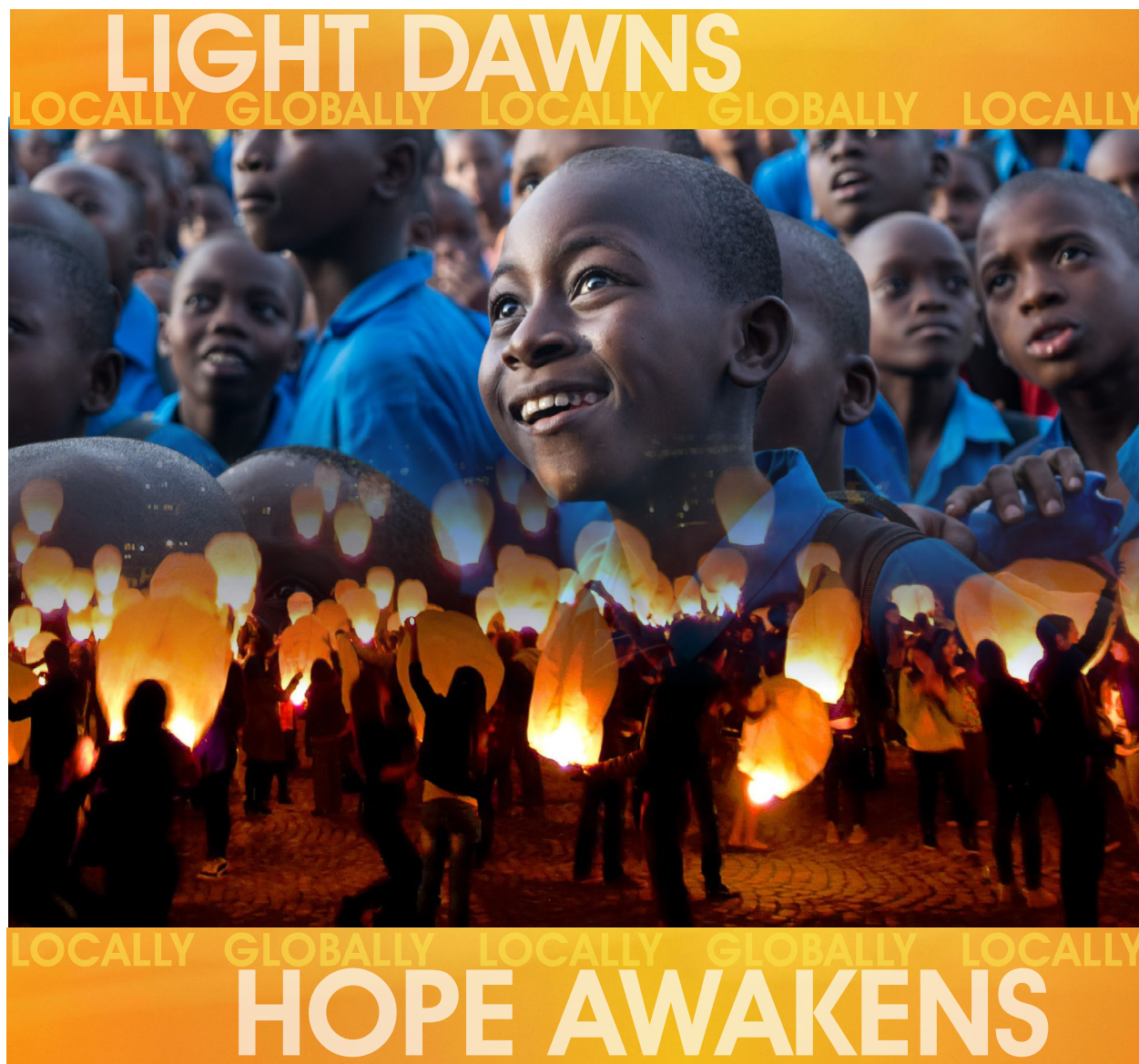


# ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

THIRTYTHIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 19, 2023

*For all of you are children of the light and children of the day.  
we are not of the night or of darkness.*

*1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6*



*Reflection: Mary Susan Berg, SSND; Design: Joyelle Proot, SSND*

## FEAR

Jesus invites all, through the parable of the talents, to trust the abundance of God's grace. Paul, says it another way, "you are not in darkness...all of you are children of the light and children of the day." Jesus' invitation and Paul's exhortation summon all beyond fear to rely on God's love to sustain us, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.



