

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 or St. Peter's Mission 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 25 (Saturday)

5:00 PM Special Intention of Maria
Cleofe Lara

September 26 (Sunday)

7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM Open
11:00 AM +Joseph Hoang
12:30 PM Special Intention of
Christopher Colaco and Family
+Ana Mocanu

September 27 (Monday)

7:00 PM +James DeSouza
+Veronica DeSouza

September 28 (Tuesday)

7:45 AM Open

September 29 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM Special Intention of Aimee del
Rosario

September 30 (Thursday)

7:45 AM Open

October 1 (Friday)

7:00 PM Open

October 2 (Saturday)

9:00 AM Open

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

How often do you examine your life? It is often said that the unreflected life is not worth living. It is, therefore, highly recommended that you examine your life periodically, to see where you have been, and to chart where you are heading. One of the tools that may help you to regularly examine your life is called the Prayer of Examen. I suggest that at the end of the day and before you go to bed at night that you spend some quiet moments with God. As you engage yourself in the Prayer of Examen, you will not only come to know who you are, but also who God is, as you relate to God, and as God relates to you.

The method is quite simple, easy to learn, and easy to execute. Whenever we go into prayer, it is always good to situate ourselves in the presence of God. You may wish to calm yourself by taking on a posture that is most comfortable to you. You may wish to breathe in and breathe out; breathing in the presence of God, and breathing out all the negativities that you may have in your life. Take time to become aware of the love with which God is embracing you.

As you begin to recall how your day was spent, it is always good to recognize the many ways that God's love was experienced and to give thanks. After you have done this, you may wish to ask the Lord for the grace of insight to know yourself and to know who God is in your life. To know oneself can be a very humbling experience. One should also ask God for the strength to face oneself. It is only when we are able to do that which makes the Prayer of Examen effective.

In the presence of God, we review the day. We consider the stirrings of our hearts and the thoughts that God may have given. We also look into those that clearly were not of God and review how we may have responded to both throughout the day. Where we have responded generously to God, we give thanks. Where we have failed, we ask God's forgiveness.

As I look forward to the gift of the following day, I bring once more to God all the concrete resolutions I may have decided to do in order live in accord with God's loving desire for my life. I pray especially for the grace to be firm in my resolve.

Whenever I do the Prayer of Examen, I always find it helpful to write my thoughts and reflections in a journal.

Remember to prayerfully conclude your Examen.

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 July and August 2011. Do not delay!

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.

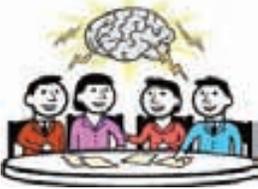
2010 Dates

November 7, 2010 - Revelation 2:1-17

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

WALK OF HOPE 2011 PLANNING

Any parishioners who want to get involved in the planning and organizing of our parish walkathon this coming year, may contact Myra Del Rosario or Rico Tingin or Sr. Cristina. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. Venue still to be determined.

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

WOMEN AT THE WELL

This monthly spirituality program for women will resume in October. Our topic will be "The Women in the New Testament". Please contact Sr. Cristina, if you are interested to reflect on the various encounters of Jesus with women, as narrated in the gospels. This will be the third year we are doing this very inspiring faith sharing sessions, and it has always been a fruitful experience for the participants.

Are you a Student Attending University in the Archdiocese of Toronto?

There are four chaplaincy centres supported by the Archdiocese on a campus near you. These centres respond to the spiritual and pastoral needs of students, staff and faculty. Services include weekday and Sunday Mass, spiritual direction, faith study courses, women's and men's groups, weekly socials and fellowship, retreats, WIFI and much more to help your student feel at home and to continue their spiritual formation as part of a busy and often distracting university life. The University of Toronto, Newman Centre www.newmantoronto.com on St. George Campus and utm Catholics@gmail.com on the Mississauga campus. York University www.yorku.ca/catholic and Ryerson University www.ryercath.ca.

Help needed for Pregnant Women!

Aid to Women is a Christian, volunteer-based, charity who offer pro-life options and practical help to pregnant women in crisis, enabling them to choose life for their unborn children. In addition to providing counseling, we help provide for the physical, financial and emotional needs of women in crisis pregnancies. Any kind of support is appreciated, especially:

Prayers and Volunteers. Financial aid: Consider giving a donation or helping with the Baby Bottles for Life campaign. Please contact us at aidtowomen@gmail.com or call 416-921-6016.

**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: srnecy@stjosephinebakhita.org "God loves a cheerful giver."

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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Edith Stein School is now accepting vendors for their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 10:00AM to 4:00PM. We will have an array of vendors including crafts, jewelry, toys, clothing, and more! What a great opportunity to display your own crafts, hobbies or small business. Please contact Tracey Hollick at 416-729-5739 or by email at steinbazaar@hotmail.com Cost is \$40.00 per 6 foot table. A \$15.00 deposit is required to secure your spot. Please mail it to St. Edith Stein School, 6234 Osprey Blvd. Mississauga, ON, L5N 5V5. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Donations of food to be given to poor families in our parish for Thanksgiving Day will be collected this weekend and the next. Please put them in the bins provided in the hallway. Gift certificates are to be given to Sr. Cristina. The Social Concern Ministry team will take care of packing the Food Hampers, with a note that they are "Love Offerings" from St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. Thanks to all for your generosity.

**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.

**Thank you for supporting our Building Fund
\$418,936**

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