

# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

TWENTYNINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 22, 2023

*We give thanks to God always for all of you...  
calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love  
and persevering hope in Jesus Christ...*

*Thessalonians 1:2*



**call to mind**  
**give thanks**  
**always**

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## CYRUS, CEASAR, AND THE BODY OF CHRIST

The scriptures today invite us to recognize occupying emperors as instruments of God's grace. This invitation may seem even more strange than, "love your enemies." As we journey in the world and in faith, we are clearly earthbound while we are heaven bound. We carry in our bones the very paradox of the Gospel; we proclaim the death of Jesus until He comes again.



The message is not about King Cyrus allowing the people of Israel to return to Jerusalem; it is not about the Emperor of Rome assessing taxes. The message is always about God's bold love to save, God's use of all of creation and every person to reveal God's glory, God's desire for us to share God's own life, now and forever.

Saint Josephine Bakhita endured untold suffering for many years; yet she acknowledged those painful steps in her journey as bringing her to Christ. Let us join with her in the work of proclaiming God's glory in every corner of the earth; saying, "no" to oppression and saying, "yes" to God's outrageous love.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

**PRAYING THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER:** Sundays 8:15 at St. Nicholas and 10:15 at Most Holy Trinity. October is the month dedicated to Mary. Come to pray a peaceful recitation of the rosary.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays, 1:00 pm St. Nicholas Church now through November 15, "The Book of Sirach" (Ecclesiasticus-Wisdom of Ben Sira), Chapter 33. Noon Mass precedes the session. You are invited 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 welcome.

**HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE:** This theme for World Mission Sunday this morning is based on the story of the disciples who meet Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). Illumined by our encounter with the risen Christ and prompted by his Spirit, we set out again. Pope Francis exhorts us to go with burning hearts and our feet in motion to share the word of God and our joy in Jesus.

**COLLECTION:** 10/15/23 \$6,576.00 THANK YOU

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Noon Mass:** Monday-Friday, St. Nicholas

### Sunday, October 22

9:00 St. Nicholas

*First Reading:* Kalila Jackson

*Second Reading:* Kelli Willis

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Don and Darlene Elston

11:00 Most Holy Trinity

*First Reading:* Alice O'Bryant

*Second Reading:* Meg Reask

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Kenneth Patterson, Rochelle Jones, and Donna Lindsay

### Sunday, October 29

9:00 St. Nicholas

*First Reading:* Carlton Prince

*Second Reading:* Alice Prince

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Eloise Grimes and Alber Washington

11:00 Most Holy Trinity

*First Reading:* Rochelle Jones

*Second Reading:* Kathy Hesse

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Korky Buhr, Doris Speed, and Brenda Tillman

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## SAVE THE DATES:

November 1 All Saints Day Masses:

Noon at St. Nicholas and  
6:30 at Most Holy Trinity

November 2 All souls Day Mass: Noon at St. Nicholas

November 12 Blessing of Veterans at Mass

November 18 Thanksgiving Gathering

November 19 A Black Catholic Community's  
Perspective, PBS.

November 23 Thanksgiving Mass, 9:00 am,  
Most Holy Trinity

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## PREPARATION FOR ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY:

As you enter church you are invited to enter the names of your loved ones in the Book of Remembrance. This book will be placed on the altar during Mass. You are also invited to bring a photo of your loved ones that will be put in a place of honor in the church. Please bring the photos next Sunday, October 29, so that they will be in place for all Saints and All Souls Day.

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*Thank you*

What a blessed Festival of Ministries we celebrated! The joint stewardship committee, the planners and workers, devoted themselves to making the festival a meaningful and joyous occasion for all. We celebrate their efforts and dedication.



## WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER

Kenecia Allen  
Phyllis Allen  
Kate Baldi  
Samuel Belk  
James Bland  
John & Diana Bowman  
Philip Brown  
Anne Brown  
Candice, Burke  
Chloe Burke  
Jalen Burke  
Virginia Cavitte  
Shirley Cherry  
Angela Cherry-Carr  
Brend Cole  
Lonnell Cole  
Costello Family  
Calvin David  
Geraldine Davis  
Warren Davis  
Ed Deason  
Patricia Fleming  
Carolyn Ford  
Donald Gammon  
Addie Gill,  
Tyrone Gill  
Karen Gonnigan  
Mary Green

Joanie Hassner  
Pearline Hawkins  
Hazel Hosea  
Mary Lee Howard  
Kim Ingram  
Doris (Feeherty) Janz  
Gregory Jenkins  
Sarah Jones  
Everlyn Jones  
Reign Brown-Jones  
Queen Jones  
Virgil Kaleen  
Ethel Long  
Brenda Mahr  
David Mancuso  
Terry Mancuso  
Ann McDermott  
Betty McCullough  
Bill McHugh  
Mary Meyer  
Ruth Mitchell  
Hannah Moll  
Sharon Morrow  
Thomas Newman  
Maureen Nolan  
David O'Bryant  
Barbara Parker  
Den Stanley Peterson

Elouise Reed  
Marta Reyna  
Mark Reynolds  
Bart Robbins  
Derrick Ross  
Charles Sams  
Diana Schmidt  
Janie Shockley  
James Smith  
Penny Smith  
Annette Strickland  
Doris Tobias  
Marie Tolber,  
Cathy Torrillo  
John Towles  
Tracy Family  
Brenda Ulmer  
Usanga Family  
Carol Wallace  
Mildren Washington  
Steve Washington  
Toni Weightman  
Barbara Williams  
Carole Willis

*October 22, 2023*

A CELEBRATION OF

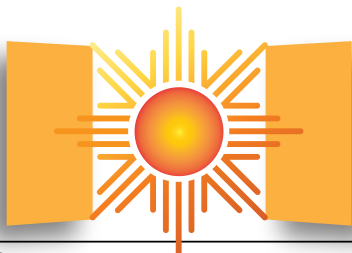
# Stewardship Season

## A LIFE OF GRATITUDE

Take time every day to recognize the gifts that God generously gives

*Cherish* and tend to these gifts responsibly  
*Share* them in justice and love  
*Return* them to God

As we gratefully and faithfully live our commitment to stewardship we consider:  
**WE ARE SENT FORTH** with a mission to love and serve the Risen Christ in each other. Our “Thanks be to God” at the end of Mass requires us to give thanks to God for all God has given us; go and live the transformation of liturgy. This is the gift of self that liturgy asks of us — giving ourselves to all. As we practice stewardship, this, then, is our ultimate praise and thanksgiving to God, our ultimate gift to God.



**OPEN WIDE  
OUR DOORS**

Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas,  
Sts. Teresa & Bridget  
Catholic Churches

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**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SERVICES****Most Holy Trinity**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food/Utility Assistance  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 – noon  
4335 Warne Ave, 63107  
314-535-9794 (during operating hours)

**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

**St. Nicholas**

Food Pantry sponsored by Ascension SVDP  
Mondays (except holidays): 10 - noon  
701 N 18th St., 63103  
314.289.6101

**Sts. Teresa & Bridget**

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