

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT | DECEMBER 24, 2023

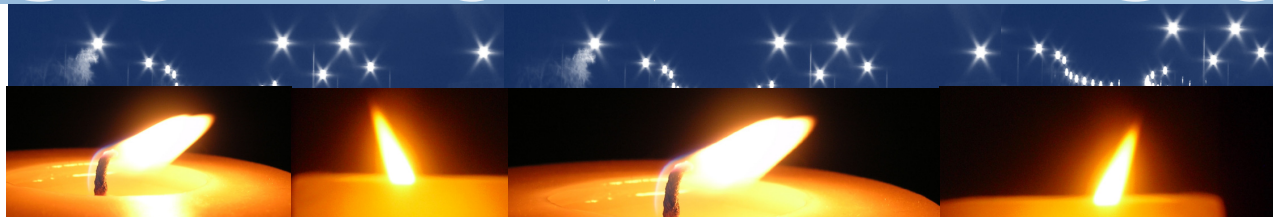
*Then the angel said to her,
"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God."*

Luke 1:38

*avored pondered
troubled*



GOD IS WITH YOU



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THE DAWN OF A NEW CREATION

As the Feast of Christmas approaches, we anticipate dawn breaking through darkness. By the love we give others and the hope we proclaim to the world, we are light in the darkness greeting the dawn. It is possible to sense the sun's rising even before it is seen on the horizon. Likewise, we sense the birth of Jesus even before "God is with us." It may be that we have struggled in our journey in the darkness, wavering between hope and doubt, between fear and favored, reflecting on the meaning of Christmas amid turmoil throughout the world. In this last week of Advent, which lasts only a moment, let us be awake to Christ dwelling in us, among us, and all around us. We give birth to Christ in our day, sharing Christ's peace with all whom we meet. We like Mary are full of grace. We are in mission with Mary bringing Christ to the world. Emmanuel, God with us, blesses us.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch



MASS SCHEDULE

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

December 24

9:00 am Most Holy Trinity

First Lector: Christine Trudell

Second Lector: Doris Speed

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Freymuth, Brenda Tillman

11:00 am Sts. Teresa and Bridget

First Lector: Adrian Stillman

Second Lector: Alice O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Elston, Ella Scott, Valerie Howard

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

December 24, 9:00 PM Sts. Teresa & Bridget

First Lector: Marie Boettcher

Second Lector: Dee White

Eucharistic Ministers: Alice O'Bryant, Brenda Tillman, Dominic Garland

December 25, Midnight: Most Holy Trinity

First Lector: Sister Gail

Second Lector: Mattie Patterson

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Lindsay, Kenneth Patterson, Sister Janice

December 25, 9:00 AM St. Nicholas

First Lector: tbd

Second Lector: tbd

Eucharistic Ministers: tbd

December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00 am Most Holy Trinity

First Lector: Sister Luanne

Second Lector: Doris Speed

Eucharistic Ministers: Rochelle Jones, S. Janice, Brenda Tillman

11:00 am Sts. Teresa and Bridget

First Lector: Michael Freymuth

Second Lector: Val Dowdy

Eucharistic Ministers: William McHugh, Doris Speed, Toni Elston

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL

We wish the greatest joy and happiness to everyone this Christmas Season and always. This blessed Emmanuel is our star to follow, a light in our darkness, and strength for our life's journey.

