THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7 PM Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 AM Saturday 9 AM

DEVOTIONS

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

Daily Rosary before every Mass

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Saturday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out the online baptismal request form available on our parish website. The date of the baptism will be arranged during the interview. A Baptism Instruction for parents and sponsor will also be required.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment

OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Parish is to be a Catholic, multicultural community, 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" and "model of hope for the Twenty-first century". We are a people who weave together this neighbourhood as:

- A community of faith, committed to live the Greatest Love of Jesus 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, to equal discipleship.
- 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 is called to be the strand that God will use to weave a tapestry that is intricate and exquisite in this place.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva Deacons Deacon Gerry Steyn Deacon Michael Ho Deacon Roman Lim Administrative Assistant Cecilia Vaz Assistants Clifford Jumapit Benjamin Alcantara Volunteer Asisstants Marina Taguicana Agnes Lim

Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9 AM to 9 PM Saturday 9 AM to 7 PM Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM

RECTORY

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent Mississauga, ON L5N 7W2 (289) 997-2105

SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux St. Faustina St. Edith Stein St. Simon Stock St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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 116 - 1

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 4,795.60
Building Fund	\$ 1,160.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 790.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 35.00
Candle Offering	\$ 430.00
Flower	\$ 62.00
Konkani	\$ 979.25
Special Project	\$ 3,430.10
Total	\$ 11,682.25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PARISH

TAX RECEIPTS

The Tax Receipts was mailed to you onFebruary 16. If you any concerns regarding your Tax Receipts for 2023, please do not hesitate to contact Cliff at the Parish Office in case you have any questions regarding your Receipts. Thank you.

All Fridays of Lent are Abstinence Day

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 and older.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own Sui Iuris Church.

Join us for The Way of the Cross every Friday evening following the 7 PM Mass

Confessions Monday to Friday 5 to 6 PM Saurday 4 PM to 5 PM

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (February 24) 5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Romeo Melad, +Tiring, Dionisio,, Rezaldo Taguicana, +Michael Fernandes, +Mary D'Souza

SUNDAY (February 25) 7:30 AM +Imelda Motha 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of D'Mello Family 11:00 AM +Anthony Pillai, +Ceciliya & Peter Navaratnam, +Feelix Jeevaratnam 12:30 PM +Salvador Limjoco, +Victoria Aguila, +Perfecto Meriel

MONDAY (February 26) 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Alex Buena, +Dominga & Porfirid Grande, +Germaine Johnson

TUESDAY (February 27) 7:30 AM Special Intention of Mario Oliveira Sr.

WEDNESDAY (February 28) 7:00 PM +Enrique Gabriel

THURSDAY (February 29) 7:30 AM Special Intention of Mario Oliveira Jr.

FRIDAY (March 1) 7:00 PM +Tina Gurrien

SATURDAY (March 2) 9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, Fr. Manfred Schmid, +Eugenia and Domingo Branzuela

5:00 PM +Theo Fernandes, For our Faithful Departed

Where does the Transfiguration story fit into your life? Perhaps, one way of appreciating the story is to focus more on the seeing rather than the dramatic change that took place in Jesus. Albert Einstein tells us that there are only two ways to live our lives. One is as though nothing is a miracle and the other, is as though everything is a miracle. It is therefore not so much about what we see but about how we see. In the case of the disciples who saw Jesus transfigured before them, it is most likely that they were already dazzled by this Jesus in so many ways, the change that happened was probably not surprising to them at all. But what was transformative for them that day was how they saw Jesus in a different light - they saw Him as the turning point of everything. Jesus is to whom everything is pointed at and from whom everything flows.

How is your vision these days? Do you something wonderful happening around you or do you nothing at all?

Take, for example, another person seated beside you in church. Do you see only where they are from? The color of their skin? How they are dressed? Or do you see another fellow traveller in this valley of tears, with wounds and losses as real as yours, and needs, hopes, and dreams as valid as yours?

When you have seen more than what you were looking at... When you felt connected to something larger than and beyond yourself... When you have experienced a presence greater than your own... that's Transfiguration. Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see the miracle before our very eyes.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES TO HELP YOU SPIRITUALLY **DURING THE SEASON OF LENT?**

We suggest that you go to Formed. Org. There are quite a number of resources available for you on the site. Please note that our Parish has a subscription. It is therefore free for all our parishioners, young and HEART: Don't Lose Hope // Get Up old alike. Register as a member of the parish on www.formed.org by providing your email, check the email you have provided after a few seconds, and you will then have access to the whole site. It is like having a library on your fingertips. Check it out!

15th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference Saturday March 23, 2024 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch)

Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins Speakers: Kathleen Beckman: A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare, Carissa Douglas: Becoming a Cocreator with God, Anna Boyagoda: Creating a Space for Prayer, Special Guest Speaker: Tammy Peterson (wife of Dr. Jordan Peterson), Dorothy Pilarski: Starting a Catholic Moms Group TO REGISTER VISIT www. dynamicwomenfaith.com

THE SQUIRES

We enncourage the young boys in our parish to consider becoming part of the SQUIRES of the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested, the Squires will be around this weekend to answer any of your questions.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY Saturday, March 2

Metro Toronto Convention Centre 255 Front St. W, Toronto

Theme of Adult Rally is "TAKE HEART: By His Wounds We Are Healed" Theme of Youth Rally is "TAKE // He's Calling You" Tickets can be purchased ONLINE at our Website: www.ljhr.ca COST: \$30 for Adult and \$15 for Youth

We are partnering with Merciful Redeemer for Busing arrangment, please connect with Suzie Pereira for more information

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is inviting parishioners to consider becoming a Legionaire. This lay organization was founded the Servant of God, Frank Duff. It is found in about 170 countries, quietly aiming to bring Mary to the world as the infallible means of wining the world to Jesus. The Legion of Mary regularly meets at the church on Tuesday evening, starting at 7 PM. There is no fee involved. The only requirement is to want to serve Jesus through Mary.

40 Days of Lenten Reflections

available to you for free www.archtoronto.org prepared for you by Fr. Eric. Also available for you on YouTube and Facebook Catholic Latte

www.stjosephinebakhita.ca

IGNATIAN GUIDE TO DISCOVERING GOD'S WILL

The Ignatian Guide to discovering God's Will - Saturdays from February 24 to March 23 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Have you ever felt yourself being pulled in a bunch of different directions? Have you ever felt confused and lost in life, not knowing which path to follow? Do you ever struggle with not knowing what you truly, most deeply want in life? If this applies to you, join us here at St. Peter's Parish for a transformative five-week Lenten retreat, "The Ignatian guide to discovering God's Will." Saturday evenings from 7-9 p.m. starting on February 24th and running until March 23rd, immerse yourself in the wisdom of Ignatian spirituality-a tradition over 500 years old. This series of talks offer tools to navigate the storms of life, guiding you towards a greater understanding of your deepest desires and a discovery of God's will for your life. Equip yourself with the Ignatian spiritual compass this Lent, and navigate your way to the joy of the Resurrection at Easter.'

LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 9, starts at 8:30 AM Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre 1617 Blythe Rd. Mississauga

Cost: \$45 (includes lunch Contact Jean at 905-278-5524 Email: office@qoa.ca to register or for more information

Our Parish will be having a monthly special collection to raise funds to replace the ceiling lights in our sanctuary. More information about this will come shortly. Thank you.

