

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

Chairperson Roman Lim

ST. PETER'S MISSION

Chairperson JC Cadieux

Knights of Columbus
Daughters of Isabella
Couples for Christ
Legion of Mary

Tony Ciuffo - Tel. 905-542-9883
Rita Venantius - Tel. 905-824-7223
Toti Quijano - Tel. 905-567-3236
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

October 2 (Saturday)

5:00 PM Open

October 3 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Jovita Aspiras
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Lim Family
+Lauro Lobendino, +Alma Dominica
Quiambao
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Rosario
Lopez

October 4 (Monday)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of del Rosario
Family

October 5 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Special Intention of Belen King

October 6 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

October 7 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

October 8 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

October 9 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Parents who wish to register their
children for Confirmation are invited to
attend an **Informational Meeting**, 4
PM, at St. Joan of Arc School on

October 17, 2010 St. Faustina School &
St. Simon Stock School

October 24, 2010 St. Bernard School,
St. Edith Stein, Public & Private
Schools, Home School.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi October 4

Blessing of Pets after the 7 PM Mass at
St. Peter's Mission Church

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I had the opportunity this week to see two movies. The first was "Bless You Prison" and the second was "The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler". "Bless You Prison" was about the Romanian Nicoleta Valery Grossu, who was imprisoned by the Communist because of her political beliefs and found God and survived despite the horrible cruelty that she was subjected to. "The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler" was about a Polish Catholic social worker who in the early days of World War II devised a daring plan to rescue Jewish children from the ghetto.

When Nicolata Valery Grossu was arrested, tortured, and thrown into solitary confinement, she narrates that her mother was a very religious person and used to read to her as a young girl the Book of Psalms. But when she became older, like many of her peers, never thought about God until she found herself in prison. As she languished in jail and badly beaten, she recalled those Bible passages that her mother used to read and with a plum seed, she scribbled them on the wall. These passages comforted, strengthened, and kept her going until she gained her freedom many years later. "Bless you Prison," she exclaimed, because the prison became for her a place of grace.

Irena Sendler, on the other hand, tells us about an instance when she was debating whether to help the children or not. She recalled what her father had said to her as a child: "When you see a person drowning, try to rescue him even if you do not know how to swim." With these words, she disguised herself as a nurse and together with her colleagues, gained access to the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw and, one by one, smuggled some 2,500 children to safety by putting them up with Polish families who were willing to help or placed them in convents and orphanages.

The formative years of a child are crucial. The values that we instill in them will shape their future. I have met many parents who despair about their children, who seem to have forgotten the values that their parents have diligently and carefully fostered. Their parents have brought them to church and taught them to revere God, and now, that they have become adults, they rarely, if not never, warm the pews of the church.

I believe that the grace of God will never go to waste. It is like rain that waters the field and in due season will produce a good harvest. Nicoleta found God while in prison because her mother took the time to read to her as a little girl the Bible. Irena saved many children because her father provided her with a shining example to imitate. When Irena was young, her father, who was a medical doctor, took care of those who became sick of typhus, at a time when many doctors refused these poor victims medical help. Eventually, her father succumbed to the disease and died.

Parents must do whatever they can to raise their children in the ways of faith. As a parish community, we must do whatever we can to welcome the children and assist them to become active participants of the Christian community. This is a duty we should not remiss. We do not see the fruit now, but I am certain there will be. Several years ago, in one of my former parishes, I saw a young woman crying in church one day. I approached her to see what was wrong. Then, she told me her story. She was HIV positive. As a young girl, she attended the Catholic school next door. She recalled that her school community would come to the Church and attend Mass. Later on, she moved to another school in another community, and never stepped into a church again, until that morning I met her. In her moment of crisis, she retraced her steps, visited the only church she attended as a child, and sought God. I have never forgotten her. I am sure God has not forgotten her either.

The Relic of Mother Bakhita will visit the homes of:

Oct. 3 - 9 Erna & Rey Opinaldo and Family will receive the Relic at the 12:30PM Mass
Oct. 9 - 16 Diana & Mark Pinto and Family at the 5:00PM Mass
Oct. 17-23 Azhar & Nakkash Ragheed & Family at the 11:00AM Mass
Oct. 24-30 Jude Angelo & Family at the 9:00AM Mass



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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

WALK OF HOPE 2011 PLANNING

Any parishioners who want to get involved in the planning and organizing of our parish walkathon this coming year, may contact Myra Del Rosario or Rico Tingin or Sr. Cristina. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at St. Peter's Mission Church



JOINT BUILDING & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES' MEETING

There will be a joint meeting of the Building and Fundraising Committees with David Finnegan, Director of Planning and Properties, and Arthur Peters, Development

Office, of the Archdiocese of Toronto at the Rectory, on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 7 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parish Finance Committee will have a meeting at the Rectory on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at the Rectory starting at 7:30 PM.

Christmas Lanterns

We are selling Christmas Lanterns made out of sea shells from the Philippines. All proceeds will go to support our Building Fund

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Edith Stein School is now accepting vendors for their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 10:00AM to 4:00PM. We will have an array of vendors including crafts, jewelry, toys, clothing, and more! What a great opportunity to display your own crafts, hobbies or small business. Please contact Tarcey Hollick at 416-729-5739 or by email at steinbazaar@hotmail.com Cost is \$40.00 per 6 foot table. A \$15.00 deposit is required to secure your spot. Please mail it to St. Edith Stein School, 6234 Osprey Blvd. Mississauga, ON, L5N 5V5. Thank you.

Know your Catechism!

It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity and freedom. The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community by paying their taxes, exercising the right to vote, and to defend one's country (Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 2239 and 2240).

International 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 more than 15 countries represented.



Social Justice Awareness

Our Parish Social Concerns Ministry concretizes the mandate for us to be "a community that is missionary, open to the needs of the world, committed to the promotion of justice, peace, and the stewardship of creation". The members of this ministry coordinate four areas of concern, namely, a) material assistance to the poor, b) outreach to caregivers and other immigrants who are in need, c) activities for seniors in our parish, and visits to sick and homebound, d) mission awareness campaigns.

The guidelines of the Archdiocese of Toronto regarding this ministry calls for a "renewed commitment to fulfill the Church's social mission of charity, justice and peace, by responding in an organized way to community and individual human needs". It further states that "our values are based on the principles of the Catholic Social Teachings on: the life and dignity of the human person; call to family, community and participation; rights and responsibilities; option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; care of God's creation."

How do you respond to the needs of those who live in the margins of our society? How aware are you of the plight of the poor in your family, in your community, in the world? Who is the poor in your midst?

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Donations of food to be given to poor families in our parish for Thanksgiving Day will be collected this weekend and the next. Please put them in the bins provided in the hallway. Gift certificates are to be given to Sr. Cristina. The Social Concern Ministry team will take care of packing the Food Hampers, with a note that they are "Love Offerings" from St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. Thanks to all for your generosity.



LAY CANOSSIANs

A new group of men and women who are interested to know about this lay association of the faithful sharing the Canossian charism and spirituality, will begin an Initial Formation Program in October. Please see Sr. Cristina or Sr. Neco for further information.

**Thank you for supporting our Building Fund
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