

November 19, 2023
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH
SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born around 1869 in the village of Olgossa in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was a member of the Daju people and her uncle was a tribal chief. Due to her family lineage, she grew up happy and relatively prosperous, saying that as a child, she did not know suffering. Historians believe that sometime in February 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. She was bought and sold at least twice during the grueling journey. For the next 12 years she would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times. She spent so much time in captivity that she forgot her original name. Her first owner, a wealthy Arab, gave her to his daughters as a maid. The assignment was easy until she offended her owner's son, possibly for the crime of breaking a vase. As punishment, she was beaten so severely she was incapacitated for a month. One of her owners was a Turkish general who gave her to his wife and mother-in-law who both beat her daily. Josephine told about how the general's wife ordered her to be scarred. As her mistress watched, ready with a whip, another woman drew patterns on her skin with flour, then cut into her flesh with a blade. She rubbed the wounds with salt to make the scars permanent. She would suffer a total of 114 scars from this abuse. In 1883, the Turkish general sold her to the Italian Vice Consul, Callisto Legani. He was a much kinder and he did not beat her. When it was time for him to return to Italy, she begged to be taken with him, and he agreed. After a long and dangerous journey across Sudan, the Red Sea, and the Mediterranean, they arrived in Italy. She was given away to another family as a gift and she served them as a nanny. Her new family also had dealings in Sudan had when her mistress decided to travel to Sudan without Josephine, she placed her in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice. While she was in the custody of the sisters, she came to learn about God. According to Josephine, she had always known about God, but she did not know who He was. She was deeply moved by her time with the sisters and discerned a call to follow Christ. When her mistress returned from Sudan, Josephine refused to leave. This caused the superior of the institute for baptismal candidates among the sisters to complain to Italian authorities on Josephine's behalf. The case went to court, and the court found that slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Josephine was born, so she could not be lawfully made slave. She was declared free and Josephine chose to remain with the Canossian Sisters. She was fully initiated into the Church on January 9, 1890 and took the name Josephine Margaret and Fortunata. Josephine became a novice with the Canossian Daughters of Charity religious order on December 7, 1893, and took her final vows on December 8, 1896. For the next 42 years of her life, she worked as a cook and a doorkeeper at the convent in Schio, Vicenza. She was known for her gentle voice and smile. She was gentle and charismatic and was often referred to lovingly as the "little brown sister" or honorably as the "black mother." When speaking of her enslavement, she often professed she would thank her

kidnappers. For had she not been kidnapped, she might never have come to know Jesus Christ and entered His Church. In her later years, she began to suffer physical pain and was forced to use a wheelchair. But she always remained cheerful. On the evening of February 8, 1947, Josephine spoke her last words, "Our Lady, Our Lady!" In 1958, the process of canonization began for Josephine under Pope John XXIII. On December 1st, 1978, Pope John Paul II declared her venerable. Sadly, the news of her beatification in 1992 was censored in Sudan. But just nine months later, Pope John Paul II visited Sudan and honored her publicly. He canonized her on October 1, 2000. Saint Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of Sudan and her feast day is celebrated on February 8. Taken and modified from: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5601

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 19, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30
 8:30am – Children who suffered or are suffering from abuse
 10:30am – American families suffering from poverty
Mon, Nov 20, Seasonal Weekday
 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43
Tue, Nov 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10
Wed, Nov 22, St. Cecilia
 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 Lk 19:11-28
Thu, Nov 23, Seasonal Weekday
 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44
Fri, Nov 24 St. Andrew
 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48
Sat, Nov 25, Seasonal Weekday
 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40
Sun, Nov 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
 Mt 25:31-46

DIOCESAN CHOIR NEWS:

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!
 Rehearsals for MLK & LENTEN REVIVAL
 Saturday 11/11 @HolySpirit Saturday 11/18 @ Fatima
 Saturday 12/2 @ Holy Spirit Saturday 12/9 @ Fatima
 .. and more in Jan & Feb
 —all rehearsals begin 12noon
 EMAIL terriemac@roadrunner.com if you would like to be added to Diocesan choir email list #MusicUnitesUs

SAOLF PARISH EDUCATION COMMISSION

Tutoring Program

Has established a Tutoring Program Committee looking to start a tutoring program for our parish and community. We are gathering information to help the commission provide a tutoring program that will meet our students' needs. Please fill out the online survey at the following link to help us in this goal: Survey link: <https://forms.gle/CrVp3Lsjyq6EBXyr9>

THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES

There will be a Mass on Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm to give thanks for the blessings received this year and to mark the Eighth Anniversary of the dedication of our church. There will also be a Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9AM. If you have food you want blessed, please bring it to that Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration

2023-24:

Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation.

