koeppel and John Sullivan (Washington, DC: ICS Publications, 2005), 84.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Parish Youth Ministry has been launched successfully last Sunday afternoon with almost forty young people. Thank you to all the young people who have responded generously. Thank you to the organizers. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for providing the snacks. We pray that this ministry will flourish and the hopes and dreams of our youth will be realized. The Youth Ministry meets every third Sunday from 2:30 PM to 5 PM at the Cafeteria of St. Joan of Arc Secondary School.

SHEPHERDS' TRUST

Thank you for supporting the Shepherds' Trust Collection. The Priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto are truly grateful for being attentive to their retirement needs.

Christmas Food Drive

The Social Concerns Ministry will collect food donations or gift certificates for groceries, beginning on the weekend of November 27 & 28. We will bring gifts to fifty (50) needy families this Christmas season. Please see future bulletin announcements for details.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Our parish has an on-going sacramental preparation for adults. We invite those who wish to become Catholics through the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. We also extend the invitation to Catholic who wish to deepen their faith. Perhaps, you have been away from the Church for so long and wish to return to the practice of the sacraments and do not know how or where to start. Perhaps, you have been going to church regularly all your life but for some reason you never completed your Christian Initiation (First Communion and Confirmation). Perhaps, too, you have been baptized in another Christian tradition (such as Anglican or Protestant) and desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. The RCIA is for you. Sessions are held on Thursdays at 7 PM to 8 PM in St. Peter's Mission Church.

Christmas Novena

The Christmas Novena will be held from December 15 to 23 at 7 PM in St. Peter's Mission Church. We need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers. Refreshments will be served after Mass each evening. We are looking for at least five (5) families/groups of friends to prepare and serve the food. Sign up with Sister Cristina if you are interested

The Framework of "See-Judge-Act" in Working for Social Justice and Peace

SEE: The first movement is to look at our reality and identify what we see. We ask, "what are the problems, poverties and issues of our time and place?" In this process, seeing includes a sense of empathy for those affected by these situations, immersing ourselves in solidarity with them. It also includes looking for the root causes. We analyze and seek to understand the underlying structures and systems that give rise to the problem we see.

JUDGE: We engage the analyzed reality in dialogue with our Christian tradition, and ask, "In what ways, and at which levels, does the reality call for transformation in the light of the ideal proposed by our Christian faith?" What does God say about this situation?

ACT: This is the discernment response to the analyzed reality guided by the insights and criteria of our Christian teachings and tradition. Our questions are: "What can we do to transform the systems and structures of the reality? How should our response be designed in order to be most effective not only in the short term, but also in the long term?"

This method may be new to some of us, but not totally unfamiliar. As Christians, we are called to recognize and reflect on the situation around us and allow the Spirit of God to move us to faithful action.

Parish Finance Council

The Finance Council will meet on November 23, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Rectory.

Building Committee

The Building committee will meet on December 2, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Rectory to discuss the various matters brought to our attention by Mr. David Finnegan, Director of Planning and Properties of the Archdiocese in our meeting last October.

New Sunday Missals

The Advent Season is drawing near. If you wish to purchase the new St. Joseph's Sunday Missal, hurry up before they are gone. Cost is \$3 per copy or \$5 for two copies.

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