

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 25, 2024

*On a high mountain
apart by themselves,
Jesus was transfigured before them.
Peter hardly knew what to say.*

Mark 9:2, 6



PRESENCE
IN YOUR MIDST

LISTENING
CONVERSING

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FINDING ISHMAEL

The Transfiguration of Jesus presents the completion of the Law and the Prophets in Jesus, who through his death and resurrection, fulfills all God's promises. In the reading from Genesis Abraham is willing to sacrifice Isaac. The text from Genesis describes the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son, as prefiguring the immensity of Jesus' love to give his life for all. This is a spiritual analogy: love comes at a great cost.



What about Ishmael who is also a son of Abraham? Ismael is also sacrificed, sent out into the desert with his mother, Hagar, to die. God intervenes, when Ishmael is near death, to save him. We are to experience the transformation in holiness promised by the Transfiguration. We seek Ishmael in our lives. Ishmael is the forgotten one, literally forgotten in the Bible itself. It is important for us to journey out into the desert, all the way to the edge of our lives, past the point where fear asks us to stop looking, to bring everything into the light. In Christ, all is remembered, all is holy, all is held tenderly; Christ is with the forsaken and the cast out. Jesus rises from the dead, bringing everyone and everything back to life, including Ishmael.

St. Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

COMING EVENTS:

March 1, FISH FRY, Most Holy Trinity site, noon till 6:00 pm

March 1, SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Most Holy Trinity site 6:30 pm

March 2, Mardi Gras Masquerade Party, St. Nicholas Parish Hall

GUNSENSE: FOR THE COMMON GOOD. Thursday Feb. 29, 7:00, St. Margaret of Scotland. For more information gunsense@stmargaretstl.org.

MASS SCHEDULE

Noon Mass, Monday through Friday, St. Nicholas

February 25:

10:00 Unity Mass, Cardinal Ritter College Prep

First Lector: Sister Gail

Second lector: Valerie Dowdy

Eucharistic Ministers: Dee White, Don Elston, Sister Janice

March 3: St. Nicholas

9:00 am Mass

Liturgical Roles: to be determined

11:00 am Mass

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March 10: Most Holy Trinity

10:00 Unity Mass

First Lector: Madonna Buhr

Second Lector: Dee White

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Lindsay, Valerie Howard, Korcky Buhr

COLLECTION: 2/18/24 - \$000000 THANK YOU!

SPECIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Archbishop Rozanski has invited all parishes to participate in the Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 1 in behalf of survivors of domestic violence, suicide, and gun harm in our community. "As we experience our own weakness and suffering, we renew our empathy with those who suffer. By journeying together on the Way of the Cross, we grow in our union with Christ and in our sensitivity to His presence to all victims." Each station includes the name and a brief description of a person who died from gun use. **We pray healing stations of the cross at Most Holy Trinity at 6:30 on March 1.**

SUPPORT OUR CATECHUMENS, Kevin Bolden and Marshall Brown. Our prayer and faith community accompany them as they journey toward the celebrating the sacraments of Initiation Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation on Holy Saturday evening. Their witness renews our baptismal call.

BOXES OF MERCY is a service initiative for the Eucharistic Revival. These boxes will be delivered to refugees in the St. Louis area. Please see the donation box for a list of desired items. Thank You.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, February 25, we gather for our St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Assembly. We begin with Eucharist celebrated in the Commons of Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School, 701 North Spring, at 10:00 am. Followed by a brief break for fellowship, with doughnuts and coffee. We reconvene in the Commons for our Parish Assembly. Our facilitator for the assembly is Joyce Jones, the Director of the office of Racial Harmony or the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Joyce knows our community and brings a wealth of experience, and love, through her work with the Black Catholic community throughout the world.

We chose Cardinal Ritter College Prep because of its proximity to all our churches and its mission. The campus of CRCP is situated on The Delmar Divide; the mission of Cardinal Ritter Prep invites all people to proclaim the Gospel to all. We pray for our Parish

Assembly; we bring open minds and hearts as we seek God's call in our lives and in our parish community. The focus of our gathering is the recommendation of a primary worship site. As we discern our Parish Church, we are mindful of God's presence in all.

Everyone is invited to be heard at the assembly. To speak, please prepare remarks on a 3x5 index card, which will be collected so we have access to all insights shared at the assembly. Remarks will be limited to two minutes. While this assembly will be critical to our discernment of a Parish Church, which will be chosen before Easter, there will be more Parish Assemblies. We will gather frequently to remain connected and transparent as we move forward in our mission as St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. We open wide our doors and our hearts to worship, evangelize and serve all God's people.

– Fr. Mitch

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

Katherine Mary Dunham (June 22, 1909 – May 21, 2006) was an American dancer, choreographer, anthropologist, and social activist. Dunham had one of the most successful dance careers of the 20th century and directed her own dance company for many years. She has been called the “matriarch and queen mother of black dance.”

