

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING | NOVEMBER 26, 2023

*Thus says our God: "I myself look after and tend my sheep....
I rescue them from every place
where they scatter on days full of clouds and darkness."*

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17



LONGING
seeks you

beHOLD
BeLOVED
weLCOME

JESUS: CHRIST AND KING

This Sunday of the liturgical year celebrates Jesus Christ and King. Fully human, Jesus of Nazareth, is Redeemer of all and the anointed messiah. Fully divine, Jesus of Nazareth, is God of our lives and source of all blessing.



Jesus speaks to the deepest, unspoken, or even unknown, longings of our hearts. The audience for the story of the sheep and the goats is the heart of each disciple. What prevents me from recognizing Christ in all creation? Jesus wants to heal those wounds, to remove those obstacles today.

The works of mercy are holy. The works of mercy flow from salvation through the forgiveness. When we stand in the presence of Christ our King, God's mercy pours freely through us, and we are caught up in God's glory. We join the hosts of heaven in their songs of praise: "Alleluia," "Hosannah in the Highest!"

Let us welcome the love of Jesus. We courageously and boldly follow Christ, our King. Together we open wide the doors of our hearts to worship, evangelize, and serve all God's people.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

WEEKLY PUBLICATION: Please email, any item to be considered for our church Sunday publication, to S. Janice at sjanice@mhtstl.org by the previous Friday, 3:00 pm

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS OPPORTUNITY: Share an hour or two between 9-noon on a Monday, helping deliver food from St. Nicholas Food Pantry to home-bound neighbors within the city limits. Contact Doris: 517.673.6003

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE COUNCIL: This is the last Sunday for nominations to be accepted for parishioners who wish to serve in these roles. Parishioners may self-nominate or nominate any parishioner. Nominations are accepted during the month of November. Please place nominations in the collection basket.

COLLECTION: 11/19/23 - \$9,027.39 THANK YOU

EMAIL FOR OUR NEW PARISH: info@stbakhitastl.org

MASS SCHEDULE

**Noon Mass, Monday through Friday
St. Nicholas**

November 26

9:00 St. Teresa and Bridget

First Lector: Vola Washington Harper

Second Lector: Walter Milner

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Dowdy, Dominic Garland, Pam White

11:00 St. Nicholas

First Lector: Connie Johnson

Second Lector: Kellie Willis

Eucharistic Ministers: Eloise Grimes, Don Elston, Alice O'Bryant

December 3

9:00 Most Holy Trinity

First Lector: Christine Trudell

Second Lector: Nicky Hoxworth

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Tillman, Donna Lindsay

11:00 Sts. Teresa and Bridget

First Lector: Jackie Forbes

Second Lector: Adrian Stillman

Eucharistic Minister: Toni Elston, Pam White, Don Elston

COMING NEXT WEEK: The First Sunday of Advent. In this holy season we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. In the middle of decorating, shopping and family gatherings, we remain alert for Christ's coming in our lives at every moment.

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Ornaments are hanging and ready for you to bless someone with a special gift. All information is on the ornament and awaiting your generosity. Thank you.

THANK YOU

to all liturgical and music ministers, lighting ritual participants, those who made the church sparkle, and to all who planned, prepared, and served a delicious breakfast last Sunday. As we remembered loved ones who have passed and welcomed donors and visitors, gratitude and joy filled the celebrating community. Father Mitch said, "the five-mile area around the church must be dripping with grace."

I can't wait to take a picture with Santa Claus!



Breakfast with Santa!

**Saturday, December 16
8:30 am – 11:00 am**

Doors open 8:15 am
St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
(St. Nicholas site; 1805 Lucas Ave.)

❄️ **Bob the Magician** ❄️ **Hot delicious breakfast**
❄️ **Picture with Santa** ❄️ **Games and more**

Start the day in a merry way by joining Santa, his elves, and maybe a few reindeer for a hot breakfast perfect for the whole family!

Tickets/Reservation Required: Adults \$10/ Children \$7/ 2 & under Free

Contact Dee White 314.374.7135 or dwhite7435@gmail.com

Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish

A RETREAT IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT

Mary's Yes: Journey of Faith, Trust, and Surrender

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Most Holy Trinity Church Site | 3519 N. 14th Street | St. Louis, Mo 63107

This retreat is a sanctuary for the soul, offering a pause to connect with the essence of your faith, through the inspiring narrative of Mary's unwavering commitment to God and living her Yes!

Bring:

- your presence and tools to engage in this spiritual journey
- an open heart, ready to receive and reflect upon experiences of the day
- a journal, to note the essence of personal reflection
- prayer shawl to wrap in comfort and warmth while reflecting
- rosary to aid contemplation and to feel the tangible connection to faith
- special items you wish to have blessed, a spiritual significance of this retreat

Retreat includes Mass presided by Father Mitch Doyen and presentations by Sister Janice Munier, SSND and Dr. Alice Prince. There will be time for reflection and personal prayer, sharing with others. Mass at 9:00 am and concluding with lunch at 12:00 pm

To Register:

Contact Sister Janice at S.Janice@mhtstl.org,
or Dr. Alice Prince at APrince@pathwaysunited.org;
sign-up in the back of church; or register online at
<https://forms.gle/9LQDseVWQqJCopCH8>



The Ladies Sodality Presents

A NIGHT OF JAZZ & SOUL

Featuring the sounds
of Saxophonist
Antoine Washington
Saturday, December 2, 2023
6pm-10pm

Doors Open at 5:45pm | BYOB

St. Nicholas Parish Hall
1805 Lucas Avenue

\$30

Free Food While It Lasts | Additional Setups Sold,
Local Vendors & Photographer On Site

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:

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**OPEN WIDE
OUR DOORS**

St. Josephine Bakhita
Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas,
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Sites

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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SERVICES

Most Holy Trinity Site

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food/Utility
Assistance
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 – 12:30
4335 Warne Ave, 63107
314-535-9794 (during operating hours)

St. Nicholas Site

Food Pantry sponsored by Ascension SVDP
Mondays (except holidays): 10 – noon
701 N 18th St., 63103
314.289.6101

St. Nicholas (Off-site)

Food Pantry sponsored by Immacolata SVDP
First and Second Tuesdays: 9:00 – 11:00
Hot meal, snacks, fellowship; Dine in or carry-out
1414 N. Taylor Ave, 63110
314.289.6106 ext, 1171

Sts. Teresa & Bridget Site

Food Pantry/Utility Assistance/Store Vouchers
Tuesday, Thursday 9 – noon
Bag Lunches for homeless
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Hall
2431 N. Grand Blvd., 63106
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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA), PREPARATIONS FOR BAPTISM,
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