

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



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B – 10 DECEMBER 2023 - SECOND COLLECTION**

There are many voices crying out in the wilderness of the festive season at the beginning of this last month of the year. They are calling upon us to go and buy many things. These voices are commanding us to have fun. They are suggesting that we end the year with a bang. These voices are not bad in themselves. The challenge of a healthy Christian Advent is not to allow these voices from the wilderness of the festive season to drown out the true voice of the Advent from scroll over the prophet Isaiah to the lips of John the Baptist, *“Prepare the way of the Lord...”*

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 9 December	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Reading 1: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-14	
08h00	Sunday 10 Dec	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Reading 2: Peter 3:8-14	<b>Kim &amp; Jean Le Roux- 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding Anniversary</b>
10H30	Sunday 10 Dec	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Gospel – Mark 1:1-8	
18h30	Tuesday 12 Dec	<b>Tuesday – Second Week of Advent</b>	Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96: 1- 3,10-13; Matthew 18:12–14	<b>RIP – PIOUS LIST</b>
08H30	Wednesday 13 Dec	<b>MEMORIAL – St Lucy</b>	Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103; Matthew 11:28-30	
08H30	Thursday 14 Dec	<b>MEMORIAL – St John of the Cross</b>	Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm: 145:1, 9- 13; Matt 11: 11– 15	
08h30	Friday 15 Dec	<b>Friday – Second Week of Advent</b>	Isaiah 48:17 – 19; Psalm 1: 1 – 4, 6; Matthew 11:16 – 19	
17h00	Saturday 16 Dec	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Reading 1: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11; Luke 1:46-50, 53-54	<b>RIP – Yvonne Au</b>
08h00	Sunday 17 Dec	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Reading 2: Thess 5:16-24	
10H30	Sunday 17 Dec	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Gospel – John 1:6-8, 19-25	

**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.

**PRACTICAL ADVENT CHALLENGE:** AS PART OF OUR ADVENT PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS WE ARE ALL INVITED TO AN ADVENT SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 9AM

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

**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.*

**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.

**ST PHILIP NERI PILGRIMAGE – PARIS – LOURDES – ROME – ASSISI led by Fr Grant James C.O. (frgrant@priory.co.za)**

#### **SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed:**

- **Group 4 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 9 December 23 @ 08h00**
- **Group 5 will be distributing soup next Saturday 16 December 23 @ 08h00**

**SVDP FOOD PANTRY:** Toilet Rolls, Sunlight Soap Bar, Face Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Sanitary Products, Sunlight Liquid and Handy Andy.

**SVDP Special Appeals:** We appeal to parishioners for good condition 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Kindly collect all orders placed for Liturgical Resources 2024 from the Office or the Repository.

#### **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.