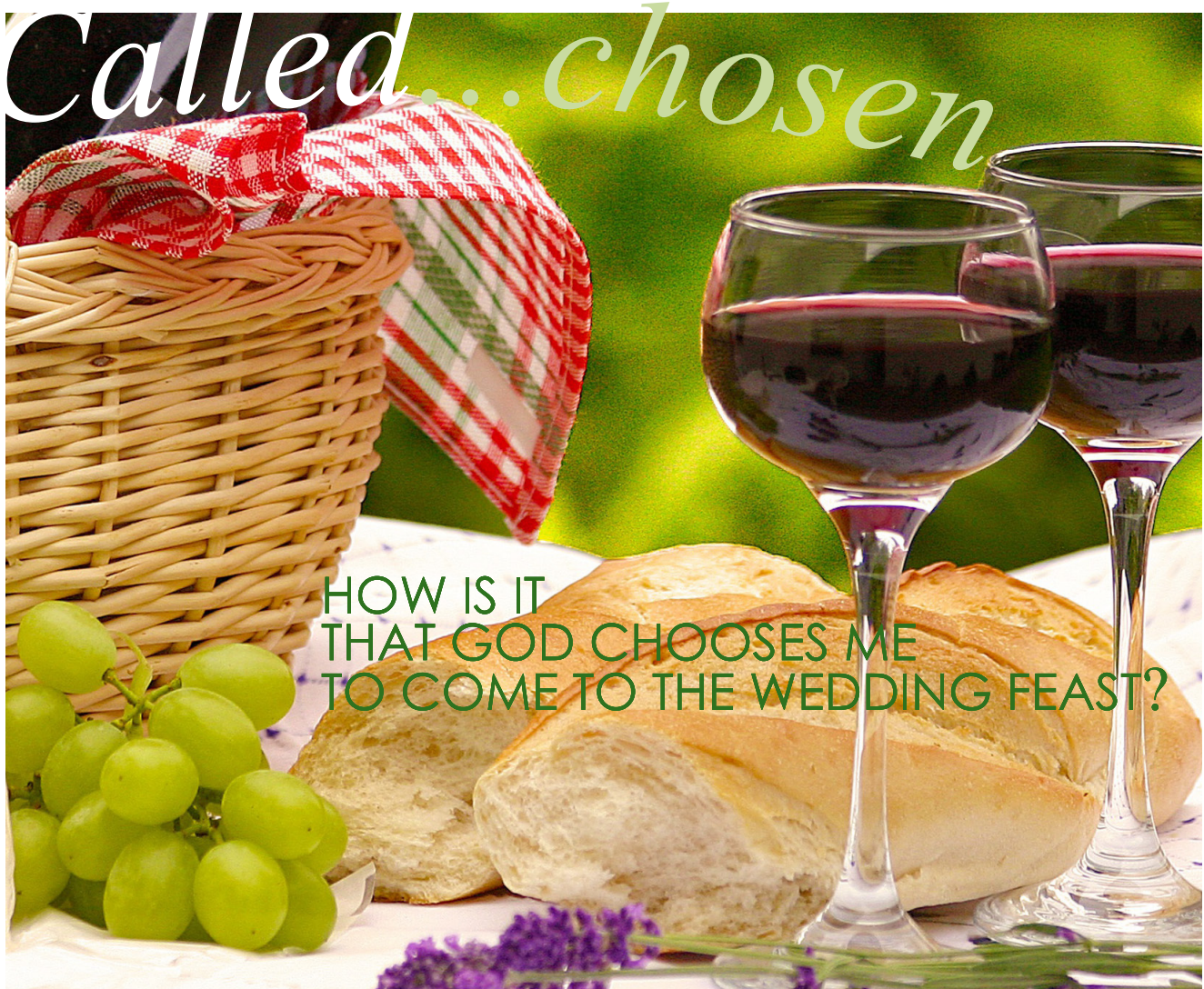


ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

TWENTYEIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 15, 2023

*I prepare this feast for you.
...everything is ready; come...*

Matthew 22:4



COME TO THE FEAST

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THE WEDDING FEAST OF THE LAMB

In this year of Eucharistic Revival, we will focus on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Whenever we celebrate Eucharist, we participate in the Wedding Feast of the Lamb; each one of us and all of us together become the very body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ. We become one with Christ in the heart of God.



