

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 17, 2024

*...the spirit of Christ dwells within you;
the Spirit is alive with goodness and integrity.*

Romans 8:9, 10



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“COME OUT!”

Today Jesus waits, weeps, loves, heals and brings us back to life. When Jesus' first disciples approach him early in the work of God's reign, they ask him, "Where do you live?" Jesus answers "Come and see." Rather than pointing to a tent or giving an address, Jesus invites them to follow him in his way of life, to participate in his life, to journey with him into the depths of their own hearts. Today, when Jesus approaches the grief of his friends over the death of Lazarus, he asks, "Where have you laid him?" They say, "Come and see." "And Jesus wept." Jesus is invited into the truth of our lives, which includes death. In this moving scene, everyone, including Jesus, is weeping with grief. We hold our breath, hoping that love is more powerful than death.

When Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb, he calls us out of our grief. He invites us to trust him like never before. He commits to our death so we will commit to resurrection life. We cast off ties that bind us and begin our new life together.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch



MASS SCHEDULE

Noon Mass, Monday through Friday, St. Nicholas

March 17

10:00am Unity Mass at St. Nicholas

First Lector: Sharonda White

Second Lector: Sr. Georgene Schumacher

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Tillman, Toni Elston and Eloise Grimes

Martha: Nicky Hoxworth

Narrator: Pam White

PALM SUNDAY, March 24

9:00am Mass

First Lector: Harold Bailey

Second Lector: Rochelle Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen Nolan, S. Janice, Kenneth Patterson

Passion Narrator: Kenneth Patterson

Voice: Tom Nolan

11:00am Mass

First Lector: Kelly Willis

Second Lector: Beverly Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Elston, Eloise Grimes, Doris Speed

Passion Narrator: Bridget Stegall

Voice: Vola Washington-Harper

COLLECTION: 3/10/24 - \$9,659.55 **THANK YOU!**

COMING EVENTS: ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

March 20: Racial Unity Mass, St. Teresa and Bridget Site, 7:00pm.

March 22: Last Fish Fry, Noon until 6:00 pm

March 22: Stations of the Cross, 6:30, Most Holy Trinity Site

March 24: HOLY WEEK

WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER: An updated list of those who have asked our prayers is on the table in the back of church.

CELEBRATION OF THE LAST SCRUTINY: This last Scrutiny for the Elect, Kevin Bolden and Marshall Brown is celebrated this morning. The Scrutiny ritual invites the faith community to reflect on our failings and dependence on God. We accompany them as they await the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation on Holy Saturday.

MARCH 23, PRO- LIFE MARCH TO THE ARCH:

Rally at 11:00 Aloe Park across from Union Station, followed by a mile long march down Market to the Gateway Arch. Register STLMarch.com

RACIAL UNITY MASS: Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm, Sts. Teresa and Bridget Site. Our Creator calls us to be one family. Many of our brothers and sisters are ignored, ostracized, mistreated, and killed because of racism. Often, our own ways of thinking are infected by messages of exclusion and marginalization. We pray that this gathering will transform our hearts and inspire our actions to effectively address and overcome racism today.

GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PRACTICE: The cast of the Passion mime will have rehearsal after 11:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, March 17 and March 24.

THANK YOU to everyone who made our 2024 Lent Fish Fry a great success. We are grateful to Chairperson Nicky Hoxworth for her endless hours of planning, preparation, and work. For all who enthusiastically: donated cake mixes, fried fish, made the side dishes, did preparation of Thursdays, delivery drivers, took phone orders and clean-up for the next Friday, we give appreciation. We are especially thankful to the businesses for their weekly attendance support. To all who shared in the tasty fish fry dining and created a wonderful circle of loving folks each week, your kindness and joy has touched our hearts **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

HOLY WEEK

The Holiest of Weeks:

Holy Thursday

"Do this in remembrance of me" is not just a memory; it is the beginning of a daily prayer: Jesus, I accept that you wash my feet; help me wash the feet of my brothers and sisters to become more like you.

Good Friday

We know Jesus is our rock and our refuge. He knows what suffering and feeling helpless means. We call on Jesus to find the strength and the grace to help us on our way.

Holy Saturday

On this evening the history of God's faithfulness to all people is recounted. We celebrate that rising from the dead Jesus has overcome our greatest enemy, death itself.

Easter Sunday

As we rejoice in the resurrection we pray that the risen Jesus renew in us the courage and faith to be co-creators and co-redeemers with our God in the light of the Holy Spirit.

SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

9:00am and 11:00am Mass,
St. Nicholas site

Holy Thursday

Potluck 5:00 – 6:10pm
Mass: 6:30pm
Adoration until midnight

Good Friday

Church is open from
Noon to 3:00pm
Stations at 3:00pm
Service at 6:30pm

Holy Saturday

7:30pm Candlelight
Procession
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

Masses: 9:00am and 11:00am

MARCH 17 - FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

Patrick was born to wealthy parents over 1,600 years ago in the British Isles. When he was a teenager on his father's estate he was kidnapped by pirates and taken to pagan Ireland where he was sold as a slave. After six years he escaped by ship and returned home. As a slave, Patrick's spiritual life deepened. He wrote, "The love of God grew in me more and more as did my faith."



Patrick recognized God's call to Ireland. He studied for the priesthood. Later he was ordained a bishop and sent to Ireland. His mission there lasted 30 years. During that time he established monasteries, churches and schools throughout Ireland. He died Mar 17, 461 A.D.

MARCH 19 – FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Joseph was a carpenter, who treasured working with wood. Not being able to afford a lamb to bring to the Temple, he brought a simple offering of two turtle doves. Joseph came from royal lineage, a descendant of King David. He was a compassionate, caring man who dearly loved Mary and Jesus. With Mary he searched three days for Jesus. Annually he took his family to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.



Since Joseph is not recorded in Jesus' public life, historians believe Joseph probably died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron of a happy death because he likely died with Jesus and Mary at his side. May we also be surrounded loved ones when we leave earth and enter eternal life.

LISTENING SESSIONS, Synod on Synodality March 23, 9-11 am, Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive in Shrewsbury. Dioceses across the United States have been asked to hold additional listening sessions in the next few months following a request from the Vatican's Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops, which is preparing for the second global assembly.

What does it mean to be a synodal Church? Father Mitch, chair of the archdiocesan synod task force says that, "Pope Francis has been very consistent about how we encounter one another, and specifically how we encounter Christ in one another. The work of becoming a synodal Church is how we as the Body of Christ relate to one another as disciples of Christ."

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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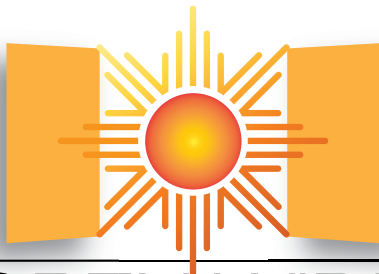
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St. Josephine Bakhita
Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas,
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Sites

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

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
314.531.1169

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