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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. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434
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St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Tel. (905) 285-0050

PASTORAL TEAM

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

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator	Anusha De Silva	Financial Council	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
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Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	Building Committee	
	Serge Poirier	Chairperson	Rita Borg
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Choirs	Jamie Marr	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
	Suzanne Pereira		
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Arts & Environment	Ronald Pasajol	Hospitality	Frank Amegah
Youth Ministry	Cora & Boyer del Rosario		
Social Concerns	Elisha Pinto	Knights of Columbus	Tony Ciufu
Sacristans	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
Home Visitation	James Amores	Daughters of isabella	Rita Venantius
	Rebecca Poirier		905-824-7223
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.

Sacramental Preparation

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 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.



Corn Roast

A project of the Knights of Columbus
September 27 & 28
St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

Save the Date!

International Food Festival and Dance

hosted by

The Daughters of Isabella

Friday, November 7, 2014 - 6:00PM to 10:30PM

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

\$10.00 Entrance with food sold at a nominal price

Children 15 yrs of age and under - Free!

Please contact the Daughters of Isabella if you wish to host a table

Mass Intention

Saturday (September 27)

5:00 PM +James Philip DeSouza,
+Theresa Raj, +Mathew Mocs

Sunday (September 28)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Saturnino & Nemesia Villa
11:00 AM +Alvita Furtado, Ayanthi
Jayasundara
12:30 PM +Paulita Javate,
+Emerenciana Martinez, Thanksgiving
of Charito Lopez

Monday (September 29)

7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (September 30)

7:30 AM Open

Wednesday (October 1)

7:00 PM Feast of St. Therese

Thursday (October 2)

7:30 AM Open

Friday (October 3)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Lewellyn
Fernandes

Saturday (October 4)

9:00 AM For our Parish Benefactors

5:00 PM Open

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

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\$1,540,377.58

Architectural & other Fees

\$108,564.23

Total Building Fund Collected

\$1,648,941.78

*Please remember to pray daily for
our church building project*

Pope Francis' message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "A Church without frontiers, mother to all"

Vatican City, 23 September 2014 (VIS) – The full text of the Holy Father's Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2015 is published below:

Jesus is 'the evangeliser par excellence and the Gospel in person'. His solicitude, particularly for the most vulnerable and marginalised, invites all of us to care for the frailest and to recognise his suffering countenance, especially in the victims of new forms of poverty and slavery. The Lord says: 'I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me'. The mission of the Church, herself a pilgrim in the world and the Mother of all, is thus to love Jesus Christ, to adore and love him, particularly in the poorest and most abandoned; among these are certainly migrants and refugees, who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind. For this reason, the theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is: Church without frontiers, Mother to all.

"The Church opens her arms to welcome all people, without distinction or limits, in order to proclaim that 'God is love'. After his death and resurrection, Jesus entrusted to the disciples the mission of being his witnesses and proclaiming the Gospel of joy and mercy. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples left the Upper Room with courage and enthusiasm; the strength of the Holy Spirit overcame their doubts and uncertainties and enabled all to understand the disciples' preaching in their own language. From the beginning, the Church has been a mother with a heart open to the whole world, and has been without borders. This mission has continued for two thousand years. But even in the first centuries, the missionary proclamation spoke of the universal motherhood of the Church, which was then developed in the writings of the Fathers and taken up by the Second Vatican Council. The Council Fathers spoke of Ecclesia Mater to explain the Church's nature. She begets sons and daughters and 'takes them in and embraces them with her love and in her heart'.

"The Church without frontiers, Mother to all, spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable. When living out this motherhood effectively, the Christian community nourishes, guides and indicates the way, accompanying all with patience, and drawing close to them through prayer and works of mercy.

"Today this takes on a particular significance. In fact, in an age of such vast movements of migration, large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions. Often, however, such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities, prior to any knowledge of the migrants' lives or their stories of persecution and destitution. In such cases, suspicion and prejudice conflict with the biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need.

On the other hand, we sense in our conscience the call to touch human misery, and to put into practice the commandment of love that Jesus left us when he identified himself with the stranger, with the one who suffers, with all the innocent victims of violence and exploitation. Because of the weakness of our nature, however, 'we are tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord's wounds at arm's length'.

"The courage born of faith, hope and love enables us to reduce the distances that separate us from human misery. Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognised in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches. Pope Paul VI spoke of this when he said that 'the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others'.

"The multicultural character of society today, for that matter, encourages the Church to take on new commitments of solidarity, communion and evangelisation. Migration movements, in fact, call us to deepen and strengthen the values needed to guarantee peaceful coexistence between persons and cultures. Achieving mere tolerance that respects diversity and ways of sharing between different backgrounds and cultures is not sufficient. This is precisely where the Church contributes to overcoming frontiers and encouraging the 'moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalisation ... towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world'.

Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$3229.85
Building Fund	\$800.00
St. Peter's Church	\$366.90
Wednesday Collection	\$152.00
Stipend	\$240.00
Sacramental Preparation	\$2770.00
Baptism	\$158.00
From the box	\$8.25
Total	\$7725.00

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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

We invite everyone to join us

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held at St. Peter's Mission Church every First Saturday of the Month

Immediately following the 9 AM Mass until 12 Noon. starting in October

Christmas Bazaar

St. Edith Stein School will be hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 8th, 2014 from 10 am to 3 pm. This is a great opportunity to start your shopping early and find that unique gift. There will also be an used book sale and face painting for the kids. For more information please contact steinbazaar@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there.

You can now financially support our Parish Community by using your favourite Credit Card via the Donate Now Button on our parish website. You can set it as a one time donation or recurring. If you need assistance in setting it up, please do not hesitate to call the parish office. Thank you.



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