

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth

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PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A – 04 DECEMBER 2022 (Second Collection)

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Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week: (Lectionary/Daily Missal – Second Week of (Advent – YEAR A)

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	03 Dec	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
08h00	Sunday	04 Dec	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Advent	
10h30	Sunday	04 Dec	Holy Mass – Second Sunday of Advent	
17h30 18h00 18h30	Tuesday	06 Dec	Exposition and Adoration (Holy Hour) Rosary (Holy Hour) Holy Mass – St Nicholas	Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
08h30	Wednesday	07 Dec	Holy Mass – Memorial –St Ambrose	Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
08h30 09h00	Thursday	08 Dec	Holy Mass – Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Hour – Adoration and Benediction</i>	Genesis 3:9-15,20; Luke 1:26-38
08h30	Friday	09 Dec	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day (St Juan Diego)	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week:

Day	Date	INTENTION
Saturday	03 Dec	For all the faithful departed
Sunday	04 Dec	In Thanksgiving – Sheona & Percy Claasen 25 th Wedding Anniversary & Sean Birthday In Thanksgiving – Sharrock Family
Sunday	04 Dec	For the People of the Parish

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION: Saturdays – 16h15 – 16h45

Tuesday – 17h40 – 18h00

Thursday – 09h10 – 09h30

Wednesday 21st December at 18h30 (Advent Penitential Service).

TUESDAY EVENING ROSARY AND MASS: You are welcome to come for the full hour or for the Rosary at 18h00. **Do come in quietly and with reverence.** Mass begins at 18h30

THURSDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: to grow in our devotion to Jesus Christ, really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, there is an opportunity to participate in the Holy Hour on Thursdays, after the 08:30am Mass.

FAMILY PRAYER: following the “Sunday of the Word of God” in January, we encourage all families to choose a specific evening, when the family can gather, say a Wednesday/Thursday evening, to prepare for the upcoming Sunday Mass by reflecting on the Scriptures. **Reading for next Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent, is Matthew 11:2-11**

SACRAMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION: contact the Parish Office for details. Please be advised that registration for classes should take place at least **6 months** before the wedding date.

INFANT BAPTISM/NEW PARISHIONERS: Contact the Parish Office for details.

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

Saturday Soup Kitchen:

- Group 5 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 03 December 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed •
Group 1 will be distributing soup next Saturday, 10 December 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed **St**

Vincent de Paul Society:

- **TOILETRIES APPEAL** - The SVP Society appeals for the following items to make up toiletry gift packs for the 60 • senior citizens at
- Elizabeth Stuurman Old Age Home: Face cloth, soap bar, roll-on and toothpaste.
- **BLUE RIBBON BREAD BAGS** – Please collect all your Blue-Ribbon bread bags and place them in the box in the foyer.

PARISH EVENTS

SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2022 @ 08h30 (ANOINTING OF THE SICK)

This celebration is for our parishioners and their spouses **who are 65 years of age and older.** Invitations may be placed in the collection basket or put in the box situated in the foyer or dropped off at the office.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: This will be an evening of Christmas Carols, good food and good company hosted by those in Catechetical Formation, on Saturday, 3 December 2022, 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: NEW YEARS EVE DANCE: Tickets available at R100 per person. Ticket sales please contact Liz Williams on 084 247 3503

"New Year Jubilee Carnival": JANUARY 2023 - Please check your email for the google form invitation extended to all parish families. MOH will assist you with a hardcopy if you do not receive email notifications.

Kindly complete before 4 December 2022 *your attendance.* **The Invitation Forms are available at the Hospitality desk.**

The Dementia Support Group Meeting for December: The support group for family members of persons with Dementia /Alzheimer's will meet in the small hall at Sacred Heart Parish on Monday 19th December 10h00. New members are always welcome. For further information contact Kaye on 083 299 1842

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE: The Parish of the Sacred Heart is grateful to all the parishioners who continue their financial support of the parish through their monthly pledge, either via EFT or the envelope system. All parishioners

(father, mother, and adult working children) who are employed or have a regular income, are expected by the Church to pledge every month, and, if they are not already doing so, to register and request a pledge number through the Parish Office. Make use of the “smart option” – Electronic Transfer/EFT of weekly collections directly into the Parish Bank Account – use your name and “virtual collection”/pledge number as a reference. The Banking Details, for this purpose, are as follows – Standard Bank: Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Account Number: 080389007; Branch: Port Elizabeth; Branch Code: 050-017.

REPOSITORY: those who have ordered Liturgical Resources for 2023 (God’s Word, Springs of Carmel, Liturgical Calendars) may now collect them. There are also extra copies available for purchase from the Repository. **Advent**

Matters of the Heart – 2002 Year A) available for personal and family use, it contains daily reflections on the Advent Readings to assist families in their prayer and devotional life during this time.

PRAYER CORNER

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Leigh Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Natalie Bray, Valerie Brown, Gerald Burger, Deanna Dickson, Pat Douglas, Patrick Dwyer, Sylvia Dyson, Roland Edgar, Shirleen Grobbelaar, Gladys Harper, Graham & Thora Hempel, Lydia Hendricks, James Henderson, Eden Kempthorne, Jocelyn Keun, Lucia Leander, Ann Lentz, Isobel Lloyd, Stuart Mandy, Cynthia Rumbles, Leo Smithies, Timothy Teulon, Joe & Thelma Trow, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers, Wally Yet Law.