

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
Welcoming, inclusive, united family
EVANGELISING COMMUNITY SERVING
GOD, HUMANITY & ALL CREATION



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B – 03 DECEMBER 2023 -SECOND COLLECTION

Advent is a season of preparedness, readiness and watchfulness. During the Advent Season we recall the sacred story of salvation, as we celebrate the present moment of salvation while we wait in joyful hope for the fulfilment of God’s promises in the Second Coming of Christ. Christians are Advent People whose way of life is to live in the present moment of Christ’s Coming. On this First Sunday of Advent, we are invited to find ways in our personal, family and societal lives to actively “watch” for the Coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

| Time | Day | Liturgical Day | Readings | MASS INTENTIONS |
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| 17h00 | Saturday 2 December | 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Reading 1: Isaiah 63: 16d – 17, 64: 1, 3b –8; Responsorial Psalm 80: 2 – 3, 15 – 16, 18 – 19 | |
| 08h00 | Sunday 3 December | 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9 | Ullindyss& Chantelle Maloy- 12 th Wedding Anniversary |
| 10H30 | Sunday 3 December | 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Gospel - Mark 13: 33 – 37 | |
| 18h30 | 5 December | Tuesday – First Week of Advent | Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72: 1-2,7-8,12-13, 17; Luke 10:21–24 | RIP – PIOUS LIST |
| 08H30 | 6 December | Wednesday – First Week of Advent | Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23; Matthew 15:29-37 | |
| 08H30 | Thursday 7 December | MEMORIAL – St Ambrose | Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm: 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,25-27-; Matt 7: 21, 24– 27 | |
| 08h30 | Friday 8 December | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin | Genesis 3:9 – 15, 20; Psalm 98: 1 – 4; Luke 1:26 – 38 | |
| 17h00 | Saturday 9 December | 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Reading 1: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-14 | |
| 08h00 | Sunday 10 Dec | 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Reading 2: Peter 3:8-14 | |
| 10H30 | Sunday 10 Dec | 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Gospel – Mark 1:1-8 | |

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATHS: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (ALL THREE WEEKEND MASSES)

Bishop Zungu’s Advent Appeal – Second Collection is for a formation of clergy will be taken up on all the Sundays of Advent for this important cause.

HOSPITALITY: THE COMMUNITY OF THE SACRED HEART IS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE UNITED FAMILY

WELCOMING MASS: 02/03 December 2023 for New Parishioners which will concluded by a Parish Bring and Braai.

WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS: All newly registered Parishioners who have not yet been officially welcomed in our Sacred Heart Family are invited to a Parish Bring and Braai on the 3rd December @ 12pm. It goes without saying that the whole Sacred Heart Family will give our new brothers and sisters a joyful Sacred Heart Welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY 09 DECEMBER AFTER MASS @ 09H00

All our senior parishioners and their spouses who are 65 years of age and older are invited to attend. We would like to cater for everyone, please help us do that by taking Invitation forms at the hospitality desk. These **invitation forms** that are to be filled and returned **not later than this weekend of 2 December 2023** by dropping them at the office or at the box provided at Hospitality Desk in the foyer. **The return of this invitation will be regarded as confirmation of your attendance.**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact the Parish Office at least **ONE YEAR (12 MONTHS)** before the wedding. **PLEASE! DO NOT BOOK ANY VENUES WITHOUT MEETING WITH THE PARISH PRIEST.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Any Non-Catholic who would like to convert to the catholic Faith is invited to contact the Parish Office to join the **2024 Journey through the Catholic Faith.**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION:

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – 20 DECEMBER 2023 @ 18H30

WEEKLY: TUESDAY @17H45 – 18H15; THURSDAY @ 09H15 – 09H45 SATURDAY @ 16H30 – 16H45

SACRED HEART GQEBERHA PARISH LOGO COMPETITION: *We are an Evangelizing Community, serving God, Humanity and all creation by being a Welcoming, Inclusive and United Family. Parishioners are invited to design the Parish logo, with this said in mind, submit all entries to parishmediape@gmail.com by including your name, contact number, brief of details/explanation of meaning of your designs by 31/12/2023.*

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: This will be an evening of Christmas Carols, good food and good company hosted by those in Catechetical Formation, on Saturday, 9 December 2023, 18h30 at Sacred Heart Hall, as part of our Advent preparations for the Season of Christmas. **A donation of non-perishable food items for the poor, would be appreciated. Food and drinks on sale. All are welcome!**

FUNDRAISING TEAM: GOLDEN OLDIE: Sunday 31 December at 7pm. Music by Mano-Zay, bring your own XYZ. Tickets available at R100 per person, please contact Michelle on 061 449 9514 or Zynadia on 084 083 0922.

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed:

- **Group 3 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 2 December 23 @ 08h00**
- **Group 4 will be distributing soup next Saturday 9 December 23 @ 08h00**

SVDP FOOD PANTRY: Mielie Meal, Packet Soup, Oats, Morevite, 2-Minute Noodles, Tinned Tomato & Onion, Jam and Tuna to be placed in the trolley on the Foyer.

SVDP Special Appeals: **We appeal to** parishioners for Wool (any colour and type), to assist a lady in their Outreach Community and for men's closed shoes/takkies - Size 7, 8 and 9 and **for good condition 2nd hand toys, for children between the ages of 1 and 6 – to be handed out at their Christmas party.**

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE: We know that times are tough economically but that is also true for the Church. We are appealing to every parishioner who is employed, owns a business and or receives an income to support the Church as per our responsibility to pay the pledge monthly and offer weekly collection at the weekend Mass. This is our thanksgiving to God for the many graces and blessings we have received. Please make use of the **"Smart Option"** – *Electronic Transfer/EFT of weekly collections directly into our Parish Bank Account* – **Standard Bank: Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Account Number: 080389007; Branch: Port Elizabeth; Branch Code: 050017.**

LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR 2024: Every Catholic home should have a **Liturgical Calendar** in order to follow the Scripture Readings and Memorials and Feasts of the Saints for each day of the year. The **Bible Dairies** will help with our reflection on the daily readings and prayer, a short reflection, and a prayer for each day. Please place your orders via the Office for Liturgical Calendars and Bible Diaries ASAP.

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Leslie Ah Shene, Judy Adams, Barbara Andre, Beryl Bowler, Valerie Brown, Dawn Brown Gerald Burger, Maria De Freitas, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Helen Emmerick, Shirleen Grobbelaar, Gladys Harper, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Germaine Hogg, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Lucia Leander, Nancy & Ronnie Leeson, Stanley Leeson, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, Stuart Mandy, Marjorie Mathew, Mike Miller, Linda Smith, Leo Smithies, Gerald & Susan Spence, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers, Gwen Williams, Diane Williams.