

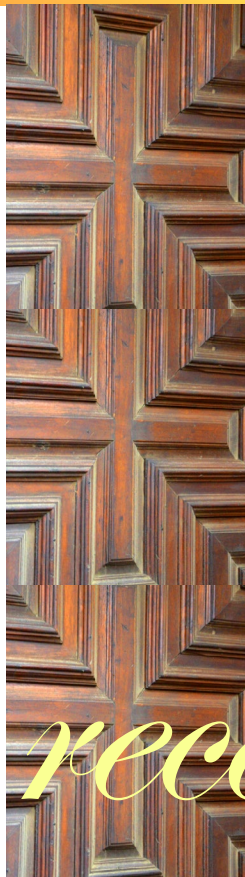
ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER | MAY 5, 2024

*Then Peter proceeded to speak and said,
"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality."*

Acts of the Apostles 10:34

UNIVERSAL *equality*
honor



receive *welcome*

ASTOUNDING

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REMAINING IN LOVE

John teaches in his letters that “God is love.” In the Gospel of John Jesus commands us to love one another; and that the only way we love one another is to “remain in Jesus; remain in His love.” And what is this love we have, one for another?



Many poets and artists since the dawn of creation have expressed what love is. From the profound, selfless, sacrificial love of St. Maximillian Kolbe, who offered his life for a prisoner in Auschwitz, to the preaching of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who dreamed of a world where all God’s children sing together, we know that we are always capable of loving more deeply.

Let us be mindful of opportunities to choose love each day. We begin our day asking God to awaken us to love; we end each day thanking God for all the love we have witnessed. All is love. God blesses us. Saint Josephine Bakhita, you are with us.

– Father Mitch

40TH ANNUAL LWANGA CENTER TESTIMONIAL DINNER AND AUCTION:

On Sunday, June 9, beginning at 2:30, we will gather at the Renaissance Hotel. The honorees are from our own St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, Phyllis Allen and Kelvin Boyd. Phyllis greets everyone with a beautiful smile and welcoming all to worship. She spends most of her time at our meals standing on the serving side of the buffet line, making sure all receive before sitting down to enjoy her meal. Phyllis works behind the scenes making sure everything needed for worship is in its place (e.g. laundering the linens used for Mass). We are grateful to Phyllis for her deep faith and generous service to the mission, opening wide the doors to welcome all to Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish.

Our Youth Honoree is Kelvin Boyd, a young man who is counted on to assist wherever and whenever needed, even in the kitchen. He is a disciple. Please join us for this marvelous event. We have purchased six tables for St. Josephine Bakhita Parish. Tickets are \$70.00/person. Please contact Val in the Parish Office (314.371.1190) to reserve your tickets. When you purchase your tickets, please make checks payable to St. Josephine Bakhita. If our six tables sell out, we will make arrangements to get more tickets. Father Mitch

COLLECTION: 4/28/24 - \$3,298.60 THANK YOU!

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Nicholas Site: Noon Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Most Holy Trinity Site: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.

After the Tuesday evening Mass, all are invited to stay, enjoy a light supper, and Bible study in the rectory garden. Supper and books provided.

Sunday Masses at Sts. Teresa and Bridget May 5 - 9:00 am

First Lector: Kenneth Patterson

Second Lector: Val Dowdy

Eucharistic Ministers: Harold Bailey, Korky Buhr, Tom Nolan

11:00 am

First Lector: Frances Warren

Second Lector: Bridget Stegall

Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Elston, Albert Washington, Alice O’Bryant Valerie Howard

May 12 - 9:00 am

First Lector: Maureen Nolan

Second Lector: Mike Freymuth

Eucharistic Ministers: Harold Bailey, S. Janice, Ken Patterson

11:00 am

First Lector: Alice Prince

Second Lector: Valerie Howard

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Tompson, Toni Elston, William McHugh, S. Georgene

BOXES OF MERCY is a service initiative of the National Eucharistic Revival. The Pilgrims arriving in St. Louis from the West Coast will deliver these “Boxes”, filled with non-perishable items, to the refugees in the St. Louis areas. **Please bring a non-perishable item from the list provided and place it in the box in the back of church.**

“BLACK CATHOLIC WOMEN ...CALLED, BLESSED AND SENT:

The 5th National Black Catholic Women’s Gathering will be held Friday, July 26 through Sunday, July 28, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky. The event is sponsored by the National Black Sisters Conference. The cost of attending, which includes registration, two nights’ hotel stay, and dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday is \$636.00. This price does not include transportation. For more information, please refer to the flyers on the rack in the vestibule of church. A few scholarships are available, if interested please contact S. Janice or Pam White.”

In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost on May 19, alive in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we open wide our doors welcoming all; the people of God, the heart of the Church.

SPIRIT GIFTS

The Spirit of God is manifest in countless ways. These seven gifts are significant expressions of the Spirit's presence, activity and power. All seven gifts are the Baptismal heritage of all Christians. These gifts are operative in us every moment!

WISDOM unites us with God and deepens our longing to love as God loves.

UNDERSTANDING guides us beyond that which is visible in order to grasp the spiritual significance of all creatures and all creation.

KNOWLEDGE assists us in discerning where God calls us to faith and action.

COUNSEL helps us to know what to do in specific situations so that we might act as God would act.

COURAGE strengthens us to stand firm in faith in the challenges of life, in face of fear and difficulties.

REVERENCE instills in us the desire to worship God and respond to God's presence in our lives.

WONDER AND AWE fill us with gladness in the greatness and glory of God coupled with deep realization of God's Presence within all creatures.



THANK YOU National Eucharistic Revival team:

Aryn Bostic, Gus Lewis, Alice O'Bryant, Pat Thurman, Dee White, and Pam White for your work in offering the film series: The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist after the 11:00 am Masses during the month of April. Participants benefited from the film and the lively discussions. The book given to those gathered, *Becoming a Eucharistic People*, is a follow-up to the presentation. The set of 4 films is in the library at Sts. Teresa and Bridget and available to all. You are encouraged to check these films out, view them at home, inviting others to join an evening and to grow in faith.

MAY 12, MOTHER'S DAY: Mothers, grandmothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, godmothers, aunts and all women will be invited to receive a blessing from the gathered assembly on Mother's Day at the celebration of our Masses.

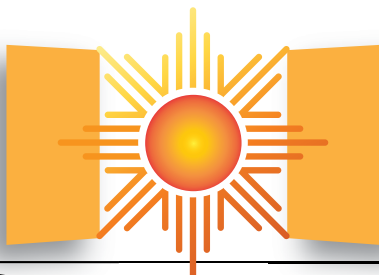
CINCO DE MAYO: *The origin of the observance of Cinco de Mayo in the United States, the modern American focus on that day started in California*



in 1863 in response to the resistance to French rule in Mexico. Far up in the gold country town of Columbia Mexican miners were so overjoyed at the news that they spontaneously fired off rifle shots and fireworks, sang patriotic songs and made impromptu speeches.

– UCLA Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture

TODAY, Cinco de Mayo is seen as a day to celebrate the culture, achievements, and experiences of people with a Mexican background, who live in the United States. Many display Cinco de Mayo banners while school districts hold special events to educate students about its historical significance. Special events and celebrations highlight Mexican culture, especially in its music and regional dancing.



**OPEN WIDE
OUR DOORS**

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas,
Sts. Teresa & Bridget sites

OUR MISSION:

*We open wide our doors and
our hearts to worship, evangelize,
and serve all God's people.*

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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
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314.531.1169

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