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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.org

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.

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 exemplifed 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
- 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
- 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.

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We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Secondary School 3801 Thomas Street Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 PM 9:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday 7:45 AM 7:00 PM Wednesday, Friday

> St. Peter's Mission Church Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

> > SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday 7:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 PM Monday Saturday 9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday after the 7 PM Holy
- 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.

PARISH SUNDAY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 18, 2011



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

September 17 (Saturday)

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Carmen & Ed Palacio, +Peter Edward Rondeau

September 18 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community 9:00 AM +Doris & Feliciano Quinto 11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Milan De Silva, +Richard Valere, + Emerita Tadeo 12:30 PM +Gregorio del Socorro, +Mercedes & Venecio Conde

September 19 (Monday)

7:00 PM Open

September 20 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Open

September 21 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Open

September 22 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

September 23 (Friday)

7:00 PM +Zej D'Souza

September 24 (Saturday)

9:00 AM +Raul Desa

5:00 PM For the departed souls

Come and See Weekend

Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine Seminary for young men contemplating a possible call to the priesthood

> November 4 to 6, 2011 February 3 to 5, 2012 June 1 to 3, 2012

If interested: Rev. Hansoo Park Director for Vocations Tel. 416-968-0997

or

see poster on our Bulletin Board for more information

UPDATE ON OUR BUILDING FUND

Our Total Building Fund is \$837,063.14 Thank you for your generosity

Thank you to Organizing Committee for the Variety Show last Saturday evening.

The committee was able to raise \$6000 for our Building Fund.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Our Parish Photo Directory Committee invites all families in our parish to arrange to have their pictures taken for our first Directory. New schedules are available. The photo session is done by IPC Canada, which has extensive experience working with churches throughout Canada. Please note that all participating families will receive a copy of the Pictorial Directory and an 8X10 picture. They are absolutely free. However, if a family wises to purchase more copies of their picture, they can do so directly with IPC.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



The registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion for all children enrolled in Catholic, Private & Public Schools will be held on the weekends of September 17 & 18, 24 & 25 before or after all the Masses at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required in order to register. The Registration Form can be downloaded from our parish website. It is also available at the four Catholic Elementary Schools attached to our parish, and on Sundays as we gather together for worship at St.

Joan of Arc Secondary

School or at St. Peter's. In order to facilitate matters, we will only accept registration only on the dates indicated. We ask for your cooperation.

The registration for Confirmation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for all Grade 8 students of Catholic, Public & Private Schools will be held on the weekends of October 1 & 2, 8 & 9 before or after all our Masses at St. Joan of Arc Secondary Schools. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate is required to register. Forms are available as indicated above.



Parish Catechesis on the General Instruction on the Roman Missal

on Mondays (September 26, October 3, 10, 24, 31) at St. Peter's Mission Church starting at 7:45 PM (following the Evening Mass)

to be given by Fr. Mark for those who wish to study with him the New Roman Missal so that together with him we will be able to properly celebrate Holy Mass together.

No need to register, just come and join in the Study and Reflection

Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada September 24/25, 2011

The annual national collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held next weekend. The funds will be used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and internal pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements. The Bishops of Canada thank you in advance for your kind generosity. We are also asked to pray for the work of the Bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCCB. For more information, please visit www.cccb.ca

Volunteers needed!!!

We need adults and/or young adults, men and women, who are willing to journey with our young people who are preparing for their First Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Theology is not a requirement. Catechist training will be provided. For details please contact Sr. Necy at 289-997-2105 or email: srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.org.

LECTORS FOR ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's Mission Church is in need of new lectors. If you are interested, please contact Sister Linda.

OPEN DOORS

We are also participating in the Open Doors on October 1. We are looking for volunteers. This is an opportunity for students to complete their volunteer hours. Please contact Fr. Mark if you are interested.

