

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.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.

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) 821-3256

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	
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Home Visitation	James Amores	Daughters of isabella	Rita Venantius
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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.



International Food Festival and Dance

Hosted by the Daughters of Isabella of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
Friday, November 8, 2013 from 6 pm until 10:30 pm

St. Joan of Arc School, Mississauga
Entrance is \$10 with food sold at a nominal rate - Kids 15 and under enter free!

Contact: Rita Venantius
#905-824-7223

Community Meeting to discuss our Church Building Project

with Councillor Sue McFadden
October 30, 2013 at 7:30 PM
Churchill Meadows Activity Centre
3801 Thomas Street, Mississauga

Building Committee Meeting

will be held on November 4, 2013 at the Rectory
starting at 7:45 PM

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of others?

Why not join our
Social Concerns Ministry
Please contact the parish office if you are interested

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Enrichment Weekend

November 1 to 3
4 Points Sheraton Hotel
2501 Argentia Rd., Mississauga

The emphasis of A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on communication between husband and wife and renewal of the sacrament of Matrimony. The weekend program is also available in Spanish and Korean. For more information, contact Mike & Cora at 905-896-2958, cora-mikebryce@sympatico.ca or visit www.wmme.org. See <http://bit.ly/WWMPEPoster> for poster with more information.

Theology on Tap West: In Today's World, Why Should I Share My Faith?

November 11 — 7 to 9 p.m.
West 50 Pourhouse & Grille
50 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga

The Office of Catholic Youth, Faith Connections, and your local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a relaxed setting, with special guest:

Bishop John Boissonneau. Christianity is ultimately a message of good news; how do I talk about my faith in a way that is relevant and insightful for others? His Excellency will share the why in our witnessing. Munchies provided, cash bar, come and bring a friend! RSVP appreciated. For more information, contact us at 416-599-7676, youth@ocytoronto.org or visit www.faithconnections.ca.

Mass Intention

Saturday (October 26)

5:00 PM +Susan Poole, +Solomon Anthicques, Thanksgiving of Rodrigues family

Sunday (October 27)

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Ramil & Monette Pajatin, +Len & Lilian, Mr. & Mrs. Raphael & Alice Ng Wing Wye, +Jean, France, Mimi Ng Wing Wye, +Philip Lieu Yee, +Elvis & Theresa Lam Sham Leen
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Paz de Leon, +Leonardo & Randy Cruz, +Teofilo Buenaventura
12:30 PM Quick recovery of Polly Aquino

Monday (October 28)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Jude

Tuesday (October 29)

7:30 AM Open

Wednesday (October 30)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Victoria Paculaba, +Leticia & Angelito Saring

Thursday (October 31)

7:30 AM Special Intention of M. Ribeiro

Friday (November 1)

7:00 PM Open

Saturday (November 2)

9:00 AM For all our Beloved Dead

5:00 PM For all our Beloved Dead

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\$39,444.68

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\$1,415,045.68



“In the Psalm we recite, 'Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things'. Today we consider one of the marvellous things which the Lord has done: Mary! A lowly and weak creature like ourselves, she was chosen to be the Mother of God, the Mother of her Creator. Considering Mary in the light of the readings we have just heard, I would like to reflect with you on three things: God surprises us, God asks us to be faithful, and God is our strength.

“First: God surprises us. The story of Naaman, the commander of the army of the king of Aram, is striking. In order to be healed of leprosy, he turns to the prophet of God, Elisha, who does not ...

demand anything unusual of him, but asks him simply to trust in God and to wash in the water of the river ... in the little stream of the Jordan. Naaman is left surprised and perplexed. What kind of God is this who asks for something so simple? He wants to turn back, but then he goes ahead, he immerses himself in the Jordan and is immediately healed. ... God surprises us. It is precisely in poverty, in weakness and in humility that he reveals himself and grants us his love, which saves us, heals us and gives us strength. He asks us only to obey his word and to trust in him.

“This was also the experience of the Virgin Mary. At the message of the angel, she does not hide her surprise. It is the astonishment of realising that God, to become man, had chosen her, a simple maid of Nazareth: not someone who lived in a palace amid power and riches, or who had done extraordinary things, but simply someone who was open to God and put her trust in him, even without understanding everything: ... God always surprises us, he overturns our categories, he wreaks havoc with our plans. And he tells us: Trust me, do not be afraid, let yourself be surprised, leave yourself behind and follow me!

“Today let us all ask ourselves: Do I fear what God might ask of me, or what he does ask of me? Do I let myself be surprised by God, as Mary was, or do I remain caught up in my own security, in my plans? Do I truly let God into my life? How do I respond to him?

“In the passage from Saint Paul which we have heard, the Apostle tells his disciple Timothy: Remember Jesus Christ: if we persevere with him, we will also reign with him. This is the second thing: to remember Christ always and to persevere in faith. God surprises us with his love, but he asks us to be faithful in following him. Think of all the times we were excited about something or other, some initiative, some task, but then, at the first sign of difficulty, we threw in the towel. Sadly, this also happens in the case of fundamental decisions, such as marriage. It is the difficulty of remaining steadfast, faithful to decisions we have made and to commitments we have taken on. Often it is easy enough to say 'yes', but then we fail to repeat this 'yes' each and every day.

“Mary said her 'yes' to God: a 'yes' which upset her simple life in Nazareth, and not only once. Any number of times she had to utter a heartfelt 'yes' at moments of both joy and sorrow, culminating in the 'yes' she spoke at the foot of the Cross. Here today there are many mothers present; think of the full extent of Mary's faithfulness to God: seeing her only Son on the cross.

“Am I a Christian by fits and starts, or am I a Christian full-time? The culture of the ephemeral, the relative, also takes its toll on the way we live our faith. God asks us to be faithful to him, daily, in our everyday actions. He goes on to say that, even if we are sometimes unfaithful to him, he remains faithful. In his mercy, he never tires of stretching out his hand to lift us up, to encourage us to continue our journey, to come back and tell him of our weakness, so that he can grant us his strength.



Knights of Columbus

St. Josephine Bakhita Council

invites you

Fifth Anniversary Dinner, Dance Party with Silent and Living Auction

November 23, 2013

6:30 PM Reception, 7:15 PM

The Elegant Oak Rooms of St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre, 1289 Dundas Street West, Oakville, Ontario

Tickets available after Mass

\$45 per person till October 15

\$50 there after

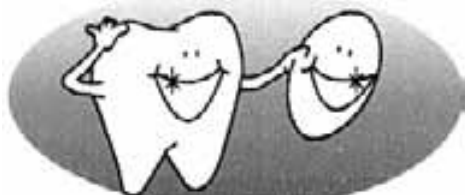
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Offertory Collection

October 13, 2013

Offertory	\$3,608.55
Building Fund	\$1,983.27
St. Peter's Church	\$243.70
Wednesday Collection	\$231.70
Confirmation	\$245.00
Sunday Missals	\$400.00
Stipend	\$265.00
Mission Sunday	\$1,222.38
Pizza	\$51.40
Baptism	\$243.00
Total	\$8,494.00

From the Feast of All Saints (November 1) to the Feast of Christ the King (November 24), the parish will pray for all our beloved dead



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