Fear clouds judgment and stifles imagination. Perfect love casts out fear. Love for one another, our willingness to spend life in service to one another, confidence in God's Spirit already at work in all, transforms one talent into an abundance of riches. We embrace this holy and troubled world entrusted to us; we transform our neighborhoods into the Kingdom of God. We are the light of Christ brilliant in the darkness; we are beloved people of God welcoming the dawn of a new creation; we are living witnesses to Resurrection Life opening WIDE our heart doors to worship, evangelize and serve all God's people.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

**NOVEMBER 19: NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION.** A Black Catholic Community's Perspective, Part III on "The Black Church: This is our story. This is our song." A PBS presentation 3:00 pm today. (Flyer in the back of church)

**REMINING THE WORLD:** "With passions enflamed in our own communities, online, and around the world, we guard against any tendency to sow hatred against other people or faiths. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, 'The church reproves, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against others or harassment of them because of their race, color, condition of life, or religion.'"

United Catholic Conference of Bishops

**EMAIL FOR OUR NEW PARISH:** [info@stbakhitastl.org](mailto:info@stbakhitastl.org)

**NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCILS:** Nominations are accepted for parishioners who wish to serve in these ministries. Self-nominations and other nominations accepted during the month of November. Please place nominations in the collection basket.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Noon Mass this week:** Monday through Wednesday, and Friday, St. Nicholas site

### November 19

**10:00am Most Holy Trinity site**

*First Lector:* Mary Grayson

*Second Lector:* Dee White

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Mike Freymuth, Mattie Patterson

### November 26

**9:00am Sts. Teresa and Bridget site**

*First Lector:* Vola Washington Harper

*Second Lector:* Walter Milner

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Mark Dowdy, Dominic Garland, Pam White

### 11:00am St. Nicholas site

*First Lector:* Connie Johnson

*Second Lector:* Kellie Willis

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Eloise Grimes, Don Elston, Alice O'Bryant

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**THANKSGIVING MASS:** Thursday, November 23, 9:00am, Most Holy Trinity site. Please bring non-perishable food for our four food pantry sites. Boxes are at the entrance of the church for donations.

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## WELCOME, FRIENDS OF MOST HOLY TRINITY, ST. NICHOLAS, AND STS. TERESA AND BRIDGET:

We celebrate new beginnings and express our gratitude for your ongoing participation in and generous support of our churches. You are valued partners in mission through volunteering, eliciting gifts to respond to the poor, and regular contributions keeping our churches available for worship and community. Your help is invaluable to mission. We thank you and encourage you to connect with our growing faith community.

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## WE ARE BLESSED BY ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US:

All are invited to enter the names of loved ones in the Book of Remembrance to be placed on the altar during Mass. Also bring photos of loved ones to be put in a place of honor in the church.

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## REMEMBERING THOSE FROM OUR PARISH WHO HAVE ENTERED THE ETERNAL EMBRACE OF OUR LOVING GOD THIS YEAR:

This morning we remember those whose names are read. Candles are brought forward by a family member or a parishioner. Their presence blesses and supports all through life.

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**COLLECTION:** 11/12/23 - \$6,477.01      THANK YOU





# Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, God: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus.

**A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES**

From St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Staff

## A RETREAT IN PREPARATION FOR ADVENT

Mary's Yes: Journey of Faith, Trust, and Surrender

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Most Holy Trinity Church Site | 3519 N. 14th Street | St. Louis, Mo 63107

This retreat is a sanctuary for the soul, offering a pause to connect with the essence of your faith, through the inspiring narrative of Mary's unwavering commitment to God and living her Yes!

### Bring:

- your presence and tools to engage in this spiritual journey
- an open heart, ready to receive and reflect upon experiences of the day
- a journal, to note the essence of personal reflection
- prayer shawl to wrap in comfort and warmth while reflecting
- rosary to aid contemplation and to feel the tangible connection to faith
- special items you wish to have blessed, a spiritual significance of this retreat

Retreat includes Mass presided by Father Mitch Doyen and presentations by Sister Janice Munier, SSND and Dr. Alice Prince. There will be time for reflection and personal prayer, sharing with others. Mass at 9:00 am and concluding with lunch at 12:00 pm

### To Register:

Contact Sister Janice at [S.Janice@mhtstl.org](mailto:S.Janice@mhtstl.org), or Dr. Alice Prince at [APrince@pathwaysunited.org](mailto:APrince@pathwaysunited.org); sign-up in the back of church; or register online at <https://forms.gle/9LQDseVWQqJCopCH8>



The Ladies Sodality Presents

# A NIGHT OF JAZZ & SOUL

Featuring the sounds  
of Saxophonist  
*Antoine Washington*  
Saturday, December 2, 2023  
6pm-10pm

Doors Open at 5:45pm | BYOB

St. Nicholas Parish Hall  
1805 Lucas Avenue

\$30

Free Food While It Lasts | Additional Setups Sold,  
Local Vendors & Photographer On Site

**FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:**

Valerie: 314.517.8667

Mary Anne: 314.799.5369

Kenecia: 314.443.4275



**OPEN WIDE  
OUR DOORS**

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

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA), PREPARATIONS FOR BAPTISM,  
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