

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

Knights of Columbus Tony Ciuffo - Tel. 905-542-9883
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.



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 20 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Pilar Rosas, +Eduardo & Aurora Santos, +Mike Kirby
Thanksgiving of Antoinette Anthicques

November 21 (Sunday)

7:30 AM Cidalia Pereira
For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Clara Babich Vidoris,
Monica Cardozo, +Casmil &
Theresa Fernandez
11:00 AM +Ambrosio Braz
Special Intention of Rene de Leon
12:30 PM +Antonio Menonna

November 22 (Monday)

7:00 PM For the Faithful Departed

November 23 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

November 24 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Mary Kutty Dias

September 25 (Thursday)

7:45 AM +Paul Delicata

September 26 (Friday)

7:00 PM For the Faithful Departed

September 27 (Saturday)

9:00 AM For the Faithful Departed

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SCHEDULE

For the children who were not able to make it to the Rite of Presentation of Names (First Reconciliation/First Communion, please contact Sister Necy to see when your child can present his/her lamb and receive his/her Eucharistic medal.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are celebrating this Sunday the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of our Liturgical Year. The feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in order to remind the world of Christ's authority in a world that was increasingly becoming secularistic. The pope at that time hoped that the feast would strengthen and encourage the people of God, bring freedom to the Church, and above all, respect to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The world seems to be in a downward spiral. Many people put the individual self as the sole authority. The idea that Christ is King conflicts with the prevailing reality. Some people do not like this title because they associate it with oppressive regimes, but they forget that the kingship of Christ is marked by humility and service. Our Lord himself has said: *"You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45).*

Christ's kingship is also characterized by suffering and death. While we are reminded on this feast of Christ coming in glory to judge the living and the dead, we are not oblivious to what he has taught that His Kingdom of justice and judgment is balanced by charity, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. To commemorate this feast then is to mark Christ's willingness to give his life for all.

As we enter into the new Liturgical Year, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, I wish to suggest to all of you to read the post-synodal reflection on the Word of God in the life and mission of the Church that the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI wrote and published on September 30, 2010. You can download the document in English, French, German, Italian, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, and Spanish at the Vatican website (<http://www.vatican.va>). The document is the fruit of the twelfth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which was held in Rome from October 5 to 26, 2008. In it, the Holy Father highlights both "the fundamental role of God the Father, source and origin of the Word", and "the Trinitarian dimension of revelation." God has chosen to speak to us and it is appropriate that we respond to Him in faith and the wonderful thing is that God Himself has supplied us with the words to respond to Him: the words that are conserved and written in the Bible, particularly in the Book of Psalms. The Holy Father also speaks on how the Scriptures are to be interpreted and its link with the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. He also reminds us of the importance of biblical inspiration for pastoral activity, catechesis, and formation of Christians. Emphasis is also given to lectio divina and Marian prayer. Furthermore, the Holy Father also draws our attention to task of announcing the Word in the world in which we live and work; to commit ourselves to the promotion of reconciliation, justice, and peace among peoples. Having spoken thus, our Holy Father concludes by exhorting all Christians "to become increasingly familiar with Sacred Scripture". Throughout the four weeks of the Season of Advent, I will try to unpack this important document for you. I also intend to use this synodal reflection as the basis for our reflection during the nine-day immediate preparation to Christmas.

We pray for the repose of the souls of all those killed in the attack on the Syriac Catholic Church in Baghdad during Sunday Mass. May our global family support the suffering Christians of the Middle East so that they may be protected and free to practice their faith in peace.

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.

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising committee will meet on Monday, December 6, 2010 at St. Peter's Mission Church.

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 Catholics 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, 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

Parish Finance Council

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

Private Sponsorship Session for Refugees

Iraqi families and friends who wish to sponsor a relative who is a refugee to come to Canada are invited to attend the Private Sponsorship Information Session which will be held on November 25, 2010 at 7:30 PM, St. Peter's Mission Church.

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

The Daughters of Isabella will be holding a Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale on December 11 & 12 at all the Masses at St. Joan of Arc School. They will also be raffling a very nice gift that weekend. Parishioners who wish to donate bake goods for this sale are welcomed. Please contact Rita Venantius at (905) 824-7223.



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.

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.

On the Way to Bethlehem

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
November 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2010
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at Country Heritage Park
8560 Tremaine Road, Milton



St. Josephine Bakhita Youth Ministry invites you to . . .

The Bakhita Christmas Bonanza

Grades 7 - 12

Sunday, Dec. 19th, 2010, 2:30 – 4:30pm

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Social Concerns Ministry!



Your Box of Envelopes for 2011 are ready for pickup at the Hallway.

If you own Envelope Box numbers 373, 470, 606, and 764 please see Fr. Mark after the Mass.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund \$466,000



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