<https://saolf-parish.com/FaithFormation-Registration>

You can also pick up a form at the church entrance or call **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

R.C.I.A. FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Are you someone or do you know someone who....

- ❖ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ❖ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ❖ Is thirsting for God?

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn about the Catholic faith. To get started visit:

<https://www.saolf.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults>

or contact our Director of Religious Education, **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

YOUTH AND ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

If you or your child/teen are interested in this holy ministry, go to <https://www.saolf.org/altar-servers/> or contact the parish office to have a signup form sent to you. **TRAINING DAY(FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS): Saturday, December 2 at 10:00AM**

YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Your response to our offertory commitment has been tremendous! Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 11-5-2023:

Total Collection	\$2549.61
Cash App	\$97.00
Vanco On-Line	\$868.15
Total	\$3,514.76

“Called to Sainthood” Retreat

Saturday, November 25, 9:30am-1:30pm
St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

Join us on retreat to hear about the lives of the six African Americans on the road to sainthood, to understand our role in the process of canonization, and to embrace our personal call to sainthood. Our presenter will be **Deacon Allen Stevens** of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Free lunch and handouts provided. Go to the following link to register:

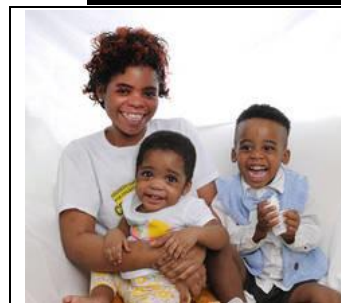
<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/events/2023/11/25/called-to-sainthood-retreat>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

8:30 AM 10:30 AM

	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
19-Nov Comm	Mike Bussey	Terrence Marsh
Lector	Doreatha Stover	Tara Young
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Gavin Smedley Divine Onuorah
Usher	Karen Larry Thomas Stover	Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon Lena Austin
	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	
26-Nov Comm	Sandra Gay-Chapman	Carol Grant
Lector	Betty Smith	Rita Shinhearl
Server	Sharla Durand	Melvin Onuorah Eric Smedley Jr.
Usher	Lazuras Oranugo Jeremy Mangum	Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Erik Smith

Catholic Charities



**A time to heal.
 A time to help.**

2023 Catholic Charities Appeal

Just over \$13.5M has been raised as of August 31. Starting September 13, 50,000 households received a letter from Bishop Malesic asking for monetary support of the 2023 Appeal. We are fast approaching our \$14.0M goal and every little bit helps support the 425,000 who rely on the 160 programs throughout the diocese.

NOTE: As of September, **St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish has raised 54%(\$7,483.96) of our goal of \$13,801.** Reaching our goal helps bring additional funds to our parish enabling us to build the ministries we need in our community.

Please Donate today:

<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/human>

or text CCHUMAN to 41444.

Sunday Van Driver

We are looking for a Parish Van Drivers. We are getting calls from people who would like to come to Mass who could use this service. **The Parish Van drivers provide transportation to church members for 10:30am Mass on Sunday morning.** Must possess valid driver's license, be at least 21 years of age with clean driving record and willing to undergo Safe-

Environment training. If interested, please contact: Fr. James Watson: jwatson@saolf.org

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARS!

Congratulations to our students who have achieved honors for the last grading period; Bless you and all you do!

St. Edward High School:
Wade Cole and Alec Dabney

EUCHARIST UNDER BOTH SPECIES



Beginning on the 1st Sunday of Advent, our parish will return to offering Holy Eucharist under both species, **Body and Blood of Christ**(The Consecrated bread and wine). Cup). Remember, Communion is always “valid under both species”. Therefore, if you only receive Jesus under the form of wine or under the form of bread, you’re receiving Him in whole.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection November 18-19, 2023:

Many American families are struggling to make ends meet, but the struggle is even more difficult for the nearly 46.2 million Americans living in poverty. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families that are on the margins. Parishes and organizations in the Diocese of Cleveland are using the funds from the CCHD campaign via awarded grants to bring about real change and sustainable processes that help people in poverty break this cycle. Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD. Help support the mission and work of CCHD. **To donate now or for more information, go online at:**
<https://www.ccdocle.org/campaigns/catholic-campaign-for-human-development>

