

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

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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.



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 30 (Saturday)

5:00 PM +Robert Buena, +Evelyn
Macalaguim, +Juanito Umali,
+Myles O'Grady

October 31 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +John & Lucy Pereira
+Pedro & Concepcion Bacud
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of
Rodrigues family
+Randy Cruz, +Teofilo
Buenaventura
12:30 PM +Santiago Ledesma,
+Gerardo & Armando Golez

November 1 (Monday)

7:00 PM For our Faithful Departed

November 2 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM For all Faithful Departed
9:00 AM For all Faithful Departed
7:00 PM For all Faithful Departed

November 3 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

November 4 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

November 5 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

November 6 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

The Relic of Mother Bakhita

October 31 to November 6
Arlene & BJ Raymundo
November 7 to November 13
Silvio Zahra Family
November 14 to November 20
Cris Sis Family
November 21 to November 27
Elsa & Victor Torrejon

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I had the opportunity together with some parishioners to visit the Canossian Convent in Schio where Mother Bakhita lived for forty-seven years. This was my second visit. As our group explored the convent starting from the chapel where her mortal remains are venerated, to the sacristy where she meticulously took care of the holy vessels and linens, and then to the small museum that displayed her meagre belongings, and culminating in the room where she died, I was particularly struck by a drawing of man giving to a young African girl a simple metal crucifix. It is said that Signor Checchini was moved to assist the young Bakhita to become a Christian. But, there were certain obstacles. First, the difficulty of language. Bakhita did not speak a definite language, but a medley of African dialects and some Venetian words that were needed in everyday use. Bakhita also did not know how to read and write. "Who would have the patience to catechize her?", he thought. Secondly, Bakhita had a mistress who was particularly atheist. Would this mistress allow her to embrace Christianity? Would she free Bakhita from her chores so she can attend instruction? In spite of these difficulties, Signor Checchini had a faith that could move mountains and one day decided to give Bakhita a crucifix. As he gave it to her, he devoutly kissed it, and then entrusted Bakhita to the Lord praying thus: "Now Lord, you are with her and if you want her you will find your way to have her". Upon receiving the crucifix, Bakhita inquired. "Who is this man? What did he do to merit this punishment?" Signor Checchini told her that it was Jesus and that He died for us including Bakhita. Bakhita could not believe what she was hearing from Signor Checchini. "He died for me?", she said, "I, a black woman, a slave? He died for me?"

We are in the process of preparing our children for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. The children are excited. They want to know and love Jesus. They want to experience Him in the sacraments. Unfortunately, some parents are not as enthusiastic as their children are. Take the case of a parent who called the office yesterday to inquire about registering her child for the sacraments, we told her that we are only accepting registration on the weekend before or after any of the Masses we celebrate at St. Joan of Arc School. The parent exclaimed, "do you mean I have to go to Church on Sunday?" "Yes," I replied. "Oh?", she responded. It is sad when we get this type of reaction from parents. Children deserve better. Children need to know the Lord; and the best preparation we can offer them is not from books, but regular Sunday participation in the Eucharist and daily interaction within the family, including the family meal.

As for our parish community, we shall continue to offer sacramental preparation to the children even if many of the children will never come to church because their parents have other priorities. It is lamentable. Even so, we will not hold this against them. Like Signor Checchini, we will do whatever we can; we will learn to entrust our children to the Lord and pray the same: "Now Lord, you have given importance to the children in your life and ministry. You blessed and held them as a way to your Kingdom. We entrust the children our parish to you. If you want them you will find your way to have them." Mother Moretta, lover of children, great storyteller, delightful child-sitter, pray for us.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

November 2, 2010
Mass Schedule

7:45 AM St. Joan of Arc School Chapel
9:00 AM St. Peter's Mission Church
7:00 PM St. Peter's Mission Church



ANNUAL BISHOPS' ALTAR SERVER AWARDS

Congratulations and Thank you's are in order for our parish's altar servers who received this honor on October 23, at Mass in Sts. Peter and Paul Church. They received the award medals from Bishop John Boissoneau, Auxiliary Bishop of the Western Pastoral Region. They were recommended for this award by Fr. Mark and Sr. Cristina, following the criteria of: a strong sense of commitment, responsibility, leadership, perfect attendance for altar serving, joyful giving. This year's awardees are: Jillianne Gorospe, Daniel Joemathew, Matthew Watson, Beth and Betsy Mensah, Warren and Netanya Amalsad. May they continue to give good examples of service and "forever appreciate the beauty of the Mass" (Archbishop Collins).



Thank you

Thank you to the Daughters of Isabella for organizing our International Food Festival and Dance. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talent, to all who donated food and drinks, to those who helped sell the tickets. Thank you also to those who came. All proceeds will go to support our Church Building Fund.

IRAQI CHRISTIAN REFUGEES INFORMATION CAMPAIGN

The National Initiative to Boost Refugee Sponsorship out of Damascus, initiated by the Archdiocese of Toronto is a response to the Iraqi refugee crises. A nation is under attack - and their Christian community - the Iraqi Chaldeans, Assyrians and others - face systematic elimination similar to genocide. Exactly thirty years ago, the Catholic community was one of the leading faith groups in saving the lives of many Vietnamese - (the boat people). The Archdiocese through the Office for Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT) is asking the Catholic community to stir up and come to the aid of refugees once again. If you are interested to become involved in our parish's response, please contact Sr. Cristina. We are in the process of forming working committees, to make this happen in our parish as part of our Social Concerns Ministry. For further information, you may log on www.helpiraqichristians.ca, it is a great site, or www.archtoronto.org/refugees.

Help for Troubled Marriages: Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is a program to help married couples through difficult times in their marriage relationships. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover one other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. For confidential information or to register for the November 12-14, 2010, weekend call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at: www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

PRE-AUTHORIZED FORM OF GIVING

Would you like to participate in the Pre-Authorized form of supporting the parish? It is convenient. Your offering is received automatically every month and it will provide continual support of your parish even when you are away. Forms are available at the desk.

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, PEACE, AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION (JPIC)

We commit ourselves and not the the others, only ourselves and not the others.

We commit ourselves without expecting that others should commit themselves with us or on one's own account, like us, or in other ways.

We commit ourselves without judging those who do not commit, without accusing those who do not entrust, without condemning those who do not involve.

We will not give up because others do not commit.

We commit ourselves because we cannot but commit ourselves.

There is someone or something in us, an instinct, a reason, a vocation, a grace stronger than ourselves.

We commit ourselves to find meaning in life, to this life, to our life,

a reason that is not among so many reasons that we know very well,

that does not take hold of our heart. We live only once and we do not want to be used in the name of any small gain.

We commit ourselves, because we believe in love,

the only certainty that does not fear confrontation,

the only thing that is sufficient to commit ourselves forever.

(by Don Mazzolari, quoted in part from the "Canossian Basic Guidelines for JPIC", pp.82-83)

Our Parish is in the process of organizing our Youth Ministry, we call upon our young people to participate. Please contact Sister Nancy if you are interested.

Sacramental Preparation

The first session for First Reconciliation Preparation will be held at St. Joan of Arc School for the following dates: **November 7 at 10 AM** for St. Bernard School and St. Edith Stein School including Public/Private and Home Schooling.

November 14 at 10 AM for St. Faustina School and St. Simon Stock School.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund
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