

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.

Mass Intentions**October 23 (Saturday)**

5:00 PM +America Ruiz

October 24 (Sunday)

7:30 AM +Jude Fernandes

9:00 AM +John & Maria

Fernandes, +Elfie

Fernandes

11:00 AM +Feliciano Lim

12:30 PM +Victor,

Josephine, and Arner

Opinaldo

October 25 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Leopoldo

Ovejera, +Liza Ovejera-

Janer

October 26 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Open

October 27 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

October 28 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

October 29 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

From the Pastor's Desk*Gather all and immerse them in the depths of my mercy*

I was glad that our pilgrimage started at the Convent of our Lady of Mercy in Krakow where St. Faustina died. At the Convent, we celebrated Holy Mass right beside the relics of the saint. The message of the Lord to Sister Faustina fixed the tone of our pilgrimage from beginning to end. The message of mercy became even clearer for us when we visited the concentration and extermination camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. How is it possible that man can descend to such abyss? The evil that human beings inflicted on their fellow human being boggles the mind. It deeply affected me when I noticed the proximity of the building that the Nazi used for their socialization and the gas chamber. How can they party and not hear the cries and screams of those who were being poisoned? What hatred has been unleashed!

It was difficult to walk through the camps. We entered the gates in laughter and we emerged from it in shock and silence. We came face to face with evil. But amidst the horror and inhumanity, we also saw a glimmer of hope. In the cell where Maximilian Kolbe died, a paschal candle, left by the pope to mark his visit, signalled this hope.

I recalled the words of Dr. Viktor Frankl, who wrote about his prison experiences in the concentration camp. He said that one should always try to find meaning despite the horror, suffering, and indignities that we experience each day. One must find hope even if it is faint or wavering.

Mercy, Despair, Hope. This was the sequence of our pilgrimage. We heard the message of mercy. We descended into hell and saw how humanity has suffered. But, Hell is not the last word. It can never be. Hope is our salvation. Only through it that true freedom is possible.

Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation, First Communion,
Confirmation

We are now accepting registrations for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation for children enrolled in Catholic Schools, Public and Private Schools, and Home Schooling. We require a copy of the child's baptismal certificate and a fee of \$10 for children in Catholic Schools or \$20 for children in Public & Private Schools. For Confirmation, \$20 will be charged for all registrations. The last week of registration will be on the first weekend of November. Please be guided accordingly.

Book of Remembrance

Our Parish will once again display our Book of Remembrance in all our Masses throughout the month of November. We will commemorate our loved ones and friends in all our Masses throughout the month. Please do not hesitate to write down the names of those you wish to remember starting on November 1. We will be offering two Masses on All Souls' Day: 7:45 AM and 7:00 PM. The venue for the evening mass will be announced next week depending on venue availability.

Visit of Sr. Anne Bosio, Fdccc

Sr. Anne Bosio, the Provincial Superior of the Canossian Sisters will be in St. Josephine Bakhita Parish on October 21 to 27, to visit the Sisters, Fr. Mark and our parish community. This is Sr. Anne's second visit here since our parish was established. Kindly accord her a warm welcome at this weekend's Masses.

Refugees and Migrants

As a result of war, violence, famine and natural disasters, one in every 300 persons in the world is an international refugee - 20.6 million. Another 25 million are internally displaced persons, often unable to leave situations of war and violence (UNDP, HDR 2002 p. 16). Half of the world's refugees are children. Many refugee camps are in poor condition and unprotected from violence.

As of 2003, 175 million people reside outside of their country of birth - an all time high and double that of a generation ago. Most migrants seek employment and education in the hope of better lives, but are often met with resistance and restrictive immigration laws. Immigrants today tend to be less educated and lower skilled than the populations of their receiving countries, and do not find access to the opportunities they expected. Cultural and ethnic tension increases, erupting at times into violent conflict. Nonetheless, the vast majority of immigrants are making contributions to their host countries, often working in sectors in which locals will not. Many risk being exploited as cheap labour, and some in slavery-like situations. Other immigrants are highly skilled professionals - the loss of human resources in their countries of origin is a very serious consequence.

Thanks to the parishioners who participated at the Iraqi refugees crisis information night on Thursday, October 21. We will continue this conversation, and hope that we will be helped in our discernment process as a parish community, regarding this important and urgent issue.

Our Parish Social Concerns Ministry will host future follow-up meetings. Please see the bulletin for announcements to this effect. Thank you.

International Fund Food Festival and Dance

The Daughters of Isabella invites you to participate in the International Food Festival and Dance on Friday, October 29, 2011 at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School as part of our ongoing effort to raise money for the building of our church. The cost of the ticket per person is \$10. Children from 14 years old and under are free. There are 15 countries represented.

**Thank you for supporting our Building Fund.
The Building Fund stands at \$444,986.40**

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a membership drive on October 23/24, 2010 at all the Masses. Men, from 18 and above, are invited to consider becoming a Knight.

Women at the Well

The women's spirituality program will be held on Saturday, October 30 at 10 Am to 11 AM at St. Peter's Mission Church. This month's topic is: "Martha and Mary" from the gospel of Luke. Please bring a bible. Contact Sr. Cristina to sign up. See you there.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or anyone you know are interested to prepare for the sacraments to become Catholic or to complete your Christian Initiation, First Communion or Confirmation, please see Sr. Cristina or Roman Lim to register. The RCIA meetings are held at St. Peter's Mission Church.

Mission Sunday October 24

Please support the Missions!



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