PRAY FOR THE SICK+

Ogechi Achunine, Georgia Atkinson, Kalima Assami, Joyce Baker, Bessie Bolles, Gabriel Blair, Joyce Blanton-Smith, Anna Broadhead, Thella Brooks, Christine Byrd, William Byrd, Marcella Caffie, Kathy Clayton, Terrell Cole, Robin Davis, Edna Evans, Richard Gayle, James Nakima, Myron Gholson, Yvonne Griffin, Adriene Hall, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Patricia Heard, Estelle Hodges, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, Andrea Johnson, Joseph Jones, Brianna Jones, Reaber Jones, Craig Kelly, Janie Kincaid, Francesca Lehu, Dolores Malby, Elizabeth Malby, LaVerta Marshall, Bill Miller, David McClain, Chantel McConnell,

Chaquita McClinton, Sharon McDuffie, Terri Mohr, Verendez Moore, Lounette Payne, Erma Pollard, Nisha Presley, Sue Scott, Regina Shanklin, Jerry Shelton, Kevin Sipp, Deborah Smedley, John Strozier, Barbara Sudberry, Danita Thomas, Janice Thompson, Hubert Watson, Desiree Webb, Aris White, James Keifer, Kathy Heard, Eboni Edwards, Monique Johnson, Margie Jones, Barbara Marshall Brown Naomi Matthews, Fay Grady, Tyrone Grady, Rachael Glaster, Jame Hoyle, Judy Guzy, Latina Thomas, Constance Durrah, Mary Roberts, Donald Leftwich, James Jackson, Marcia St. John, Sabrina Wilson, Betty Moore, Ophelia Swain, Evelyn Morson-Eddie, Alonzo Givens, Yvonne Williamson, Regina Woodard, Beverly Greene-Reed, Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey, Warren Family, William Jackson, Kardier Jackson, Carol Hollinger, Mattie McDonald, Anita Gullett, Natalie Webb, Carson Wetherwax, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler, Darlene Harris, Lasonia Sims, Nina Simmons, Bertha McClain Alexander, Loraine Taylor, Danny Couch, Delvonte Grant

FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Journey to Bethlehem Mass

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 10:00am

Join Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries for the **38th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy** with our celebrant **Bishop Roger Gries**. Mass will take place at St. Ladislav Parish, 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake. This liturgy is for persons with disabilities, their families, and friends and is a beautiful Christmas celebration, with a light luncheon following. For information: 216-939-3869; email Megan Bonilla: mmbonilla@ccdacle.org or go to our **website:** <http://www.ccdacle.org/disability> All are welcome!

#weGIVECATHOLIC

Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

More than 230 Catholic organizations are participating in Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving, **#weGIVECATHOLIC**, on **Tuesday, November 28**. Powered by the Catholic Community Foundation, **#weGIVECATHOLIC** encourages you to support your favorite Catholic parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities sites and programs, and Catholic nonprofits. **NEW for 2023: Early giving:** For the convenience of donors, gifts through **#weGIVECATHOLIC** may be made in advance starting on November 19 at 12:00AM. For more info go to <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/giving-events/wgc23>

Young Adult Ministry

Mass for the Global Celebration of Young People

Saturday, November 25, 4:30pm

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Join us as we celebrate the young adults in our community. Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for Military Services will preside. There will be a reception to follow in the rectory for all people in their 20s and 30s.

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars
Visit the Capuchins at www.capuchin.com



MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church
is a visionary Catholic Christian Community.*

As a diverse parish, we embrace

Africentric worship,

Christ centered hospitality,

and missionary service.

Sustained by the wisdom of our elders

and energized by the spirit of our youth,

we come together in faith

as a church family

*to give witness to the liberating message
of the Gospel.*



PARISH INFORMATION

Address: 6800 Lexington Avenue
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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9AM-12:30, 1:00PM-3:30PM
Fridays: Closed

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: As Scheduled

Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

PARISH STAFF:

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with a priest or deacon.
Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with a priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and six months prior to intended date.
Contact the parish to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:

Please contact the parish office.

Parish Registration: Welcome to our parish. To register, please contact the parish office. Or go to <https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration>

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

Electronic Giving Opportunities:

Go to www.saolf.org and click on “Make a Gift.”
For **CashApp** users: send to **\$saolf**