

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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WEBSITE: www.stjosephinebakhita.org

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
Sr. Cristina Ovejera, Fdccc
Sr. Necy, Guan, Fdccc
Fatima Chan

Pastor
Pastoral Assistant for Adult Formation
Pastoral Assistant for Children & Youth
Parish Secretary

MINISTRIES

Volunteer Coordinator
Children's Liturgy
Children Religious Education
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Ushers
Altar Servers
Social Concerns
Choirs

Anusha De Silva
Rory Agellon
Chanel D'Mello
Max de la Cruz
Tim Marchand
Miguel Basurto
Joanna Aguilar
Patricia Scire
Jamie Marr
Raul Manzanares
Suzanna Pereira
Ronald Pasajol
Cora and Boyer del Rosario

Church's Environment

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson Tel de la Cruz

PARISH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Roman Lim

ST. PETER'S MISSION

Chairperson JC Cadieux

Knights of Columbus
Daughters of Isabella
Couples for Christ
Legion of Mary

Tony Ciuffo - Tel. 905-542-9883
Rita Venantius - Tel. 905-824-7223
Toti Quijano - Tel. 905-567-3236
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.

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

September 18 (Saturday)

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Milan de Silva
& family

September 19 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Patrick Roach, +Suzett
Lopes
11:00 AM Special Intention of Tadeo
family
12:30 PM +Susan Aldana, +Ronato
Lopez, +Nencia Andal

September 20 (Monday)

7:00 PM Open

September 21 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Open

September 22 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +M.A. Michael

September 23 (Thursday)

7:45 AM +Jeff D'Souza, +J.C. Babu

September 24 (Friday)

7:00 PM +Carmina Fernandes

September 25 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Jose & Edith
Pangilinan

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Parents who wish to register their
children for First Reconciliation & First
Communion are invited to attend an
Informational Meeting, 10 AM, at St.
Joan of Arc School on

September 26, 2010 St. Faustina
School & St. Simon Stock School

October 3, 2010 St. Bernard School, St.
Edith Stein, Public & Private Schools,
Home School.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Parishioners often ask me to bless their house or their car. It is interesting to see the reaction of those who are unfamiliar with this Catholic tradition. It is a practice that Holy Mother, the Church, promotes universally for the pastoral benefit of the people of God. By celebrating a blessing, the people makes holy the various situations and events of their lives, gives them the opportunity to praise and thank God, and implores God's protection and assistance always. In the next few Sundays, I intend to devote a series of reflection on some of the blessings that the Church provides. We will begin with the most common request(s) this weekend: the House Blessing and Car Blessing.

The House Blessing is a blessing that people request from the priest to mark their moving into a new home in order to thank God, from whom all blessings come, for the gift of their new place. Some families may want to celebrate this blessing as soon as they receive the key from the realtor, before they even move in, or shortly thereafter. For others, only after they have settled in. Sometimes, families also request to have their house blessed a second or third time, for one reason or the other - maybe because of a renovation or because someone was gravely ill and has been restored to health. Regardless of the reason, no blessing of a home will be celebrated unless those who live in it are present.

Families who wish to receive this blessing may approach the parish priest to arrange the schedule of the blessing. The Order of Blessing, as approved by the Conference of Bishops, includes the following structure: Introductory Rites, the Reading of the Word of God, Intercessions, Prayer of Blessing, Sprinkling of Holy Water on those present and the new home, and the Concluding Rite.

In addition to the Order of Blessing, I would recommend that a family altar should be set up or if this is not possible, that a crucifix or the picture of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary be incorporated in the blessing and hanged on the wall. If the family desires it, a Consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary may also take place. I also encourage you to light candles. A candle is a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World, and a reminder of your baptism.

Since the garage of the house is also included in the blessing, you may also wish to have your car(s) blessed. However, the blessing of a car can also be celebrated by itself. There is usually no need to make an appointment to have your car blessed as far as I, your pastor, is concerned. You may approach me to do this for you before or after any of our Masses whether at St. Joan of Arc School or at St. Peter's Mission Church. I will gladly do it for you.

"The love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His Call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.

On November 5 to 7, 1010

There will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend for time of prayer, reflection, and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic Priesthood.

