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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

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.

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St. Edith Stein Tel. (905) 824-5777
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St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Tel. (905) 285-0050

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Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva	Pastor
Rev. Michael Ho	Deacon
Rev. Gerry Steyn	Deacon
Ms. Cecilia Vaz	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Fatima Chan	Secretary

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Sacramental Preparation		Couples for Christ	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	Legion of Mary	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.

Training for Altar Servers

We invite all boys and girls who have done their First Communion to consider becoming an Altar Server. There will be a training on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Chapel starting at 3 PM. If you are interested, please sign up at the desk.

Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation & First Communion

We invite the children from Grade II and above, in Catholic, Public, and Private Schools to register for First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation and Celebration. Registration will be held before and after all Masses on the weekends of September 20/21, and 27/28. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate of the child and a fee of \$25 will be required to register.

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 Building Committee

The Building Committee will resume their conversations with the architect on Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Parish Rectory starting at 7:45 PM

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.

Christian Life Program

The Christian Life Program is scheduled to start on Sunday, September 14, 2014, 2 PM at St. Peter's Mission Church. This free seminar provides an opportunity to understand God's call to us as Christians.

The Couples for Christ is an international association locally based in the Archdiocese of Toronto. It works for and with Christian couples who want to deepen their faith by helping one another to revive and renew their relationship with God and to respond to the call of holiness. If you are interested, please contact Choy/Cris Sia at 905-816-2222

Mass Intention

Saturday (September 20)

5:00 PM +Alvita Furtado

Sunday (September 21)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community

9:00 AM +Emilio Cid

11:00 AM +Sheldon Gomes, +Joseph Hoang

12:30 PM For Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life

Monday (September 22)

7:00 PM +Maria Lucia Chocano,

+Justina de la Cruz

Tuesday (September 23)

7:30 AM +John Cardinal Wu

Wednesday (September 24)

7:00 PM +Felicisima & Victor Papsin

Thursday (September 25)

7:30 AM For persecuted Christians in the Middle East

Friday (September 26)

7:00 PM For parishioners who are sick with cancer

Saturday (September 27)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM +James Philip DeSouza

If you wish to offer a Mass, you may call the parish office or use the form on our parish website.

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund

Invested in the Archdiocese

\$1,539,577.55

Architectural & other Fees

\$108,564.23

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,648,141.78

Please remember to pray daily for our church building project

The Church, universal and missionary, cannot be wrapped up in herself

Vatican City, 17 September 2014 (VIS) – The meaning of the terms “Catholic” and “apostolic” when we speak about the Church was the theme of Pope Francis’ catechesis at this morning’s Wednesday general audience in St. Peter’s Square, attended by 50,000 faithful.

When we profess the Creed, we state that we believe in a Catholic and apostolic Church. “Catholic means universal”, said the Holy Father, “and a clear sign of this Catholicity is that she speaks all languages. This is none other than the effect of the Pentecost: indeed, it was the Holy Spirit that enabled the Apostles and the entire Church to communicate to all, to the very ends of the earth, the Good News of salvation and of God’s love. Thus, the Church was born Catholic – that is, ‘symphonic’ since the beginning, and she cannot be otherwise, destined as she is for evangelisation and for encountering everyone”: The Pope, remarking that everyone is able to read the Word of God in his or her own language, again encouraged those present always to carry a copy of the Gospel and to read one or two passages each day.

“If the Church is born Catholic, it means that she was born to go forth, missionary”, continued Pope Francis. “If the Apostles had stayed in the Cenacle without going out to preach the Gospel, the Church would have remained there, in that city, in that country, in that room. It is what we express when we describe her as ‘apostolic’. But they went forth. An apostle spreads the good news of Jesus’ resurrection. This term reminds us that the Church, on the foundations of the Apostles and in continuity with them, is sent to proclaim the Gospel to all humanity, with the signs of the tenderness and strength of God. The Apostles went forth, they travelled the world, they founded new churches, they consecrated new bishops and in this way, we continue their work”.

“And this too derives from the Pentecost. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is able to overcome any resistance, to defeat the temptation to remain wrapped up in ourselves, an elect few, and to consider ourselves as the only ones destined to receive God’s blessing. Imagine if a group of Christians were to consider itself in this way; they would die out. First in soul and then in body, as they would not be able to generate new life. They would not be apostolic. The Holy Spirit leads us towards our brothers, even to those who are far away in every sense, so that they can share with us the gift of love, peace and joy that the Risen Lord has left us”.

“What does it mean, for our communities and for each of us, to be part of a Church that is Catholic and apostolic? First of all, it means taking to heart the salvation of all humanity, not to be indifferent or removed from the fate of so many of our brothers, but rather to be open and in solidarity with them. It also means having a sense of the fullness, the completeness, the harmony of Christian life, always rejecting partial and unilateral positions that close us up in ourselves”.

Being part of the apostolic Church means “being aware that our faith is anchored in the proclamation and the witness of Jesus’ Apostles, and therefore always being aware that we are sent out, in communion with the successors of the Apostles, with our hearts full of joy, to proclaim Christ and His love for all humanity”.

Pope Francis recalled the “heroic life” of all the missionaries who leave their homelands to take the Gospel to others, encouraging those present to give thanks to God for the missionaries the Church has had and will continue to need.

“Let us ask the Lord to renew in us the gift of His Spirit, so that every Christian community and baptised person may be an expression of the Catholic and apostolic Holy Mother Church”.

Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$3281.60
Building Fund	\$1101.55
St. Peter’s Church	\$281.00
Wednesday Collection	\$304.75
Stipend	\$100.00
Social Concern	\$76.10
Total	\$5145.00

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you desire to be baptized or complete your Christian Initiation, please call Fr. Mark.

Regis College Fall Open House

October 4 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Regis College

100 Wellesley St. W.

All those who are interested in faith formation through theological education are invited to the Regis College Fall Open House. A series of mini-lectures presented by faculty will probe the breadth of the Catholic theological tradition, the depth of Ignatian spirituality and the value of each in creating hope in our troubled world. There will be information about academic programs, a campus tour, lunch and opportunities to have informal conversation with program directors, other faculty and current students. For more information and free online registration, visit www.RegisCollege.ca/OpenHouse or call 416-922-5474, ext. 221. Regis College is the Jesuit School of Theology at the University of Toronto.

We invite everyone to join us

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For more information and registration, contact

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