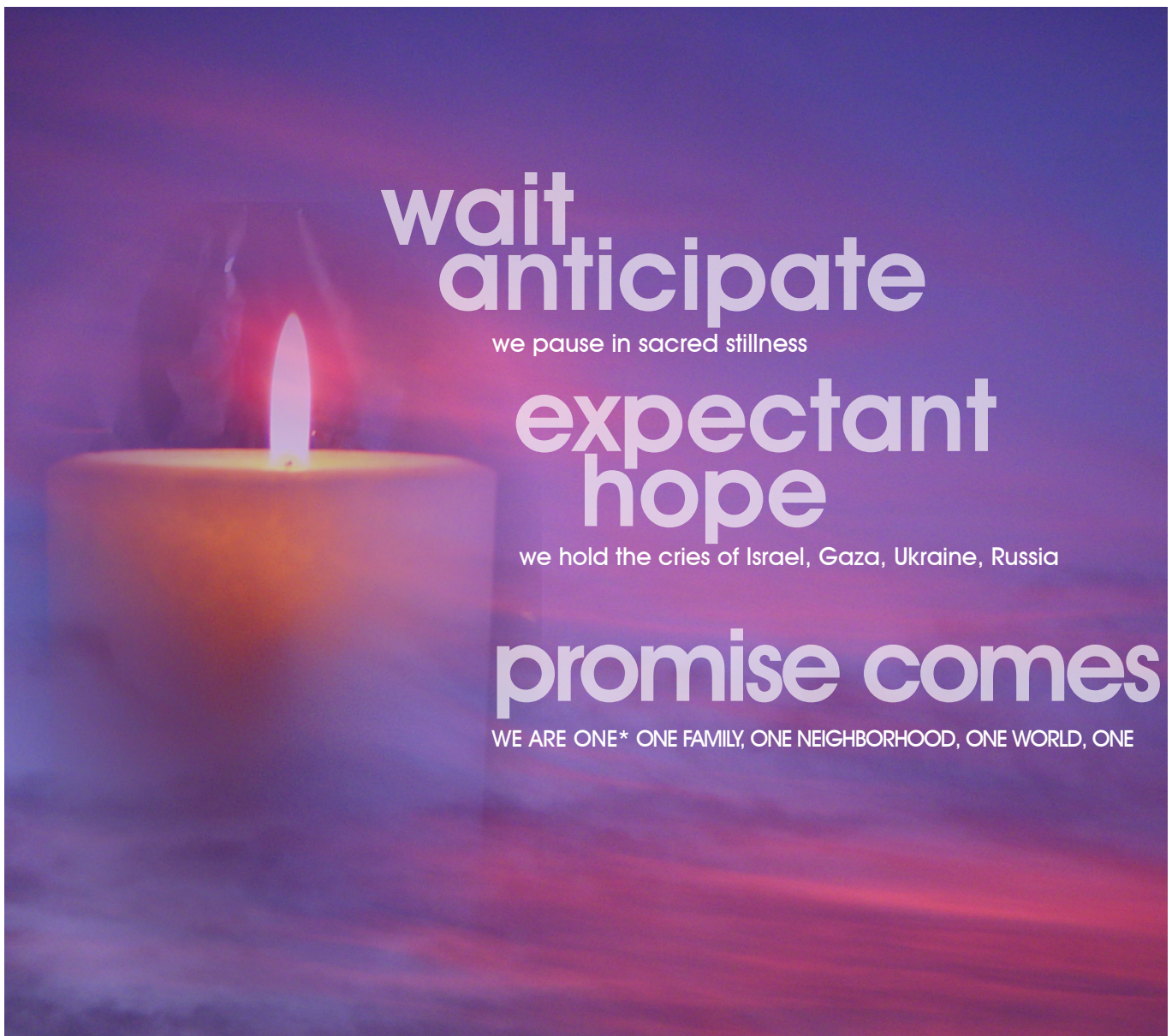


# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT | DECEMBER 3, 2023

*Be watchful!  
You do not know...*

*Mark 13:33*



*Reflection and Design: Joyelle Proot, SSND*

## SEE WITH NEW EYES

As we enter Advent, our attention is upon the second coming of Christ, at the end of time, when, when Christ comes again, all in all. Perhaps our hearts want to rush to the beauty of the Christ Child born on Christmas day; we want to avert our glance from war, famine, and the grief that surrounds all. Jesus challenges us, in these days of Advent, to “watch,” to sharpen our gaze, to look more deeply into the very darkness of night until we see the dawn. Through the death and resurrection of Christ the fullness of life is already won. The work of building the kingdom into its fullness awaits us; its coming is with us today.

