

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 14, 2024

*Speak, for your servant is listening.*

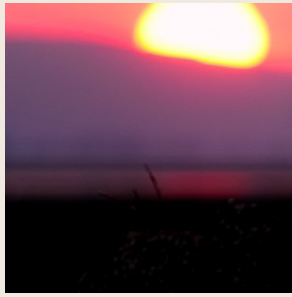
*1 Samuel 3:10*



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## COME AND SEE!

Today, John's disciples approach Jesus and ask, "where do you live?" Jesus does not offer an address; Jesus says, "Come and see..." Jesus invites us into the life of God, into relationship with God's beloved, into holy communion. When Jesus approaches the grave of his dear friend, Lazarus, Jesus asks, "where have you laid him?" the neighbors do not describe a location; they say, "Come and see..." We are inviting Jesus into the truth of our humanity, the darkness of death. Jesus is willing to enter fully into our humanity, including death on a cross. How do we enter fully into Christ's divinity, resurrection life, eternal life?.



As we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this weekend, we respond to his invitation to see with new eyes. Dr. King trusted the presence of Christ in every person. He believed that we are all brothers and sisters, beloved people of God. We commit to building the reign of God, where the darkness of systemic racism, the burden of fear, the lust for power, the chains of oppression, compel our own journey to Bethlehem.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

### JANUARY 14

#### 9:00 St. Nicholas

*First Lector:* Alice Prince

*Second Lector:* Carlton Prince

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Don Elston, Darlene Elston, Alice O'Bryant

#### 11:00 Most Holy Trinity

*First Lector:* Korky Buhr

*Second Lector:* Madonna Buhr

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Donna Lindsay, Brenda Tillman, Rochelle Jones

**JANUARY 15:** 9:00am Mass, Sts. Teresa and Bridget, Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day

### JANUARY 21

#### 9:00 St. Nicholas

*First Lector:* Connie Johnson

*Second Lector:* Kellie Willis

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Bill McHugh, Don Elston, Albert Washington

#### 11:00 - Most Holy Trinity

*First Lector:* Nicky Hoxworth

*Second Lector:* Meg Reask

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Donna Lindsay, Sharon Ryan, S. Janice

## SAVE THE DATE: Feeding Your Soul: Evangelization

**Within.** St. Josephine Bakhita's Retreat, Most Holy Trinity Site. February 3, 9am – 1:30 pm. This experience guides participants in exploring the depths of their faith, inspired by the life and spirit of St. Josephine Bakhita. St. Josephine Bakhita, a woman of resilience and faith was a beacon of hope and love. Her journey from slavery to the liberation of sainthood epitomizes the power of inner transformation. Throughout this retreat, we will delve into her story, drawing parallels to our personal paths discovering how to find and nurture our spirit.

The retreat is designed for participants to depart from the spiritual encounter equipped with effective practices to rely on during challenging times and moments when God's voice appears to be but a faint whisper.

Participants will have an opportunity to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation. A light lunch will be served.

**COLLECTION:** January 7, 2024 \$5,438.00 THANK YOU

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY and God's Blessings

### JANUARY

- 3 JoAnn Phillips Harris
- 4 Rodney Buchek
- 5 Bridget F. Stegall
- 11 Melita Long
- 13 Paul Hasser
- 13 Tere Bowman
- 18 Susan Ankenbrand
- 20 Father Gerry Kleba
- 25 Father Mitch Doyen



- 26 Phyllis Allen
- 28 Sarah Jones

*If you would like your birthday to be included with the February Birthdays, please sign the paper in back of church with your name and birthdate. We want to celebrate your special day.*

**THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION** was enacted on January 1, 1863. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his speech, *I have a dream*, spoke passionately: “This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity. Today, a hundred years later, we continue to work so all are free... of segregation and discrimination....So all live enfolded in justice”

This is the 29th celebration of the National Day of Service. Service honors Dr. King’s legacy by engaging in a purposeful experience, by seeking large impact community-based service initiatives, by contributing to environmental justice projects, or by taking the time to educate yourself on the significance of this civil rights leader’s life and legacy. Dr. King’s words, “You only need a heart full of grace.”

