

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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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](http://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.

## SCHOOLS

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St. Simon Stock Tel. (905) 785-7434  
St. Faustina Tel. (905) 821-3256

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	<b>Financial Council</b>	
Children's Liturgy	Wilma Menezes	Chairperson	Tel de la Cruz
Eucharistic Ministers	Max de la Cruz	<b>Fundraising Committee</b>	
Lectors	Conrad Rodrigues	Chairperson	Roman Lim
Ushers	Miguel Basurto	<b>Building Committee</b>	
	Serge Poirier	Chairperson	Rita Borg
Altar Servers	Deacon Gerry Steyn	<b>St. Peter's Mission Church</b>	
Choirs	Jamie Marr	Chairperson	JC Cadieux
	Suzanne Pereira		
	Raul Manzanares	Women at the Well	Anne-Marie Caister
Arts & Environment	Ronald Pasajol	Hospitality	Frank Amegah
Youth Ministry	Cora & Boyer del Rosario		
Social Concerns	Elisha Pinto	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Tony Ciufu
Sacristans	Patricia Scire		905-542-9883
Home Visitation	James Amores	<b>Daughters of isabella</b>	Rita Venantius
	Rebecca Poirier		905-824-7223
<b>Sacramental Preparation</b>		<b>Couples for Christ</b>	Toti Quijano
RCIC	Liza Capule		905-567-3236
RCIA	Roman Lim	<b>Legion of Mary</b>	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.

***I WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC!***

Each year we welcomed into the church adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). It is a ministry of people who wish to enquire about becoming full members of our faith community. The orientation night is focused for prospective adults and their sponsors. We will be offering this process again in September. If you would like to know more about the process or know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Mark.



**Registration for Sacramental Preparation**

All schools including Public and Private Schools

First Reconciliation and First Communion

September 14 & September 15

September 21 & September 22

Confirmation

September 28 & September 29

October 5 & 6



International Food Festival and Dance

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Friday, November 8, 2013 from 6 pm until 10:30 pm

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Contact: Rita Venantius #905-824-7223

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

will be held on Monday, September 16, 2013  
starting at 7:30 PM

St. Peter's Mission Church

**Finance Council Meeting**

will be held on Tuesday, September 24 starting at  
7:30 PM  
Rectory

Thank you for supporting our  
Building Fund

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\$1,360,867

Architectural Fees

\$30,876.46

**Total Building Fund Collected**

**\$1,391,742.66**

**Mass Intention**

**Saturday (September 14)**

5:00 PM Teresa Fernandez, +Moises Cuizon, +Boniface Cuizon

**Sunday (September 15)**

7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community

9:00 AM +Doris & Feliciano Quinn

11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Milan de Silva, +Richard Valere, +Lina de Montbrun, Emerita Tadeo & Elvira Villacrusis, Special Intention of R. J. D'Souza, +Hilary Fernandes

12:30 PM +Donato Lopez Sr.

**Monday (September 16)**

7:00 AM Open

**Tuesday (September 17)**

7:30 AM Open

**Wednesday (September 18)**

7:00 PM Open

**Thursday (September 19)**

7:30 AM Open

**Friday (September 20)**

7:00 PM +Sheldon Gomes

**Saturday (September 21)**

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Lina Cabasa, +M.A. Michael

5:00 PM Open

**Legion of Mary**

"The family that prays together stays together!"

Welcome to Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue Home Visitation promoted by the Legion of Mary in our parish since 2008.

Pray the Holy Rosary with members of your own family and be blessed. To book your desired schedule, please see any member of the Legion of Mary at the end of each mass this weekend. For further details and to book a visit please contact anyone of the following: Aurora (905 814 9627). Patricia (905 564 0345) or Ana (905 821 2343)



“First and foremost a mother gives life, she carries her child in the womb for nine months and then introduces him to life – she generates him. The Church does likewise: she generates us in faith, by the work of the Holy Spirit who renders her fruitful, like the Virgin Mary. Certainly, faith is a personal act ... but we receive faith from others, in a family, in a community that teaches me to say 'I believe', 'we believe'. A Christian is not an island! We do not become Christians alone and by our own efforts, but rather faith is a gift from God that is given in and through the Church. And

the Church gives us life in Baptism: that is, the moment in which she enables us to be born as children of God, the moment in which she gives us life in God, in which she generates us as a mother. ... This permits us to understand something very important: our participation in the Church is not an external or formal fact, it is not a question of filling out a form, but is instead an internal and vital act. One does not belong to the Church in the same way as one belongs to a society, a team or any other organization. It is a living bond, like that one has with one's own mother as ... the Church is truly the mother of all Christians”.

“A mother does not limit herself to giving life, but rather with great care helps her children to grow; she gives them milk, she nurtures them, she shows them the path of life, she accompanies them ... she also knows how to correct them, to forgive, to understand; she knows how to be close to them in times of illness and suffering. In short, a good mother helps her children to come out of themselves, not to stay comfortably tucked under the maternal wing. ... The Church, like a good mother, does the same thing: she accompanies our growth by transmitting to us the Word of God, which is a light that illuminates the path of Christian life, in administering the Sacraments. She nourishes us with the Eucharist, she brings us God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance, she supports us in times of sickness through the Anointing of the Sick. The Church accompanies us in all our life in faith, in all our Christian life”.

**Scarboro Foreign Mission**

The Formation Education Department and the Lay Mission Office of Scarboro Missions are holding a Vocation's Fair at Scarboro Missions on October 20th. A Vocation's Fair poster with accompanying letter has been mailed to you. In the past when we have sent posters to you and asked you to advertise our events in your parish bulletins, some parishes requested that we send an electronic copy of the advertisement for the bulletin. Therefore I have attached to this email a copy of the advertisement for your bulletin and ask if you would be so kind as to include it in your parish bulletin for three consecutive weeks prior to the actual event (Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13)

**Join Fr. Mark on a tour of South America**

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**SINGLES FOR CHRIST**

CFC Singles For Christ will be holding a Christian Life Program at Merciful Redeemer Parish (2775 Erin Centre Boulevard) starting Sunday, September 15th. The goal of the program is to encourage participants to seek out the plan God has for their lives, to form and deepen their relationship with Jesus, to open themselves to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and to express that relationship with God in every aspect of their lives. Each CLP session consists of a talk, praise and worship music, and the opportunity to share thoughts and experiences in small group discussion.

The CLP is also the entry point to the Singles For Christ community, where you're able to continue on your faith journey accompanied by like-minded brothers and sisters. The ministry's biggest focus is on vocation discernment for adults aged 21-35 and providing pastoral guidance and a support environment appropriate to that focus.

Sessions are every Sunday from September 15th to December 1st, from 1:30-5:00PM. For more information, please contact Mark Co ([markchristopher.co@gmail.com](mailto:markchristopher.co@gmail.com)) or Renée Ardiente ([renee.ardiente@gmail.com](mailto:renee.ardiente@gmail.com)). Hope to see you there!

**Offertory Collection**

**September 8, 2013**

Offertory	\$3,422.00
Building Fund	\$2,460.00
St. Peter's Church	\$510.00
Wednesday Collection	\$160.00
Baptism	\$270.00
Beads and Things	\$55.00
Stipend	\$200.00
ShareLife	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,177</b>

**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF**

An estimated 100,000 people have already lost their lives in the conflict in Syria over the past two years and roughly 2 million people have fled, taking refuge in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Iraq and other countries. The conflict in Syria has unleashed a large-scale humanitarian crisis. Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways: Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)/By phone through the Development office - 416-934-3411/Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
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