

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.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.

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

PASTORAL TEAM

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| Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva | Pastor |
| Rev. Michael Ho | Deacon |
| Rev. Gerry Steyn | Deacon |
| Sr. Necy Guan, Fdccc | Pastoral Assistant |
| Sr. Linda Carandang, Fdccc | Pastoral Assistant |
| Mrs. Fatima Chan | Secretary |

MINISTRIES

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Volunteer Coordinator | Anusha De Silva | Financial Council | |
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| Sacramental Preparation | | Couples for Christ | Toti Quijano |
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| 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

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| Saturday | 5:00 PM |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM |
| | 11:00 AM |
| | 12:30 PM |

WEEKDAY MASSES

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| Tuesday, Thursday | 7:30 AM |
| Wednesday, Friday | 7:00 PM |

St. Peter's Mission Church
Ninth Line, north of Britannia Road

SUNDAY MASSES

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| Sunday | 7:30 AM |
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WEEKDAY MASSES

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| 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*(Second Installment)*

The other significant stream of Indian Christianity is connected with missionary activity that coincided with the colonization project and the establishment of European powers in India. Roman Catholic Missionary activity began under the Portuguese colonists in the late 15th century, and continued under figures such as St Francis Xavier and his fellow Jesuits. While the first Protestant mission came to India at Tranquebar in 1706, the nineteenth century saw the significant development of Protestant missions. It is generally agreed that the Western missionary movement made a significant contribution to the growth of Christianity in India.

Mission history in India is a complex mosaic – not least because of the vastness of the country and the

multiplicity of mission agencies who tried to establish themselves here. Each came with their preconceptions and doctrinal differences, as well their own relationships with colonizing powers. However, having started with a single minded intention to evangelize, the missions soon recognized that they also needed to transmit education and skills to local populations as well as engage in the development of the people who sought conversion to the Christian faith. The early efforts of the missionary movement to deliver health to the people became the model for the country's health care systems after India gained independence in 1948.

Through its support of the missionaries' educational programmes, the colonial government sought to create orderly and disciplined citizens who could staff its administrative apparatus. However, the cultural and social effects of missionary preaching and community building, included an emphasis on human rights, sometimes aided by the missionaries themselves. These efforts contributed to the formation of an Indian people who felt themselves able to criticize existing systems and to protest against the injustice of colonial rule, culminating in a freedom struggle from colonialism.

It is important to mention, in addition, the phenomenal growth of Christianity and the establishment of churches in North East India which covers seven states to the north and east of Bangladesh and is linked to the rest of India through the state of West Bengal. In these states 90 percent of the population of Nagaland, 87 percent of Mizoram and 71 per cent of Meghalaya is Christian. With the support and backing of the colonial rulers, the American Baptist Mission and the Welsh Presbyterian Mission began their work in around 1816 among the predominantly tribal (or indigenous) populations who live in this region. Today two thirds of the Christians in these states trace their origins to these two missions. Roman Catholic missionaries arrived there in 1850, and over the centuries have contributed to the development of the educational infrastructure of the region. In the period after the Second World War, Pentecostals and similar groups and missions arrived in the region influencing forms of worship and spirituality in these states. The development of indigenous ecclesiastical structures in this region with the exclusion of foreign missionaries by the Indian government in this politically sensitive region has ensured the development of a Christianity rooted in the culture of the Indigenous peoples. The North East India Christian Council and the National Council of Churches in India have contributed to ecumenical efforts in this region.

Another state where the Christian population is strong is Kerala, where roughly twenty per cent of the people are Christian. Among them, up to three million believers are Orthodox Christians. From the fourth century onwards, these Christians had links with the Syrian Patriarchate of Antioch, from which the West Syriac liturgical and ecclesial order of the Syrian Orthodox tradition came into being in India. Those who maintain this link belong to the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church. Other Orthodox Christians maintain that the Antiochian connection began only in the sixteenth century; those who hold this position form the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, (also known as the Indian Orthodox Church) which became

Mass Intention

Saturday (January 26)
5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Janae Rodrigues

Sunday (January 27)
7:30 AM For the Parish
9:00 AM Open
11:00 AM +George Mistry, +Elvira Geronimo, Special Intention of Gregorio Galera
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Francheska Carolasan

Monday (January 28)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Barretto family

Tuesday (January 29)
7:30 AM Open

Wednesday (January 30)
7:00 PM Open

Thursday (January 31)
7:30 AM +Open

Friday (February 1)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Phoebe Cruz

Saturday (February 2)
9:00 AM +Jackie Pacheco, +Mr. & Mrs. F. Pacheco
5:00 PM +Victor Basurto, +Richard Valere, +Lina de Montburn, + T.T. Scaria

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Tax Receipts

Your Tax Receipts for 2012 will be ready for pickup starting this weekend.

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an autocephalous church with the establishment of an Indian Catholicate in 1912. In the sixteenth century Roman Catholic missionaries reached Kerala, and established the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. Under the influence of Protestant missionaries working among the Syrian Christians, the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar emerged as a distinct community in the early nineteenth century.

Ministry to the Deaf

Thank you to all who indicated an interest in learning Sign Language to start a new outreach to the Deaf. Further information will be provided in the next few weeks with regards to the time and place of the training.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life – Local Celebration

**Sunday, February 3, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Basilica**

Saturday, February 2, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are blessed to have living and serving among us, more than 1,000 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass on Sunday, February 3 to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese



Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita

February 10, 2013 at 12:30 PM Mass
 Presider: His Excellency Most Reverend John Boissonneau, D.D.
 Auxiliary Bishop of the Western Pastoral Region

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 13, 2013
 7:30 AM St. Peter's Mission Church
 7:00 PM St. Joan of Arc Secondary School Cafeteria

Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes at the Grade Schools
 Please consult your school calendar

**Offering
January 20, 2013**

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| Offertory | \$2,860.22 |
| St. Peter's Mission Church | \$311.89 |
| Wednesday Offering | \$301.25 |
| Building Fund | \$2,197.42 |
| Mass Stipends | \$280.00 |
| Pizza | \$150.00 |
| Baptism | \$149.00 |
| Youth Ministry | \$919.72 |
| Religious Frames | \$135 |
| Total | \$7,304.50 |



Parish Finance Council Meeting

January 31, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM
 Parish Rectory

Building Committee Meeting

February 4, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM
 St. Peter's Mission Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

February 7, 2013 starting at 7:30 PM
 St. Peter's Mission Church



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