

# 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](http://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	<b>Financial Council</b>	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz	<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	
Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	<b>Building Committee</b>	
	Serge Poirier	Chairperson	Rita Borg
Altar Servers	Deacon Gerry Steyn	<b>St. Peter's Mission Church</b>	
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	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Tony Ciufu
Sacristans	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
Home Visitation	James Amores	<b>Daughters of isabella</b>	Rita Venantius
	Rebecca Poirier		905-824-7223
<b>Sacramental Preparation</b>		<b>Couples for Christ</b>	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	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.

**Sacramental Preparation***Sacrament of Confirmation*

We invite the Grade 8 Students and those in Secondary School, in Catholic, Public, and Private Schools, who wish to complete their Christian Initiation to register for the Sacramental Preparation and Celebration on the weekends of September 27/28, October 4/5, and 11/12. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate and a fee of \$35 will be required to register. The fee will cover for the materials including the rental of the gown.

*Please note that the registration will only be held on the weekends before or after all the Masses at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School. We will **NOT** be accepting registrations at the Parish Rectory. Thank you for your cooperation.*

**The Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee will meet on October 21, 2014 at the Parish Rectory starting at 7:45 PM.

**The Parish Council**

All heads of ministries and members of the Pastoral Team are invited to attend the Parish Council Meeting on October 27, 2014 at St. Peter's Mission Church starting at 7:45 PM

**Save the Date!**

International Food Festival and Dance

hosted by

The Daughters of Isabella

Friday, November 7, 2014 - 6:00PM to 10:30PM

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

\$10.00 Entrance with food sold at a nominal price

Children 15 yrs of age and under - Free!

Please contact the Daughters of Isabella if you wish to host a table

**Update on our Church Building Project**

At the beginning of the summer, we presented our drawings to the Archdiocesan Building Committee for their approval. We were encouraged by their support. Since then, we have submitted our proposal to the City of Mississauga and got a response that require some adjustments to correspond to the By-laws that are currently in place. We have sought the advice and support of Sue McFadden, our Councillor for Ward 10, and also some professional help to present our position to the City.

**Mass Intention****Saturday (October 4)**

5:00 PM Open

**Sunday (October 5)**

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM Open

11:00 AM +John D'Souza, +Gracia, Jose, Wilfredo, & Angelica Mendoza

12:30 PM +Efren Precela Tarnate, +Perla Gonzalez

**Monday (October 6)**

7:00 PM +John Braganza

**Tuesday (October 7)**

7:30 AM For parishioners who are sick and homebound

**Wednesday (October 8)**

7:00 PM +William Isaac Pereira

**Thursday (October 9)**

7:30 AM For communities that are suffering from Ebola

**Friday (October 10)**

7:00 PM Open

**Saturday (October 11)**

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado, +Susan Poole

If you wish to offer a Mass, you may call the parish office or use the form on our parish website. You can also approach Cecilia at the desk when you come for Holy Mass on Sundays.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,542,623.03

Architectural & other Fees

\$108,564.23

**Total Building Fund Collected**

**\$1,651,187.26**

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

**Charisms and their action in the Christian community**

Vatican City, 2014 (VIS) – The charisms that build the Church and make her fruitful constituted the subject of Pope Francis' catechesis during today's general audience in St. Peter's Square, attended by over 35,000 people.

“Ever since the beginning, the Lord has filled his Church with the gifts of His Spirit, making her forever alive ... and among these gifts, we find some that are particularly valuable for the edification and the progress of the Christian community: these are charisms”, said the bishop of Rome, explaining that in everyday language we often refer to “charisma” in relation to a talent or natural ability. However, from a Christian point of view, a charism is far more than a personal quality, a predisposition or a gift: it is a grace, a gift from God the Father, by the action of the Holy Spirit ... so that with the same gratuitous love it may be placed at the service of the entire community, for the good of all”.

On the other hand, Pope Francis emphasised that alone it is impossible to understand whether or not one has received a charism or what form it takes, as it is within a community that we learn to recognise them as a sign of the Father's love for all of His sons and daughters. It is therefore good for us to ask ourselves, 'Has the Lord made a charism issue forth in me, in the grace of His Spirit, that my brothers in the Christian community have recognised and encouraged? And how do I act, in relation to this gift: do I experience it with generosity, placing it at the service of all, or do I neglect it and end up forgetting about it? Or does it perhaps become a pretext for pride, so that I expect the community to do things my way?’.

“The most beautiful experience, however, is discovering how many different charisms there are, and with how many gifts of the Spirit the Father fills His Church. This must not be regarded as a cause for confusion or unease: they are all gifts that God gives to the Christian community, so that it might grow harmoniously, in faith and in His love, like one body, the body of Christ. The same Spirit that grants this diversity of charisms also constructs the unity of the Church”. He warned, “Beware, lest these gifts become a cause for envy, division or jealousy! As the apostle Paul remarks in his First Letter to the Corinthians, all charisms are important in the eyes of God, and at the same time, no-one is indispensable. This means that in the Christian community everyone needs the other, and every gift received is fully realised when it is shared with brothers, for the good of all. This is the Church! And when the Church, in the variety of her charisms, is expressed in communion, she cannot err: it is the beauty and the strength of the 'sensus fidei', of that supernatural sense of faith, that is given by the Holy Spirit so that together we can enter into the heart of the Gospel and learn to follow Jesus in our life”.

Pope Francis went on to recall that today the Church commemorates St. Therese of Lisieux, who died at the age of 24 and “loved the Church so much that she wanted to be a missionary; she wanted to have every sort of charism. And in prayer she realised that her charism was love. She said, 'In the heart of the Church, I will be love', a beautiful phrase. And we all have this charism: the capacity to love. Today let us ask St. Therese of the Child Jesus for this capacity to love the Church, to love her dearly, and to accept all these charisms with this filial love for the Church, for our hierarchical holy mother Church”.

**Offertory Collection**

<b>Offertory</b>	\$2938.45
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$2155.45
<b>St. Peter's Church</b>	\$338.25
<b>Wednesday Collection</b>	\$110.20
<b>Stipend</b>	\$120.00
<b>Sacramental Preparation</b>	\$1325.00
<b>Bishops' Collection</b>	\$721.50
<b>Beads and Things</b>	\$90.00
<b>From the box</b>	\$6.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7805.00</b>

**When Faith Meets Pedagogy 2014**

October 23 to 25  
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Toronto, Ontario

Proclaiming Joy on the Journey, presented by the Catholic Curriculum Corporation. A conference for Catholic teachers and Catholic community partners. Eucharistic Celebration with Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines. Keynote speaker John Allen Jr., CNN Senior Vatican Analyst and Associate Editor at Boston Globe. For further information contact: [www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org](http://www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org) Conference registration fee: \$290.

**“Healing, Restoration and Hope for the Family.” A Three-day Retreat  
Experience the power of the word of God and the Holy Spirit.**

October 24 to 26  
St. John's Hall

2185 Stavebank Rd., Mississauga

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For more information and registration, contact Gethsemane Ministries at 647-560-4556, [gethsemaneministries@yahoo.ca](mailto:gethsemaneministries@yahoo.ca) or visit [www.prayergroup.ca](http://www.prayergroup.ca).



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