

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 11, 2024

*Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand...
touched and healed the frail one.*

Mark 1: 40-45



FEEL **HOLD**
ACCEPT
COMPANION
REACH
CONNECT

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HE STRETCHED AND TOUCHED HIM

Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the leper. Everything is new. In a simple gesture of compassion Jesus makes all things new. In Jesus' day, people did not know the complexity of leprosy which is less contagious than once believed and treatable today. Out of fear and caution, lepers and others who were "unclean" were completely separated from community; lepers had to warn travelers by shouting to anyone who came near, "I am unclean." In today's Gospel Jesus touches everyone, who is feared, "unclean."



We know Christ dwells in every human person. Every person is intimately connected with love, hope and resurrection life. All are included. We believe in the saving power of Christ. We must proclaim the good news of salvation to the "ends of the earth." The ends of the earth may mean north, south, east, and west. The ends of the earth are the edges of community where fear still separates us. Whether the color of our skin, the country of our origin, our faith, our political party, our sexual identity, or any other descriptor under heaven, we must stretch our minds, our hearts, and our hands to touch our neighbor.

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

– Father Mitch



THANK YOU! We are grateful to Alice Prince for writing and Carlton Prince for assistance with the publication of the St. Josephine Bakhita Novena booklets. Thanks to all who provided the Retreat. We are grateful to The Ladies Sodality and volunteers for the delicious dinner after Mass. Appreciation to Father Mitch whose emails kept us mindful of these days. To all who enhanced our first celebration of St. Josephine Bakhita's Feast Day, we are grateful.

WEEKLY PHONE MESSAGE: To be in touch by phone each week with the happenings of our parish, please print your name and phone number on the papers which are in the back of the church. Please put your paper in the collection basket.

COLLECTION: 2/4/24 – \$10,984.65 THANK YOU!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

**February 11: Sts. Teresa and Bridget
9:00am Mass**

First Lector: Tom Nolan

Second Lector: Walter Milner

Eucharistic Ministers: Harold Bailey, Maureen Nolan, Pam White

11:00am Mass

First Lector: Ingrid Clark Jackson

Second Lector: Rochelle Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: Alice O'Bryant, Toni Elston, Albert Washington

**February 18: Sts. Teresa and Bridget
9:00am Mass**

First Lector: Anita Thomas

Second Lector: Maureen Nolan

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Nolan, Harold Bailey, S. Janice

11:00am Mass

First Lector: Alice OBryant

Second Lector: Ella Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Dominic Garland, Rochelle Jones, William McHugh

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14, Mass 12:00 pm, noon at St. Nicholas, 6:30 pm at Most Holy Trinity. "Rend your hearts and not your garments." Lent is a season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. We focus on our hearts and attend to the heart of the community. How will prayer, fasting and giving alms build the reign of God in the world?

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: During Lent abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States. Fasting requires Catholics ages 18-59 to reduce the amount of food eaten.

RICE BOWLS: Many Christians choose to fast — but many people around the world have no choice in the matter. Nearly 10 percent of people globally are affected by hunger. As we fast, we keep people who struggle with hunger in prayer and donate to CRS Rice Bowl during Lent.



WITH JESUS TO THE LAST: Stations of the Cross. FRIDAYS, Feb. 16,23, March 1,8,15,22, Most Holy Trinity Church, 6:30 p.m. In praying the stations of the cross we embrace more deeply, the final hours of Jesus's earthly life and his great love. If you'd like to read the reflection for a station, please let S. Janice know after Mass this morning.

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 invited to liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. Free will offerings are welcomed. For additional information, please call the St. Nicholas Site phone line at 314.231.2860 ex. 24.

RESILIENCE UNVEILED: Celebrate Faith, Courage and Sacrifice of Black Catholics. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite all to a commemoration of Black History Month with a prayer celebration and light reception.

Immerse yourself in African drumming and listen to the words of famous Black Catholic civil rights figures such as Julia Greeley, Sister Thea Bowman, Father Augustus Tolton, Ugandan Martyrs and more. This afternoon from 2 – 4 pm, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse, 6400 Minnesota Ave, St. Louis, Mo 63111. The event is free. Registration is required. Register at scjst.org/events.

THE NEW MAGAZINE RACK in the back of the church has flyers for the following events:

Eucharistic Revival

Fish Fry at Most Holy Trinity, February 16, noon to 6:00 pm

Lenten Revival: February 10-21, St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church

Mardi Gras Masquerade Party, Saturday, March 3, St. Nicholas Parish Hall,

Stations of the Cross, Fridays in Lent, Most Holy Trinity, 6:30 pm

Women's Conference, March 9, "Catholic Women for Christ."

WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

AFRICAN AMERICANS AND ART

"In the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount. African American artists have used art to nurture history, community memory and empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by those of African descent and set the standard for trends around the world. In 2024, we examine the history and life of African American arts and artisans."

– ASALH 2024 Statement on the Theme of Black History Month



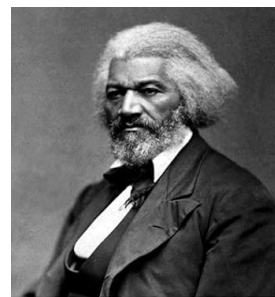
The Complete Writings of Phillis Wheatley

Phillis Wheatley Peters is broadly recognized as the first African American woman and only the third American woman to publish a book of poems. Her works continues to be studied by historians, and her legacy has inspired generations of writers.

In 1761, a young girl arrived in Boston on a slave ship, was

sold to the Wheatley family, and given the name Phillis Wheatley. Struck by Phillis' extraordinary precociousness, the Wheatleys provided her with an education that was unusual for a woman of the time and astonishing for a slave. This volume collects both Wheatley's letters and her poetry: hymns, elegies, translations, philosophical poems, tales, and epyllions — including a poignant plea to the Earl of Dartmouth urging

freedom for America and comparing the country's condition to her own. With her contemplative elegies and her use of the poetic imagination to escape an unsatisfactory world, Wheatley anticipated the Romantic Movement of the following century.



NARRATIVE OF THE LIFE OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS
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The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Published in 1845, this autobiography powerfully details the life of the internationally famous abolitionist Frederick Douglass from his birth into slavery in 1818 to his escape to the North in 1838 - how he endured the daily physical and spiritual brutalities of his owners and drivers, how he learned to

read and write, and how he grew into a man who could only live free or die.

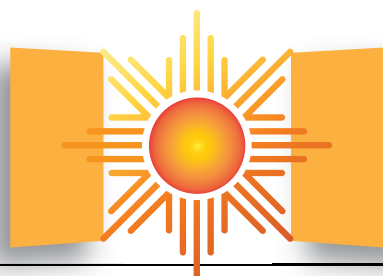
FEAST OF
St. Valentine

On this holy feast,
we bless others with
heart-mail
valentines of love-filled thoughts
to friends, loved ones, neighbors.
We put valentines in a lunch bag,
on a pillow, in a coat pocket.
We wrap each person today
with love and affection.

Valentine's Day reminds us
that we are ministers of a most
precious sacrament,
the sacrament of affirmation.
All that is essential to administer
this sacrament
is love and the willingness to say
by voice, post card or letter
the love we have in our heart.

On this holy feast,
we bless with
heart-mail.

inspired by words of Edward Hays



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OUR DOORS**

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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 – 12:00
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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