

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
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdccc
Sr. Necy, Guan, Fdccc
Fatima Chan

Pastor
Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation
Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth
Parish Secretary

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator
Children's Liturgy
Children Religious Education
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Ushers
Altar Servers
Social Concerns
Choirs

Anusha De Silva
Rory Agellon
Chanel D'Mello
Max de la Cruz
Tim Marchand
Miguel Basurto
Joanna Aguilar
Patricia Scire
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

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ST. PETER'S MISSION

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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 6 (Saturday)**

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Anusha de Silva

November 7 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Jillianne Gorospe
 +Herbert Lopez
 11:00 AM +Norman D'Oliveira,
 +Segundino Puson Sr. +Leonardo Veloso Sr.
 Thanksgiving of Anusha de Silva
 12:30 PM +Carlos Belchior,
 +Lauriano & Caridad Octaviano,
 +Rodolfo Octaviano

November 8 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Julian de la Cruz

November 9 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Petra & Jose Feril

November 10 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Guadalupe Ovejera

November 11 (Thursday)

7:45 AM For the Faithful Departed

November 12 (Friday)

7:00 PM For the Faithful Departed

November 13 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

The Knights of Columbus
 presents

Voices for Christ - West Side

Choir Singing Competition
 Saturday, November 20, 2010 at
 7 PM
 St. Joseph's Secondary School
 Tickets \$5 per person

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When Mother Bakhita was dying, the sisters of her community were gathered sadly around her bedside. Mother Bakhita turned to them and said: "No, no, don't be sad, I'll still be with you. If the Lord allows me to, I'll send many graces from heaven for the salvation of souls". Then, after some time, Mother Bakhita exclaimed: "Now it is time to go to St. Peter!" Thinking that she was referring to the Parish Church, Sister Dalla Costa replied: "Yes, let us both go, arm in arm and we shall climb all those stairs together." "No," Mother Bakhita replied, "Not that St. Peter's, but the one in heaven. I will present myself before him and ask him to call our Lady" (at that moment she seemed to see her, for she had such a sweet smile and she cried out "La Madonna! La Madonna!") "Ah, you are here! Good, let us go to the Foundress now (Magdalene of Canossa). Once I am there, I will never leave. I will stay forever!" Then she breathed her last.

November invites us not only to remember our beloved dead, but also to reflect on death itself. We do not want to talk about death and yet, the one thing that is certain in this world is death. Death is no respecter of person regardless of age, race, or way of life. To hide the inevitability of this event in our lives is to deprive ourselves of the true grandeur of life. We need to prepare for it. In our Catholic devotional practice, for example, Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman prayed for a happy death:

Oh, my Lord and Savior, support me in that hour in the strong arms of Your Sacraments, and by the fresh fragrance of Your consolations. Let the absolving words be said over me, and the holy oil sign and seal me, and Your own Body be my food, and Your Blood my sprinkling; and let my sweet Mother, Mary, breathe on me, and my Angel whisper peace to me, and my glorious Saints smile upon me; that in them all, and through them all, I may receive the gift of perseverance, and die, as I desire to live, in Your faith, in Your Church, in Your service, and in Your love. Amen.

Let us be wise to follow the advise of St. Isaac the Syrian: "Prepare your heart for your departure. If you are wise, you will expect it every hour. Each day say to yourself: "See, the messenger who comes to fetch me is already at the door. Why am I sitting idle? I must depart for ever. I cannot come back again." Go to sleep with these thoughts every night, and reflect on them throughout the day. And when the time of departure comes, go joyfully to meet it, saying: "Come in peace. I knew you would come, and I have not neglected anything that could help me on the journey.""

The First Gathering for First Reconciliation and First Communion

of children enrolled at St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 10 AM, St. Joan of Arc School Chapel.

The First Gathering for Confirmation

of children enrolled at St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 3 PM, St. Joan of Arc School Chapel.

Shepherds Trust

Our priests faithfully serve our families, in our churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on our streets, and for that we are very grateful. The Shepherds' Trust does more than just bridge the gap in our priest's retirement years; it says thank you in a very tangible way for the blessings we have received. Your generosity on November 13 and 14 is deeply appreciated. The Shepherds' Trust collection takes place on November 13th and 14th.

**PARISH VOLUNTEER SCREENING COMMITTEE**

As mandated by the Archdiocese of Toronto, our parish has established this committee. Here is an excerpt from the letter of Archbishop Thomas Collins regarding this important matter:

"...As part of our mandate to foster a safe and caring community, since 2001 the Archdiocese has had a policy of screening its volunteers to ensure the protection and safety of the most vulnerable. This practice has now become a standard for most organizations seeking to exercise due diligence and responsible volunteer stewardship.

Our diocesan Volunteer Screening department oversees this important work, conducting the appropriate checks and balances to ensure a safe environment for all those engaged in a variety of important ministries.

I wish to thank those responsible for coordinating these activities at both the diocesan and parish level.

To all volunteers who are truly following the gospel call to serve, be assured of my prayers and ongoing gratitude. May your outreach with the Archdiocese of Toronto enhance your own faith journey."

The newly established committee in our parish is composed of: Sr. Ruth Leddy, Michael Coburn, Rory Agellon, Florence Pianta, Conrad Rodrigues, Sr. Nocy Guan, Anusha De Silva (Coordinator), Sr. Cristina (Coordinator).

For further information, please contact the coordinators. Thank you.

IRAQI CHRISTIAN REFUGEES PROGRAM

Our Parish Social Concerns Ministry will have a meeting on Thursday, November 11, at 7:30-9:00PM in St. Peter Mission Church. If you want to get involved in this new pastoral outreach ministry in our parish, you are most welcome to this gathering. Please contact the following for details: Minnie Lam, Jeannette Fabella, or Sr. Cristina.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA PREPARATION

We are already planning for this liturgical and fellowship event in our parish. It has been very successful the past two years. It will be held on December 15 to 23, at 7:00PM in St. Peter Mission Church. We need lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers for the Liturgy.

Refreshments will be served after Mass each evening. We are looking 5 families/groups of friends to prepare and serve the food. Please sign up with Sr. Cristina. Thank you very much.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are inviting all young people of our parish from Grade 7 to 12 to join our youth ministry. Our youth ministry will commence on November 7, 2010 from 2 to 5 PM at St. Joan of Arc School.



**Starting Bible Study Is Easier Than You Think November 17, 24 and Dec 1, 8, 2010
– 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Parish, 5650 Mavis Rd.,
Mississauga.**

"Prayer purifies us, reading instructs us.. If a person wants to be always in Gods' company, s/he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us." Saint Isidore. Do you desire to know more about God's word through the scriptures? Would you like to learn how to be a part of your parish based Catholic Bible Study?

Sr. Jocelyn Monette, Executive Director of the Catholic Biblical Association of Canada, will lead a four-week seminar on the foundations needed for a rich experience for a parish or faith community. Participants learn skills needed to guide or be a part of a group that learns and prays with the Word of God. We encourage you to attend. Registration cost: \$10.00. For further information and to register please call the 905-890-5290.

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