

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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#### We celebrate Holy Mass at

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School 3801 Thomas Street Mississauga, ON L5M 7G2

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 5 PM Sunday 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 AM Wednesday, Friday 7 PM St. Peter's Mission Church Ninth Line, north of Britannia Rd.

#### **SUNDAY MASS**

Sunday 7:30 AM

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday 7 PM Saturday 9 AM

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday following the 7 PM Mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7 PM Mass

Solemn Vespers and Benediction every First Friday 7:30 PM

#### **Pastoral Team**

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva Pastor Rev. Michael Ho Deacon Rev. Gerry Steyn Deacon

Cecilia Vaz Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 6 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 for the Twenty-first Century" (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 man and woman, 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 parishioner are welcome.

# Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out a Baptismal Request Form available in our parish website.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the pastor one year in advance. A marriage course is required. For additional information, please contact the pastor.

#### **Funerals**

Losing someone through death is very difficult for anyone. To help you plan for the funeral, please contact the pastor.

#### **Schools**

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Edith Stein

St. Faustina

St. Simon Stock

St . Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

#### **Silent Retreat for Men**

February 16, 2018 Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, will facilitate the retreat, "Ignatian Basics Boot Camp" for men. We will pray with the central wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises: our Creation by a loving God, our salvation in Christ, our vocation to serve God and our neighbour with Christ. COST: Suggested offering \$185 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. PHONE: 905-839-2864 EMAIL: pickmanresa@rogers.com



#### The Celebration of First Reconciliation

Our parish has prepared the Schedule for the celebration of First Reconciliation for all our schools including Public/Private Schools. We ask the parents to please secure a copy of the schedule from Cecilia and/or the catechists in charge of the preparation. Thank you.

#### Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

7:30 AM and 7 PM Holy Mass & Distribution of Ashes

The four Catholic Elementary Schools in our parish will have Ash Wednesday Liturgy in their respective school. If you wish to join the students at these schools, please contact the School's office.

A good number of you are asking about Fasting and Abstinence especially as Ash Wednesday happens also to be Valentine's Day. The Church wants emphasis to be given to the evangelical law that a follower of Christ must do penance. While the heart of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God, external forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue.

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

The Paschal Fast is observed on Good Friday and, where possible, continued through Holy Saturday.

In the Roman Rite, including in Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat.

Privileged forms of Penance are recommended, especially during Lent. These forms are privileged because they are based on the teachings of the Gospels (fasting, almsgiving, prayer, works of mercy) or because of their traditional value among the people of God (abstinence from meat).

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

The law of 'abstinence from meat' binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in the matter.

#### **Mass Intention**

#### Saturday (February 3)

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Bert & Marina Taguicana, +Victor Manuel Basurto, +Vincent D'Souza

#### Sunday (February 4)

9:00 AM +Viola Pajatin 11:00 AM +Peter Lai Nguyen, +Peter Tu Pham & Maria Thin Vu 12:30 PM +Romeo Villegas, +Jose de Guzman, +Blandina Spares, +Ignacio Cheng, +Francis Pettitt, +Narciso Soriano

#### Monday (February 5)

7:00 PM +Vicente & Dolores Godawen, +Abelardo Borral

#### **Tuesday (February 6)**

7:30 AM +Prudencio Tesoro and deceased relatives

#### Wednesday (February 7)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Patricia Prollamante

#### Thursday, (February 8)

Please note that there will be no Mass in the morning of this day

7:00 PM For the Parish Community

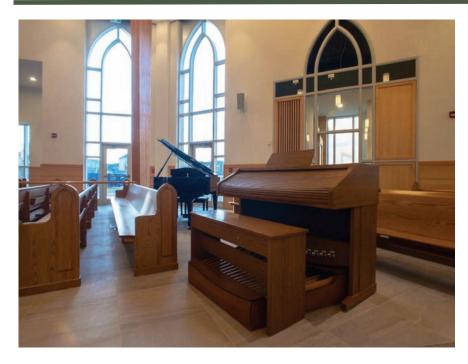
### Friday (February 9)

7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Caroline Gorospe, +Eddie Mendes

#### Saturday (February 10)

9:00 AM For Parish Benefactors 5:00 PM +Benedict Venantius, +Manuel Fonte, +Clorinda Araujo, + Silvanus Sukandar, +Maria Regina Surjanti

The Soft Opening of the Church will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita starting at 6:30 PM



#### WISH LIST FOR THE NEW CHURCH

These are some items that you might want to sponsor in full or in part:

- I) Behind the sanctuary is a small chapel where those who wish to pray closer to the Tabernacle will be able to do so. We would like to see a railing (similar to a communion rail) installed to separate the chapel from the passageway and the door to the Sacristy. The railing costs \$7350.
- 2) In our small chapel, we intend to have 20 stools with kneelers. Nineteen stools have been pledged. We need one more. Each stool costs \$275.
- 3) Also in the sanctuary are specially designed wood planters that will complement the design of the arches. There are six of these planters. Four have been been sponsored. We need two more. Each of these planters costs \$1100.
- 4) We will require 750 copies of the Catholic Book of Worship III to enable the community to actively participate in the Mass. Each copy of the Catholic Book of Worship costs \$21.95. Ninety books have been pledged. We need 660 more.
- We got a good deal for the chairs that we will need for the Parish Hall. Each chair costs \$45. We will need about 398 chairs.

### 2018 Lift Jesus Higher Rally Metro Toronto Convention Centre 255 Front St. W., Toronto

The theme of this year's rally is "Fire on the Earth" (Luke 12:49). Featuring: Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield; an adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal ThomasCollins; a youth mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated Bishop Scott McCaig; a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. COST: \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth Tel. 905-270-2510

OFFERINGS		
Offertory	\$	3,439.35
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Liturgical Fund	\$	31.00
Stipend	\$	250.00
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Total	\$	7,717.00

#### Canada Summer Jobs Program - Be Informed & Reach Out to Your MP

The federal government has introduced new requirements for employers applying for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To be eligible for funding, employers must attest that both the job and the organization's core mandate respect certain "values" as determined by the federal government including the government's position on abortion, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Organizations unable or unwilling to make this attestation in whole or in part will be deemed ineligible for the grant. This requirement is clearly unjust. Many Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto and many other faiths involved in charitable activity at soup kitchens, shelters, refugee welcome centres or summer camps are impacted by this decision. Please take a moment to visit www.archtoronto.org/summerjobs for more information and to find a template letter to send to your MP and the Minister responsible for this portfolio.

### Office of Formation for Discipleship Training Day for Current Music Ministers

Saturday, March 10, 2018 9 AM to 12 PM St. Margaret of Scotland Parish 222 Ridley Blvd., Toronto Please see Fr. Mark if you intend to attend



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