ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6:00 PM



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.org

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. 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 exemplifed 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.

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) 821-2606

St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Tel. (905) 285-0050

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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

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.

Upcoming Sacramental Celebrations

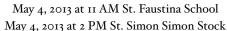
Sacrament of Confirmation

Merciful Redeemer Church

April 19, 2013 at 7 PM for St. Edith Stein School April 26, 2013 at 7 PM for St. Faustina School May 10, 2013 at 7 PM for St. Simon Stock School & Parish Religious Education Class

First Eucharist

Merciful Redeemer Church
April 27, 2013 at 11 AM St. Bernard School
April 27, 2013 at 2 PM St. Edith Stein School





There are two alternative designs posted in our Bulletin Board, please take the time to look at them and send your comments to Fr. Mark by email. In your email, please answer the following: Which of the two designs do you like the best? What do you see are the advantages of the design you have chosen? What do you see are its limitations? What features would you like to include in the design?

5th Annual Parish Walkathon

This is a wonderful way for us to socialize with other parishioners, get some exercise outdoors, and raise money for our Building Fund! Your support will help make our place of worship a reality. Registration opens at 9 AM and the Walk will kick off at 10 AM sharp in the St. Joan of Arc School parking lot. We will have a picturesque 5 km leisurely walk around our parish community. For those unable to complete the entire 5 km., we will have volunteers available to bring you back to St. Joan of Arc if necessary. Following the walk we will have a \$5 lunch, which includes a slice of Pizza, hamburger or hot dog, drink, and ice cream! There will be face painting for the children, games, giveaways, and live entertainment! You can start registering online on our parish website.



Working wonders for people locally and around the world...

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While at Matt Talbot we helped Richard reunite with

his brother, lost to him through separate adoptions, and deal with his mother's death, a woman he had mixed feelings about for she was the person who originally committed him to the system as a young child. Today Richard is working odd jobs, drinks rarely and still has his apartment. Still overflowing with teenage-boy energy, although he is approaching 60 and stands 6' 5", there's a calm to Richard that's new. Some of that calm comes from the processing he did while in the Matt Talbot Program and some comes from us learning when to let go and move people along to their next phase of growth. In toronto alone, there are at least 1,500 homeless people on any given night. on an annual basis, ShareLife agencies provide food, shelter, guidance, care and counselling to more than 10,000 people in the Greater toronto Area.

Second ShareLife collection - April 21, 2013 Please give generously. you can work wonderS!



Saturday (April 13) 5:00 PM Open

Sunday (April 14) 7:30 AM For the whole Parish Community 9:00 AM +Jose Manalo, +Jose Vieira, +Julia Botellho 11:00 AM Open 12:30 PM Open

Monday (April 15) 7:00 PM Open

Tuesday (April 16) 7:30 AM Open

Wednesday (April 17) 7:00 PM Open

Thursday (April 18) 7:30 PM +Querubin Lopez

Friday (April 19) 7:00 PM Open

Saturday (April 20) 9:00 AM for our Parish Benefactors & friends

5:00 PM Open

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"With Jesus' resurrection," he continued, "something entirely new occurs. We are freed from the bondage of sin and become children of God. That is, we are reborn to a new life. When does this happen for us? In the Sacrament of Baptism. In the past this was normally received through immersion. ... The those baptised would step out of the bath and put on the new garment, the white one. They were born to a new life, immersing themselves in Christ's Death and Resurrection. They had become a child of God. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, writes: 'you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" It is precisely the Holy Spirit that we have received in Baptism that teaches us, that urges us to say to God: 'Father', or better 'Abba', which means 'dad'. This is our God: he is a dad to us. The Holy Spirit creates in us this new condition of being children of God and this is the greatest gift we receive from Jesus' Paschal Mystery. God treats us as children, understands us, forgives us, embraces us, loves us, even when we make mistakes."

Nevertheless, this filial relationship with God "isn't like a treasure that we keep in a corner of our lives but it must grow, must be nourished every day by listening to the Word of God, by prayer, by participating in the Sacraments, especially those of Penance and the Eucharist, and by charity. We can live as children! This is our dignity: we have the dignity of children. Let us act as true children! This means that, every day, we have to allow Christ to transform us ... It means trying to live as Christians, trying to follow him even if we see our limits and our weaknesses. The temptation to leave God aside and put ourselves in the centre is always at the door ... That is why we must have the courage of faith and not let ourselves be led by the mentality that tells us: 'You don't need God. He's not important for you,' and so on. It is just the opposite: only by living as children of God, without being discouraged by our missteps or by our sins, feeling loved by him will our lives be new, inspired by serenity and joy. God is our strength! God is our hope!"

"We have to be the first to have a strong hold on this hope and we have to be its visible, clear, and bright sign for all. The Risen Lord is the hope that never fails, that does not disappoint. Hope does not disappoint, the hope of the Lord! How many times in our lives do hopes fade? How many times are the expectations that we hold in our hearts unrealized? Our hope as Christians is strong, sure, strong in this land where God has called us to walk, and is open to eternity because it is founded in God who ... is always faithful to us. ... Being a Christian cannot be reduced to following commands but means being in Christ, thinking like him, acting like him, loving like him. It means letting him take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, free them from the darkness of evil and sin."

"To anyone who asks for a reason for our hope, let us point to the Risen Christ. Let us point him out with the proclamation of the Word, but especially with our resurrected lives. Let us show the joy of being children of God; the freedom that living in Christ gives us, which is the true freedom that saves us from the slavery of evil, sin, and death! Let us look to the heavenly Kingdom from which we have new light and strength in our commitment and our daily efforts. It is a precious service that we must give to our world, which often cannot lift its gaze upward and is unable to lift its gaze toward God."

Pope Francis

SUNDAY OFFERING

April 7, 2013

OFFERTORY	\$3,345.33
BUILDING FUND	\$4,178.12
ST. PETER'S CHURCH	\$368.90
WEDNESDAY OFFERING	\$134.00
MASS STIPEND	\$230.00
SHARELIFE	\$930.00
BAPTISM	\$185.00
FRAMES	\$135.00
FROM THE BOX	\$8.38
TOTAL	\$9,514.73

Building Committee

April 15, 2013 at St. Peter's Church basement 7:30 PM

Finance Council

April 18, 2013 at the Parish Rectory starting at 7:30 PM

Pastoral Council

April 16, 2013 at St. Peter's Church basement starting at 7:30 PM

Ministry of Sacramental Preparation & Children's Liturgy

April 23 at St. Peter's Church basement starting at 7:30 PM

Ministry of Hospitality and Ushers

May 2, 2013 at St. Peter's Church basement starting at 7:30 PM

Schedule of meetings with other Ministries and Groups will also be arranged.



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