

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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*They did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.*

John 20:9

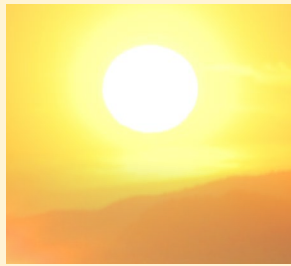
DISPEL THE DARKNESS



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ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN

On Easter Sunday we receive a glimpse of glory, of hope witnessing the power of love overcoming death itself. We are standing on the threshold of Jesus' empty tomb. Our heart knows that Jesus is the Christ, the



crucified one who is now risen from the dead. We so want to trust the testimony of the messenger, Mary Magdalen. We long to trust the experience of the travelers on the road to Emmaus, the stories told by the fishers at the Sea of Galilee, and the joy of Mary and the disciples in the upper room. We hear all these stories in the coming days and all the weeks of Easter.

We are so ready to believe, willing to live this Good News of salvation. We long for our own encounter with the Risen Christ. The fifty days of Easter are an opportunity to reflect deeply upon the stories we have heard, upon the miracles we have seen, upon the love we have known. An abundance of God's mercy flows through all of it, the dying and the rising. Both are real in our lives and in our world. The Risen Christ is the Crucified One; The Crucified Christ is the Risen One. We carry the truth of all of it in our bones, in our hearts and in our minds. We remain awake that we may touch the Risen Christ and receive the eternal life poured out from the heart of the risen Christ.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

LITURGY MEETING: Tuesday, April 2, 5:00 Zoom

SAVE THE DATE: 40th Testimonial Dinner/Auction. Sunday, June 9, Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel.

MASS ON THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDATE OF SISTER ANTONA EBO: Wednesday, April 10, 12:00 pm at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, St. Nicholas site

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SISTER ANTONA EBO: Saturday, April 13, at 2:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Rock church.

DISCIPLES INVITE DISCIPLES: Thursday, April 18, 5:30 – 7:30. Evangelization gathering at St. Ann Catholic Church in Normandy, 7530 Natural Bridge Rd., 63121. It is an evening of prayer and fellowship, meeting others in mission to invite disciples to mission. Participants will share best practices, ideas, and learn how to support each other in evangelization efforts. RSVP by Thursday, April 11.

MASS SCHEDULE

Noon Mass, Monday through Friday, St. Nicholas

EASTER MASSES, St. Josephine Bakhita 9:00 Mass

First Lector: Dee White

Second Lector: S. Janice

Eucharistic Ministers: Harold Bailey, S. Janice, Dee White

11:00

First Lector: Rochelle Jones

Second Lector: Sharonda White

Eucharistic Ministers: Rochelle Jones, Toni Elston, Darlene Elston, Pam White, Don Elston

April 7

St. Josephine Bakhita

9:00 Mass

First Lector: Mike Freymuth

Second Lector: Walter Miner

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Nolan, Mike Freymuth, Harold Bailey

11:00 Mass

First Lector: Vola Washington-Harper

Second Lector: Jackie Forbes

Eucharistic Ministers: Valerie Howard, S. Janice, Alice O'Bryant, Toni Elston, Korky Buhr

UPHOLDING THE DIGNITY OF ALL LIVES: Unless Governor Parsons grants clemency to Brian Dorsey, he will be executed Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 pm at the prison in Bonne Terre. A bus leaves from Cardinal Rigali Center at 4:00 pm on April 9th and expected to return to St. Louis by 8:00 pm. There is no cost to attend. Let Marie Kenyon, the director of the Archdiocesan Office for Peace & Justice, to ride the bus on pilgrimage to the prison. 314.792.7062.

HELP, HEALING AND HOPE FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH, Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 – 8:30, Sacred Heart in Florissant, 751 N. Jefferson, Florissant, MO 63023. A Mental Health panel in collaboration with Catholic Charities Speakers: Father Pat McDevitt, CM Provincial of the Vincentians, talks about how care givers best serve their loved ones. Phil Hutsler, Director of Outpatient Services, Queen of Peace, will discuss substance use and mental health and how the Church responds. Phil Hutsler, Director of School Partnership, St. Louis Counseling speaks about approaches for everyday life in responding to mental issues. RSVP: archstl.org/northern-vicariate.

COLLECTION: \$8,213.00

THANK YOU!

Alleluia!

The three days of the Triduum have led us as individuals and as a community of believers to the heart of Jesus' presence. We proclaim his great love generously given in his friendship, suffering, dying and rising. We are people born in baptism, nourished by Eucharist and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Daily we are initiated more deeply in the fullness of Love.

Easter is the most important celebration of the Liturgical Year. This feast celebrates Christ's resurrection from the dead, a central truth of the Church's faith. The Easter Season lasts 50 days. It is the most joyous of liturgical seasons. The church is filled with flowers, the altar is decorated, the Gloria and alleluias are sung and bells are rung. All proclaim Christ's resurrection. Christ has conquered death and evil. Love is now our power and heart.

Renewing Baptismal promises deepens Christian initiation. With these promises we voice our willingness to reject evil and to believe in our triune God. Our renewal of Baptismal promises proclaims our commitment to be faithful disciples of Jesus, the Christ, the risen One.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Eloise Grimes

Wake: Wednesday, April 3, from 4:00 – 8:00 pm at William Harris Funeral Home, 1645 Redman Ave, Spanish Lake, 63138
Funeral Mass: Thursday, April 4, at 10:00 in St. Nicholas Church.
Burial: Calvary Cemetery.

Elouise Reed

Wake: Wednesday, April 3, 9:00 – 10:00, St Alphonsus, “Rock” Church on Grand
Funeral Mass: Wednesday, April 3, 10:00, St. Alphonsus, “Rock” Church on Grand
Burial: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

May the Risen Christ clothe Eloise and Elouise with Resurrection Glory.

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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 – 12:00
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 ext. 1171

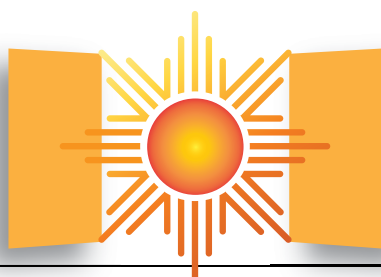
St. Nicholas (Off-site)

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
314.289.6101 ext. 1171

St. Josephine Bakhita Site

Food Pantry/Utility Assistance/Store Vouchers
Tuesday, Thursday 9 – noon
Bag Lunches for homeless
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Hall
2431 N. Grand Blvd., 63106
314.531.1169

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION, PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE: Contact Sister Janice at 314.241.9165



**OPEN WIDE
OUR DOORS**

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