All are welcome to join Archbishop Collins, for Lectio Divina at St. Michael's Cathedral, as he leads us in prayer and reflection on scriptural passages. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 7 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30-8:15 p.m.

2010 Dates

November 7, 2010 - Revelation 2:1-17

December 5, 2010 - Revelation 2:18-3:6

LAY CANOSSIAN

A new group of men and women who are interested to know about this lay association of the faithful sharing the Canossian charism and spirituality, will begin an Initial Formation Program in October. Please see Sr. Cristina or Sr. Nocy for further information.

PARISH SOCIAL CONCERNS

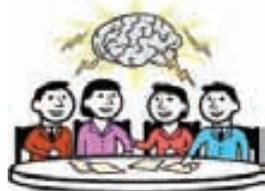
This team will be in the process of re-organization for the new pastoral year. If you want to be part of the group who is responsible of helping the poor in our parish, you may contact Patricia Scire or Sr. Cristina.

JOINT BUILDING & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES' MEETING

There will be a joint meeting of the Building and Fundraising Committees with David Finnegan, Director of Planning and Properties, and Arthur Peters, Development Office, of the Archdiocese of Toronto at the Rectory, on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 7 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parish Finance Committee will have a meeting at the Rectory on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at the Rectory starting at 7:30 PM.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

All the Heads of Ministries and Organizations in the Parish, Parish School Representatives, and Pastoral Team members are invited to attend the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 7:30 PM at the Rectory.

Volunteer Catechist Wanted!

Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish offers varied opportunities to share our time, talents, and treasure in building up a more vibrant faith-community. Are we willing and ready to make this happen? Do you feel God is calling you to share and pass on your faith to our young people? If you are, come and be catechists! No need to be knowledgeable in theology. All we need is openness of heart and mind to learn. Training of catechists will be offered. For details and interest, please call 289-997-2105 or email to: srnocy@stjosephinebakhita.org "God loves a cheerful giver."



WALK OF HOPE 2011

The first meeting of the planning committee will be held on Tuesday, September 28, at 7:30PM in St. Peter Mission Church. The annual walkathon is one of our parish's big fund-raisers, it

is not too early to begin organizing it. Suggestions are welcome, please contact Myra Del Rosario or Sr. Cristina.

International Food Festival and Dance

The Daughters of Isabella invites you to participate in the International Food Festival and Dance on Friday, October 29, 2011 at St. Joan of Arc Secondary School as part of our ongoing effort to raise money for the building of our Church.

The cost of the ticket per person is \$10

Children from 14 years old and under are free.

There are 15 countries represented.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This is held every Thursday, at 7:00-8:30PM in St. Peter's Mission Church. If you or someone you know want to participate in this Journey of Faith, just show up at this time and place. You are most welcome!

Annual Workshop for Volunteer Leaders of the Parish Based Marriage Preparation Program

Topic: Leading a Marriage Preparation Course based on a Catholic Vision of Marriage

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Family Life, invites you to attend the 2010 Annual Workshop for Volunteer Leaders of the Parish Based Marriage Preparation Program. The emphasis this year is upon identifying the elements that make a marriage preparation course effective in assisting the individual and the couple discern their readiness for marriage. All members of our parish who wish to volunteer to form a Marriage Preparation Team are welcome to attend this workshop. It will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 9 AM to 3 PM at St. Bonaventure Parish, 1300 Leslie St., Don Mills (West side of Leslie, South of Lawrence Ave.). There is no charge. Lunch will be provided. To register you may contact Maria, Alda or Mary at (416) 921-1163 or by email, at mvareta@cfsofto.org

PLEASE HELP THE FLOOD VICTIMS OF PAKISTAN

Please be aware that the federal government announced yesterday that it has extended the deadline of its gift-matching program for the Pakistan flood relief appeal to October 3.

Those wishing to help through a financial contribution may do so in the following ways:

- Online through ShareLife's website: www.sharelife.org
- By phone through the ShareLife office – 1-800-263-2595 or 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: ShareLife – Parish Name – Floods - Pakistan

Reserve your Date for Mother Bakhita's Relic to visit your home. There are so many requests. We are now reserving dates for May 2011. Do not delay!

Thank you for supporting our Building Fund \$418,000

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