

St. Josephine Bakhita

Special Intercultural Mass

**You Are Invited**  
February 8th, 2020  
@ 4:30 PM ET

St. Camillus Catholic Church  
1600 ST. CAMILLUS DRIVE  
SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
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MAIN CELEBRANT  
Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville



## Remembering Survivors & Victims of Human Trafficking

Her story...

Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, she was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Canossian Sisters in Venice.

Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Canossian Sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity.

In October 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation"

Join us for an afternoon of prayer and communion for victims of modern-day slavery who are often "hidden in plain sight." Become inspired to act in solidarity with those who suffer in silence as we observe the World Day of Prayer, Reflection, & Action against Human Trafficking & the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita.

### **Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking (Local hosts)**

- Franciscan Action Network
- International Catholic Migration Commission
- Leadership Conference of Women Religious
- Maryland Catholic Conference
- Mid Atlantic Coalition Against Modern Slavery
- Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (US Province)
- National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
- St. Camillus Justice, Peace, & Integrity of Creation Committee
- USCCB/Migration and Refugee Services
- USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church: Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, & Travelers