

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER | APRIL 14, 2024

*Jesus was made known to them  
in the breaking of the bread.*

*Luke 24: 35-48*



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## STARTLED AND TERRIFIED

The disciples are “startled and terrified” when they see the risen Christ and hear his message, “Peace be with you.” The women have found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They have heard the message of those clothed in white at the tomb, “remember how he told you...the Son of Man must be...crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Likewise, the disciples on the Road to Emmaus return having encountered the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. The risen Christ has appeared to Simon. Now Christ is present with them, the source of peace; yet they are startled and terrified. We, too, are startled and terrified when we encounter the risen Christ. No matter how often we experience the grace of “God with us,” we do not contain it in our minds and hearts. Although it is trustworthy and transforming, it is overwhelming. The Holy Spirit helps us to stay connected, to remain in the presence of God who is present within us. We will do what Jesus did with the disciples. We will break bread together. The ordinary things which we do understand become the windows through which we pass to embrace the depth of God’s love which is somehow always known, something we trust in our being, yet will not be grasped.

We must tell our stories of faith to each other; we run to our neighbors and shout, “we have seen the Christ.” Even though our words do not tell the whole story. That’s ok. When we pray, when we break open the Word, when we break bread together, we recognize the risen Christ in our midst.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch



## MASS SCHEDULE

### NEW WEEK-DAY MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING THIS WEEK

**St. Nicholas Site: Noon Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**Most Holy Trinity Site: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.**

After the Tuesday evening Mass, all are invited to stay, enjoy a light supper, and Bible study in the rectory garden. Supper and books provided.

#### **April 14 Sts. Teresa and Bridget site 9:00 a.m. Mass**

*First Lector:* Val Dowdy

*Second Lector:* Tempa Bolden

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Harold Bailey, Kenneth Patterson, Mike Freymuth

#### **11:00 a.m. Mass**

*First Lector:* Aryn Bostic

*Second Lector:* Ingrid Clark-Jackson

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Valerie Ward, S. Georgene, Doris Speed, Rochelle Jones,

#### **April 21**

#### **9:00 a.m. Mass**

*First Lector:* Harold Bailey

*Second Lector:* Korky Buhr

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Mike Freymuth, Kenneth Patterson, Valerie Dowdy

#### **11:00 a.m. Mass**

*First Lector:* Alice O’Bryant

*Second Lector:* Dee White

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Don Elston, Valerie Howard, Rochelle Jones, Toni Elston

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**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** If you do not have church envelopes, please email Kenneth at [krpatter402@gmail.com](mailto:krpatter402@gmail.com)

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**ROBO CALLS:** The weekly calls about the news of the Parish will look like this on your phone: Call Multiplier, Oklahoma City, OK, (405) 548-2251, St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. If you do not receive this call and would like to please notify Sister Janice.

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**MONTH OF THE EUCHARIST:** The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The bishops expressed at Vatican II, “The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life and all are encouraged to full, conscience and active participation.”

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:** If you are willing to share your time on a Monday, for an hour or two between 9 – 12 noon, to deliver food from our St. Nicholas Site Food Pantry to homebound neighbors within the city limits, please call 314.289.6101 ext.1171

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**COLLECTION:** 4/7/24 - \$5,704.46

THANK YOU!

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:** July 17-21, Indianapolis, Indiana. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage begins May 17. Four groups of 12 pilgrims will begin processing from the North, South, East and West: Lake Itasca, MN, Brownsville, TX, New Haven, CT and San Francisco, CA, all meeting in Indianapolis at the Congress July 16. The pilgrims from the west will arrive in the St. Louis area July 5. They will be at the Missionaries of Charity on July 6 for Mass, Adoration, and delivery of the Boxes of Mercy to refugees in the St. Louis Archdiocese.

**ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC ACADEMY** will move to the corner campus of La Salle Charter School at the end of the current school year. This new location is 1106 North Jefferson Avenue, 63106, in the Carr Square neighborhood. All are invited to an Open House, Thursday, April 18, 3:30 – 6:00. Tours, Activities Hot Dog Dinners.

The property has rich Catholic history. St. Bridget of Erin Church was established on the site in 1853. It was also the site of a Catholic school from 1970-2012. “The building provides a viable, turnkey setting in which the Archdiocese of St. Louis will deliver state of the art, quality Catholic education in a renovated space that has a long legacy,” said the Archdiocese.

**BOXES OF MERCY** is a service initiative of the National Eucharistic Revival. The Pilgrims arriving in St. Louis from the West Coast will deliver these Boxes, filled with non-perishable items, to refugees in the St. Louis areas. We at St. Josephine Bakhita are a giving community opening wide our doors and hearts to serving all. The boxes, with a list of non-perishable items suggested, are in the back of church.

**FAITH FORMATION SERIES:** “PRESENCE: The Mystery of the Eucharist.” Members of our Eucharistic Revival Committee present this four-part series after the 11:00 Mass this morning and continuing each Sunday. This offering is an opportunity to deepen understanding of the Eucharist. We join with all in celebrating the gift of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. Come this week. Be a part of the life-giving discussion on the Eucharist.

**EARTH DAY, APRIL 22:** We honor and celebrate our remarkable planet. Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future.



we have only  
begun to  
love  
the earth  
... so much is in bud.

Denise Levertov, *Beginnings*



## THANK YOU!

The Fish Fry raised \$14,500 for our parish.  
Thank you to all those who helped and participated in this successful endeavor.

The excited winners of the raffle were:

**Beth** who will enjoy a night stay and a day in St. Charles, Mo.

**Jessica** is now ready for spring by winning the wheelbarrow of delight,

**Tom** recognized his luck when his name was drawn, winning the colorful quilt designed, quilted and donated by St. John the Baptist quilters and

**Doug** felt that Spring had Sprung when winning the scratch offs and gift cards.

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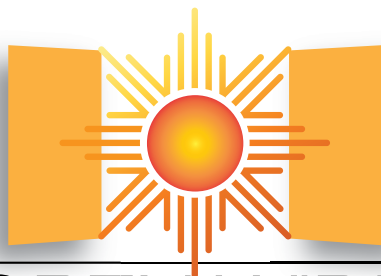
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OPEN WIDE  
OUR DOORS

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish  
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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