The Parable of the Wedding Banquet begins with a King giving a Wedding Banquet for his son. This parable offers us glimpses of the heavenly Jerusalem; it also sends us to the very beginning of creation. The love between the Creator and the Son reveals the Holy Spirit in overflowing, loving creation. All of creation is the dance floor of the Wedding Banquet uniting us to Christ and to all. We are invited to participate in God's own life. The wedding garment reveals the depth of the gift. Passing up the free wedding garment, which is offered, choosing instead to go straight to the buffet; the gift is missed. We pray that all return to the Feast after reflection and reconciliation. God longs for us to enjoy the heavenly banquet. Let us prepare our RSVP today, let it be, "Yes!"

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER: On Sundays beginning at 8:15a.m. at St. Nicholas and 10:15 a.m. at Most Holy Trinity, we will have praying of the rosary in October, a month dedicated to Mary. The feast of the Holy Rosary is October 7. Please come to enjoy a peaceful praying of the rosary with guided meditation on the mysteries of Christ.

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, Donna Lindsay, and S. Janice

ST. TERESA OF AVILA (1515-1582): On her feast day, TODAY, we celebrate with our Sts. Teresa and Bridget Campus. This Doctor of the Church is recognized for making significant contributions to theology through her research, study, and writing. Teresa is an example of one who combined the life of contemplation with an intense activity and common-sense efficiency in practical affairs. She is a model for today!

ALL THINGS NEW CONTEXT – BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

As we continue our All Things New process, the Center lifts each of you and our parishes in prayer. The Center's Bible Study resumed with our exploration of and prayer with "The Book of Sirach" (Ecclesiasticus-Wisdom of Ben Sira)-Chapter 33 on September 27, 2023, continuing Wednesdays through November 15th at 1:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Church Site, located at 701 N. 18th St., St. Louis 63103. Noon Mass precedes each session. Join us for liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. There is Sessions are free. Free will offerings are welcome. For additional information, please call the St. Nicholas phone 314-231-2860 ex. 24.

COLLECTION: 10/8/23 - \$8,099.28 THANK YOU.

Were not our hearts burning within us?
Luke 24:13-35

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 22, 2023

World Mission Sunday celebrates the universal call of baptism to be Christ's witnesses to the world. We gather our prayers, sacrifices, and offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to support the life-giving presence of the Church in more than 1,100 mission dioceses. Your financial gift provides education for children, medical assistance for clinics, support for catechists and women religious ministering to families and children and provides seminarian training.

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Feast day February 8



Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors. She is a shining ray of hope for human trafficking survivors and an inspiration of how to recover from trauma and become whole again.

Josephine was a member of the Daju tribe. Her father was prosperous. Her uncle was the tribal chief. Josephine Margaret Bakhita, also called Mother Josephine Bakhita, (born c. 1869, Olgossa, Darfur (now in Sudan)—died February 8, 1947, Schio, Italy; canonized October 1, 2000; feast day February 8), Sudanese-born Roman Catholic saint who survived kidnapping and enslavement.

St. Josephine Bakhita survived slavery and persevered. She dedicated her life to sharing the gospel and her testament of deliverance from slavery. The Catholic Church inspired by her life and mission,

chose her feast day, February 8, to be the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to the city of Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and welcoming visitors.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Dear St. Josephine Bakhita – We celebrate your life, a compelling witness to the redeeming love of God. Please help us deepen and energize our commitment to the vital work of education and action to end human trafficking in our geographic areas and throughout our world.

MASS SCHEDULE, OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER

OCTOBER 8, 22, 29

9:00am: St. Nicholas

11:00am: Most Holy Trinity

OCTOBER 15

10:00am: Unity Mass: Sts. Teresa and Bridget

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 26

9:00am: Sts. Teresa and Bridget

11:00am: St. Nicholas

NOVEMBER 19

10:00am: Unity Mass – Most Holy Trinity

FEAST DAY MASSES

All Saints Day: noon, St. Nicholas;

6:30 pm, Most Holy Trinity

All Souls Day: noon, St. Nicholas

Thanksgiving: 9:00am, Most Holy Trinity

DECEMBER 3, 17

9:00am: Most Holy Trinity

11:00am: Sts. Teresa and Bridget

DECEMBER 10

10:00am: Unity Mass at St. Nicholas

Christmas Masses to be announced



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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

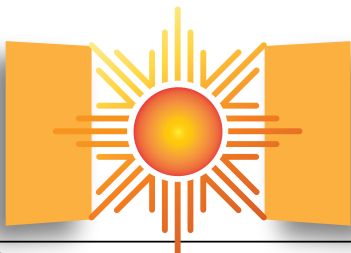
Food Pantry sponsored by Ascension SVDP
Mondays (except holidays): 10 - noon
701 N 18th St., 63103
314.289.6101

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

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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Sts. Teresa & Bridget
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