

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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*Jesus emptied himself...
becoming fully human.*

Philippians 2:6-11



EMPTINESS

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FROM HOSANNAH TO FEAR

When the narrative of the passion invites me to yell, "Crucify him," I often think to myself that I would not call for the execution of Jesus or anyone. What prompted so many who had welcomed Jesus when he entered Jerusalem just days before Passover, to turn on him so quickly. My best guess is fear. Seeing the leadership of the Jewish people calling for Jesus' crucifixion,



coupled with the leadership's fear that the Roman occupation would turn violent if Jesus' continued to stir up trouble, the people likely chimed in out of fear of losing what little security they had.

How does fear prevent us from boldly proclaiming the Gospel? Protecting our way of life is safer than risking the loss of everything. Yet, Jesus invites us to risk losing all for love. When our hearts are convinced and ready to sing Hosannah, let us remain convinced. Let us remain in the love that casts all fear away.

Saint Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

MASS SCHEDULE

Noon Mass, Monday through Friday, St. Nicholas

PALM SUNDAY, March 24

9:00 Mass, Most Holy Trinity

First Lector: Anita Thomas

Second Lector: Rochelle Jones

Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen Nolan, Donna Lindsay, Kenneth Patterson, Doris Speed

Passion Narrator: Kenneth Patterson

Voice: Tom Nolan

11:00 Mass, St. Nicholas

First Lector: Kellie Willis

Second Lector: Beverly Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Elston, Bill McHugh, Pam White, Valerie Howard, S. Janice

Passion Narrator: Bridget Stegall

Voice: Vola Washington-Harper

HOLY WEEK: St. Josephine Bakhita site

HOLY THURSDAY

Light meal provided 5:00-6:10pm

6:30pm Mass

Adoration until midnight

First Lector: Alice O'Bryant

Second Lector: Valerie Howard

Eucharistic Ministers and Presentation of Oils: Brenda Tillman, St. Nicholas, Mark Dowdy

GOOD FRIDAY

Church is open from noon-3pm

UPHOLDING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY LIFE:

Unless Governor Parsons grants clemency to Brian Dorsey, he will be executed Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 pm at the Bonne Terre prison. A bus leaves from Cardinal Rigali Center at 4:00 pm on April 9th and is expected to return to St. Louis by 8:00 pm. There is

Stations of the Cross at 3pm

Service at 6:30pm

First Lector: S. Georgene Schumacher

Second Lector: Aryn Bostic

Eucharistic Minister: Don Elston

Intercessions:

First and Second: Korky Buhr

Third and Fourth: Darlene Elston

Fifth and Sixth: Val Dowdy

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL

7:30pm Candlelight Procession

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Reading 1 – Genesis: Mike Freymuth, S. Janice

Reading 2 – Exodus: Francis Warren

Reading 3 – Isaiah: Marisa Boettcher

Epistle: Ella Scott

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Thompson, Pam White, S. Janice, Darlene Elston, Mike Freymuth

EASTER MASSES, St. Josephine Bakhita site

9:00 Mass

First Lector: Dee White

Second Lector: S. Janice

Eucharistic Ministers: Harold Bailey, S. Janice, Dee White, Kenneth Patterson

11:00

First Lector: Rochelle Jones

Second Lector: Sharonda White

Eucharistic Ministers: Rochelle Jones, Toni Elston, Darlene Elston, Pam White, Don Elston

no cost to attend. Let Marie Kenyon, the director of the Archdiocesan Office for Peace & Justice, know if you will ride the bus on pilgrimage to the prison. 314.792.7062.

COLLECTION: 3/17/24 - \$4,591.42 THANK YOU!

HOLY WEEK

The Highpoint of the Liturgical Year

HOLY THURSDAY

"Do this in remembrance of me" is not just a memory; it is the beginning of a daily prayer: Jesus, I accept that you wash my feet; help me wash the feet of my brothers and sisters to become more like you.

The Holy Oils, oil of the sick, oil of the catechumens and chrism, consecrated and blessed at the diocesan Chrism Mass, is presented to every parish.

Washing of Feet: This ritual invites the faith community to enter Jesus's movement of love and service.

Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament to the side altar where adoration follows until midnight.

Stripping of altar: All is bare and solemn in preparation for Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY

We know Jesus is our refuge. He knows what suffering and feeling helpless means. We call on Jesus to find the strength and the grace to help us on our way.

Silence and reflection on the sufferings of Jesus, marking the depth of his love for all.

The Passion of Jesus is portrayed.

Solemn Intercessions are prayed for the whole world.

Adoration of the Cross: the faith community approaches the cross in an act of adoration.

Reception of Communion

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL

On this evening the history of God's faithfulness to all people is recounted. We celebrate that rising from the dead Jesus has overcome our greatest enemy, death itself.

The Paschal Candle is lit, celebrating the risen Christ

The Exultet, the proclamation of the Risen Christ.

Celebration of Baptism and Confirmation: catechumens, Kevin Bolden, and Marshall Brown, invite all of us live our initiation in the Church.

Liturgy of the Eucharist: Jesus is present in the bread broken and shared and in the community of God's people.

EASTER SUNDAY

As we rejoice in the resurrection we pray that the risen Jesus renew in us the courage and faith to be co-creators and co-redeemers with our God in the light of the Holy Spirit.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Paschal Triduum is the heart of the liturgical year. This sacred season brings all more deeply into the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

The one prayer of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is an opportunity to enter more deeply into the experience of God's extraordinary love.

The liturgy of these days immerses us in words, sights, and sounds that shape and inspire our praying and our living.

Like the woman who anointed the feet of Jesus a few days before he died, we are invited to pour the treasure of our love, prayer, and time, to be fully with Christ. We pray together with the Church and as Church.

May our reflections burst forth into Easter JOY.



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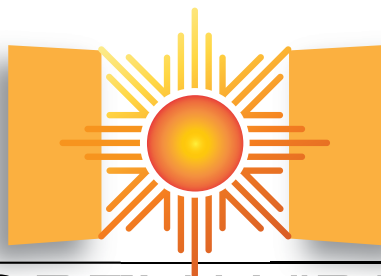
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OPEN WIDE OUR DOORS

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas,
St. Josephine Bakhita 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

St. Josephine Bakhita 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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