**THIS AFTERNOON, 48th ANNUAL CELEBRATION:**

The Holiday Weekend Commemorates the birth and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice, 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Recognition at Mass of the 17th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Honorees.

**FOOD DRIVE** in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, jr., is being held at the Central Library from January 1 until the 31st. Donations of non-perishable food benefit the Food Bank which helps supply many St. Vincent de Paul food services.

**ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 1301 Olive, downtown, offers opportunities to support the poor near our parish boundaries. Sacred Grounds Café recently opened its doors on the first floor. The new café is sponsored and staffed by St. Patrick’s Center and Catholic Charities. It offers delicious pastries and a variety of coffees. 9 am-2 pm Monday through Friday.

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES:** “The Book of Isaiah” on Wednesdays, 1: 00 pm at the St. Nicholas Church Site of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, located at 701 N. 18th St. St. Louis 63103. Noon Mass precedes the session. You are welcome to join us for the liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. There is no charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are welcomed. If additional information is needed, please call the St. Nicholas Site phone line at 314.231.2860 ex. 24.

**ORDINARY TIME IN THE WINTER:** In the first five Sundays of Ordinary Time, we have space to take a breath before Lent begins on February 14. We reflect that our God created us. We are continually in process and always on our way “home.” Ordinary Time unfolds

# CARRY FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*from Christmas into Ordinary time*

Our poinsettias still grace the altar and remind us of this poem by Howard Thurman\*, which describes the call to be Christ and to share Christ’s extraordinary mission.

## THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

When the song of the Angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoners,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among all,  
To make music in the heart.  
– Howard Thurman

\* **Howard Washington Thurman** (November 1899-April 1981): An American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader, Thurman had a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the twentieth century. His theology of radical non-violence influenced and shaped a generation of civil rights activists. Thurman was a key mentor to leaders within the civil rights movement, including Martin Luther King Jr.

the paschal mystery through the public ministry of Jesus. The Liturgical color is green, and we pray Scripture in Year B. Our song might be, “Sounds like Jesus callin’ my name, what shall I do?” - Historic Negro Spiritual

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, JANUARY 18 – 25, 2024

“You shall love your God... and your neighbor as yourself.” The theme for the Week of Prayer was selected by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso, coordinated by the community of Chemin Neuf, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people and its local community in Burkina Faso, in West Africa.

The theme reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor, all people are our “neighbors”. In this gospel, Jesus is questioned about the path to eternal life. His answer is to observe the commandments, and to be the love of God in the giving self for another. This is charity, mercy, justice, and unity.



**THE LITURGICAL COMPOSERS FORUM**, was founded in 1998 by Fr. John Foley SJ. for published composers who write music for the American Catholic Church. Since 2001, our own musician, Paul Hasser, has served on the Board of Directors and is a vital part of gathering these musicians in St. Louis. Bernadette Mooney is an associate member of this forum. The forum gathers for a few days of sharing musical gifts, concluding with a concert of their new music.



**A COMPOSERS CONCERT** will be held Thursday, January 25, 7:00-8:30 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 N. Geyer Rd. in Frontenac. Celebrate this evening of music and song with the composers who have enhanced our worship through-

out the years. \$25 general admission. \$50 preferred seating (includes reception after the concert with the composers.) Livestream: \$15 individual, \$30 party of two, \$40 household. Register at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)



**FISH FRY AT MOST HOLY TRINITY SITE:**

We have just taken down our Christmas trees and put away decorations. Already our attention turns to the Fridays in Lent, beginning February 16. **Please help by donating 5 cake mixes of the same kind and 4 icing containers (not Baker's choice brand).** The dessert is included in the meal, and it takes 5 cake mixes to fill our huge cake pans. **To volunteer in any way**, please call 314.422.5964. Leave a message with your name and phone number and Nicky Hoxworth will contact you. Many volunteers make this event fun and successful!



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  
314.531.1169

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