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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.

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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	Financial Council	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
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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		
	Raul Manzanares	Women at the Well	Anne-Marie Caister
Arts & Environment	Ronald Pasajol	Hospitality	Frank Amegah
Youth Ministry	Cora & Boyer del Rosario		
Social Concerns	Elisha Pinto	Knights of Columbus	Tony Ciufu
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.

Men's Acts Retreat

December 4 to 7
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
Mississauga

This retreat is based on the Acts of the Apostles and is focused on adoration, community, theology and service. Comments from men attending the spring ACTS retreat: "Most powerful retreat experience I ever had." and "Every aspect of this retreat blew me away and I have been on many retreats." To register or for more information please call Willy at 647-281-5990.

How to Build Self-Esteem

December 9 - 7 p.m.
Catholic Pastoral Centre 4th Floor
1155 Yonge St., Toronto

Catholic Family Services of Toronto and New Beginnings invite you to an Inspirational Talk with Meyrick and Betty D'Sylva. Meyrick and Betty are trained in the Silva Method for Personal Growth. New Beginnings reaches out to persons who have experienced a loss through the death of a loved one or from separation and divorce. All are welcome. For more information, please call 416-921-1163 ext., 2235

On the Way to Bethlehem

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
November 28th, 28th, 30th, 2014
6:30 PM-8:30 PM at Country Heritage Park
8560 Tremaine Road, Milton
Admission: \$5 (Adults)/Children (Free)
for more information: info@onthewaytobethlehem.ca

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.

Religious Items from Bethlehem

will be sold on the weekend of November 29 & 30
at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School
to support the Christians of Bethlehem

Mass Intention**Saturday (November 15)**

5:00 PM Open

Sunday (November 16)

7:30 AM For All the Faithful Departed
9:00 AM +Filomena Crispo
11:00 AM +Richard Valere, +Lina de Montbrun, +Alvita Furtado
12:30 PM +Roberto Paras

Monday (November 17)

7:00 PM +Mary Kelly

Tuesday (November 18)

7:30 AM Deceased relatives and friends of E. Lombos

Wednesday (November 19)

7:00 PM Souls in Purgatory offered by Mrs. A. Fernandes

Thursday (November 20)

7:30 AM +Deceased relatives and friends of Vaz/Furtado family

Friday (November 21)

7:00 PM +Sheldon Gomes, +Family and friends of Dave & Jane Khoo

Saturday (November 15)

9:00 AM +Cecilia Ho Tran

5:00 PM +Avelino & Mericia Vaz, +Clement Cardozo, +Antonio Menonna

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

Thank you for supporting our
Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,565,366.34

Architectural & other Fees

\$114,853.44

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,680,219.78

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

General audience: the spiritual and human alphabet of ministers of the Church

Vatican City, 12 November 2014 (VIS) – What is required of ministers of the Church – bishops, priests and deacons – for their service to be authentic and fruitful? This was the question posed by Pope Francis in his catechesis during this Wednesday's general audience in St. Peter's Square.

In his pastoral epistles, St. Paul lists, alongside faith and spiritual life, a number of human qualities essential for these ministries: hospitality, temperance, patience, gentleness, reliability, and goodness of heart. These, said the Holy Father, are “the alphabet, the grammar at the base of every ministry! Without this predisposition to encounter, know, enter into dialogue with, appreciate and relate to one's brethren in a respectful and sincere way, it is impossible to offer a service and a truly joyful and credible witness”.

There is another basic attitude that Paul recommends to his disciples and, consequently, to all those in whom pastoral ministry is invested: the continual renewal of the gift received. “This means always keeping alive the awareness that one does not become a bishop, priest or deacon for being more intelligent or better than others, but by receiving a gift from God ... for the good of His people. This knowledge is truly important and constitutes a grace to be asked for every day. Indeed, a pastor who is aware that his ministry stems solely from the mercy and from the heart of God can never assume an authoritarian attitude, as if he had everyone at his feet and as if the community were his own property, his own personal kingdom”.

“The awareness that it is all a gift, it is a grace, also helps the pastor not to give in to the temptation to place himself at the centre of attention and to trust only in himself. These are the temptations of vanity, pride, sufficiency, arrogance. God does not like it when a bishop, priest or deacon thinks that he knows it all, that he always has the right answer for everything and has no need for anyone else”, exclaimed Francis. “On the contrary, the knowledge that he, first and foremost, is the object of God's mercy and compassion must lead a minister of the Church always to be humble and understanding towards others. While in the knowledge of being required to courageously guard the faith entrusted to him, he must always be willing to listen to the people. Indeed, he is aware that there is always something to learn, even from those who may be distant from the faith and from the Church. All this must lead him to assume, with his brethren, a new attitude characterised by sharing, corresponsibility and communion”. “We must always be grateful to the Lord Who, in the person and the ministry of the bishops, priests and deacons, continues to guide and form His Church, enabling her to grow along the path of sanctity. At the same time, we must continue to pray, so that the pastors of our communities may be the living image of communion and of God's love”, concluded the bishop of Rome.

Women's Fall Retreat

November 21 to 23
Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre
Mississauga

This retreat will be preached by Father Peter Nowak, OMI and Mrs. Anne Hales. Accommodations are single private rooms with two-piece bathroom, wonderful cuisine prepared by our own chef and a beautiful “country in the city” setting. To register or for further information please call Anne at 905-278-5229.

Offertory Collection	
Offertory	\$3263.89
Building Fund	\$11685.11
St. Peter's Church	\$578.11
Wednesday Collection	\$130.00
Stipend	\$545.00
Beads and Things	\$120.00
Baptism	\$95.00
Total	\$16417.11

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.

The Gift of Life Ministry

"Let Me Love You" is this year's upcoming conference of the Gift of Life Ministry of the Couples for Christ. This Ministry was established to raise consciousness on the sacredness of life as a basic value rooted in the dignity of man. CFC is inviting everyone to attend this conference on Saturday, November 22, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to be held at Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, Ontario M3C 1Z3 with Christopher West as guest speaker. Christopher West, author, speaker, teacher, and world-renowned expert in Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, will cover topics on God, Sex and Universal Longing. Tickets: \$25/person (+\$12 Workbook – optional). Please contact: Choy and Cris Sia 905-816-2222 for tickets

St. Michael's Choir School at Massey Hall
A Toronto Christmas Tradition
December 6 – 7:30 p.m.
December 7 – 3:00 p.m.
Massey Hall
178 Victoria St., Toronto

Tickets are now available for the Choir School's annual Christmas concert. Buy online at www.masseyhall.com, or call 416-872-4255. For more information, visit www.christmasconcert.ca



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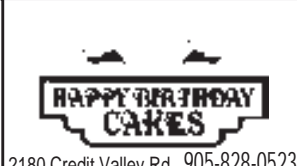


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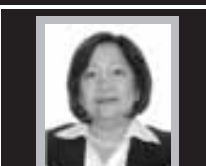
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