In this first week of Advent, let us recognize one part or aspect of our life which reveals light. We invite the risen Christ to illuminate our mind, heart, and soul. Where will we bring healing and peace this week.

God blesses us. St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch



## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**December 3**

**9:00am Most Holy Trinity**

*First Lector:* Christine Trudell

*Second Lector:* Nicky Hoxworth

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Brenda Tillman, Donna Lindsay

**11:00am Sts. Teresa and Bridget**

*First Lector:* Jackie Forbes

*Second Lector:* Adrian Stillman

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Toni Elston, Pam White, Don Elston

**December 10**

**10:00am Unity Mass, St. Nicholas**

*First Lector:* Kalila Jackson

*Second Lector:* Ella Scott

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Bill McHugh, Eloise Grimes, Alice Prince

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## CONDOLENCES PHILIP BROWN FAMILY:

St. Josephine Bakhita parish offers heartfelt condolences to the family of Phillip Brown. May we all feel the peace of knowing that Philip rests in the eternal embrace of our God. The wake is at Most Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday evening, December 5, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm and also from 10:00 -11:00 am on Wednesday, December 6, followed by the Mass of Resurrection at 11:00 am at Most Holy Trinity. All are invited to lunch offered by Martha's Club following Mass. Please contact Donna Lindsay (314.482.2526) to provide a side dish.

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## NEW PARISH COUNCIL and FINANCE COMMITTEE:

At the end of the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, we will present the names of our new Parish Council members (13) and our new Finance Committee members (7).

Please pray for all who will form our leadership of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. We open wide our doors and our hearts to worship, evangelize, and serve all God's people. St. Josephine Bakhita you are with us.

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**LWANGA CENTER:** Bible Study resumes with our exploration of and prayer with “The Book of Isaiah” on Wednesday November 29, 2023, 1:00 pm at the St. Nicholas site, 701 N. 18th St., St. Louis 63103. Noon Mass precedes the session. All are welcome to join for the liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. No charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are welcome. For additional information, please call the St. Nicholas site phone line at 314-231-2860 ex. 24.

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

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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, PEARL HARBOR

**REMEMBRANCE:** On this day, survivors, veterans, and visitors from all over the world come together to honor and remember those who perished in the attack at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in 1941. On this day we pray for peace in every country.

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

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

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**COLLECTION:** 11/26/23 - \$2,997.90    THANK YOU

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**EMAIL FOR OUR NEW PARISH:** [info@stbakhitastl.org](mailto:info@stbakhitastl.org)



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

The liturgical environment reflects the quiet and the dark where we wait in ongoing vigil for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent blue is reminiscent of the night sky just before dawn. The image of *light in the night* persists throughout the Liturgy of the Word, revealing Jesus, Light come into the world. The wreath is the center focus decorated with greens and lights, offers light in the winter darkness.

## THE FIRST CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

As the Advent season begins, we talk to our loving God with hope. We see darkness this time of year. Sometimes life is overwhelming and sometimes filled with joy. Wherever we find ourselves today, we are reminded that our hope is in GOD. We pray, God, you are with us on this Advent journey.



**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** During Advent we are offered the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sunday and all Sundays of Advent, confessions will be heard from 8:00 – 8:45 am before the 9:00 am Eucharist at Most Holy Trinity. On Sunday, December 17, there will be a pause in the 9:00 am Eucharist offering the sacrament of Reconciliation to all. Visiting priests will help us celebrate this sacrament of peace and forgiveness. Participation in this sacrament strengthens and heals the parish community.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** Saturday, December 16, 8:30 am – 11:00 am. Doors open at 8:15 am. The event is at St. Nicholas site, 1805 Lucas Ave. The morning features Bob the Magician, picture with Santa, hot delicious breakfast, 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 and 2 and under Free. Contact Dee White 314.374.7135 or [dwhite7435@gmail.com](mailto:dwhite7435@gmail.com) Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish.

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### FUTURE DATES:

**Sunday, January 14, 2024:** 48th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration on the Holiday Weekend commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. This includes Mass and the 17th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Awards.

**Sunday, June 9, 2024:** 40th Testimonial Dinner/Auction will be held at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8  
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY,  
PATRONESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

Vigil Mass, December 7, St. Nicholas, 6:30 pm; Noon Mass at St. Nicholas on December 8.  
The solemnity of this feast celebrates the joy of God's gift to all in Mary.

Like Mary, we are called by God to fulfill a mission; to be holy, to recognize and respond to God's in our vocation. May Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your Word," be the response of all.



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OUR DOORS**

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 – 12:30  
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  
314.531.1169

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA), PREPARATIONS FOR BAPTISM,  
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