International Food Festival and Dance

Friday, October 28, 2011
5:30 pm until 12:00 Midnight
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School
Entrance Fee: \$10.00 (children 12 and under free)
Proceeds to the Building Fund



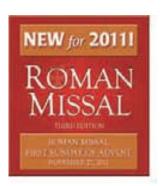
Saint Josephine Bakhita Youth Group

Our regular meeting is every third Sunday of

the month. We will resume on October 16, 2011 from 2:00 - 4:30 pm at Saint Joan of Arc Secondary School. This ministry is open to all youth from Grad3 7-12. Please mark your calendar. Come and join your peers and have fun!

The Lord be with you

This greeting is made several times during Mass. It comes, of course from the Latin, 'Dominus vobiscum' and it has been used at Mass since earliest times. It is a Jewish greeting that is found many times in the Bible. Sometimes it is used to promise that God shall be with someone (Amos 5:14) or a prayer that he will protect or help (Joshua 14:12). It can be used to say



hello or goodbye (Ruth 2:4, 1Samuel 17:37, 20:13). In Latin it can be taken as meaning both a prayer that God should be with others or a confident statement that he is present among them. 'The Lord be with you' is used at Mass at certain important moments when prayer, a reading or an action is about to happen. It is a greeting that helps us to focus on our beginning something. We respond, affirming that God is indeed present and that we are ready to proceed - that we are all involved in what is going to happen. Above all it is about the presence of the Lord. It can occur at four important moments in the Mass to help us think about the presence of

Christ. At the beginning of Mass, we remember that we gather in the presence of Christ ('where two or three are gathered together in my name' Matt 18:20), At the proclamation of the Readings, we remember Christ speaks to us in the Word. At the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, when Christ becomes present among us as we share in his sacrifice under sacramental signs. At the end of Mass, Christ is with us as we glorify him by our lives and witness. There should be a joy about this greeting and response that can be easily lost. They are acclamations that Christ is present with us in our celebration. If the Lord is with us then we should rejoice. A hope is expressed that he will accompany us in this sacred action. As we enter he sacred mysteries, the Saviour joins us.

And with your spirit

The response 'And with your spirit' to 'The Lord be with you' is part of a Jewish greeting used in the Bible and in the Mass from earliest times. Think carefully about the way the word 'spirit' is being used. It means the whole of us. It sums up all that makes us truly human. Made in the God's image, we are creatures with a body who have a spiritual destiny. In the Apostles' Creed we say we believe 'in the resurrection of the body'. Here we are talking about our bodies that will be raised like Jesus'. Our bodies help us to know who we are. Looking in the mirror it is those eyes we recognize, that face we know. Our features, the lines formed by laughter or sorrow, the hair (or lack of it!) and much more record who we are and what has happened to us. Remember Saint Thomas wanting to put his finger into the holes made by the nails and the spear so that he would know that it really was Jesus. Our bodies are part of what will be redeemed. They change and decay but the fact that we have one is part of what makes us ourselves. It is not a question of shape or size. People are no less human if they lose a limb or are tiny in the womb. But it would be impossible to be a human being if we had never in some way had a body. When we use this word 'spirit' we should also think about what each us shall be eventually. When Saint Paul explained the resurrection of the body in his first letter to the Corinthians (Chapter 15) he likened our death to a seed being planted to emerge as something so much greater than what was laid in the earth. A simple physical body is laid to rest but a spiritual, life-filled body will be raised. In our reply we say that the Lord is with the priest who has greeted us in every aspect of who he is. The priest is really saying this about us as he says 'the Lord be with you'. Also we are praying that the Lord may be with the priest in every aspect of his life and who he is and who he will be. It applies to all of us too. Using the word 'spirit' reminds us that we are thinking about who we are and who we shall be. Should the priest say 'the Lord be with your spirit' to recall that this spiritual aspect applies both to priest and people? Unfortunately it would unravel a greeting taking us back to the Church's beginning. There is graciousness in this Hebrew greeting. One person mentions the Lord's presence and the other adds more. There is much to be said for preserving this ancient example of Middle Eastern charm and good manners.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you or anyone you know are interested to become Catholic, please contact the parish office or contact Sister Linda and Roman Lim.





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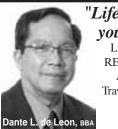
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