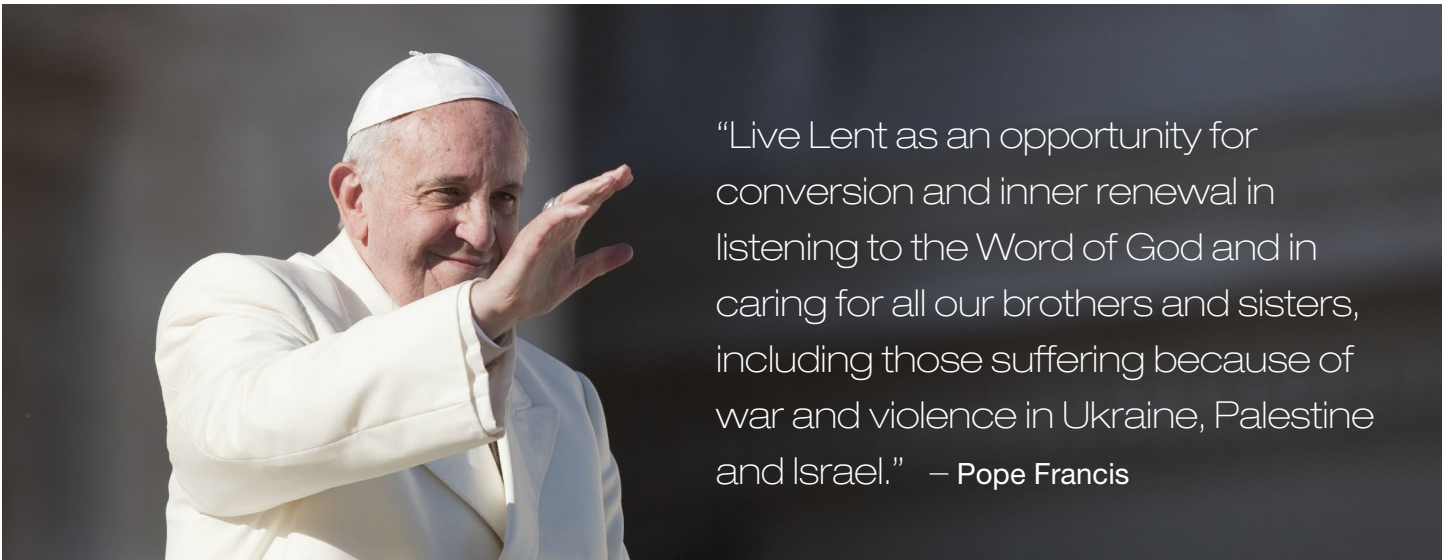
While a student at the University of Chicago, Dunham also performed as a dancer, ran a dance school, and earned an early bachelor's degree in anthropology. Receiving a post graduate academic fellowship, she went to the Caribbean to study the African diaspora, ethnography and local dance. She returned to graduate school and submitted a master's thesis to the anthropology faculty, yet did not complete that degree as she realized that her professional calling was performance and choreography.

Dunham was an innovator in African-American modern dance as well as a leader in the field of dance anthropology.



Katherine Dunham in her home in East St. Louis in the 1980s

PHOTO: MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTIONS



“Live Lent as an opportunity for conversion and inner renewal in listening to the Word of God and in caring for all our brothers and sisters, including those suffering because of war and violence in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel.” – Pope Francis



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH (Most Holy Trinity Church site)

3519 North 14th Street • St. Louis, MO 63107 • 314-241-9165

March 1, 8, 15, 22 • 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm

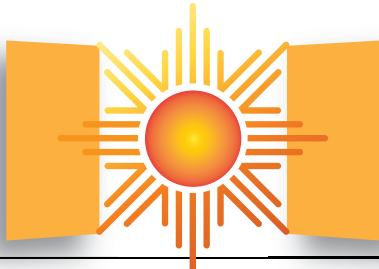
Fried Cod, Catfish Nuggets & Baked Tilapia with choice of 2 sides (Pasta, Green Beans, Slaw)
 Fish Plates: \$15 • Fish Sandwiches: \$10 • Mac & Cheese bites & Hush Puppies: \$2
HOMEMADE DESSERTS ARE INCLUDED WITH ALL ORDERS

Carry Out and Dine-In until 6 pm.

For all pick up orders, call 314-517-3004 when you arrive. Deliveries from noon thru 4:30 pm available upon request.

PRE-ORDER on Thursday or Friday by 4:00 pm
 Call the Rectory at 314-241-9165

RAFFLE Ticket for only \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20
 Winners will be announced on March 22nd.



**OPEN WIDE
 OUR DOORS**

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 Sts. Teresa & Bridget Sites

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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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