

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kabega Park, Port Elizabeth
1961-2021
Welcoming, inclusive, united family!



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PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A – 11 DECEMBER 2022 (Second Collection)



The Third Sunday of Advent is known as **Rejoice Sunday**. The Word of God reminds us that we must rejoice because the Messiah is coming. The prophet Isaiah, in the first reading, encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God is going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland. In the second reading, James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus. Finally, in the Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply accepting Jesus’ healing and preaching ministry as the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah.

PRACTICAL ADVENT CHALLENGE: AS PART OF OUR ADVENT PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS WE ARE ALL INVITED TO AN ADVENT SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH ON 17TH DECEMBER @ 9 AM

Schedule for Masses and Devotions: (All weekend masses will be preceded by the Rosary – Joyful Mysteries)

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	10 Dec	Holy Mass – Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 146 Jas 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
08h00	Sunday	11 Dec	Holy Mass – Third Sunday of Advent	
10h30	Sunday	11 Dec	Holy Mass – Third Sunday of Advent	
17h30 18h00 18h30	Tuesday	13 Dec	Exposition and Adoration (Holy Hour) Rosary (Holy Hour) Holy Mass – St Lucy	Zephania 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
08h30	Wednesday	14 Dec	Holy Mass – Memorial –St John of the Cross	Isaiah 45:6-8, 18.21-25; Luke 7:19-23
08h30 09h00	Thursday	15 Dec	Holy Mass –Liturgy of the Day <i>Holy Hour – Adoration and Benediction</i>	Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30
08h30	Friday	16 Dec	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	Isaiah 56:1-3, 6-8; John 5:33-36

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week:

Day	Date	INTENTION
Saturday	10 Dec	Pious List
Sunday	11 Dec	Thanksgiving – Kim & Jean Le Roux 1 st Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving – Lindy & Lee Farmer 22 nd Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	11 Dec	Thanksgiving – Ullindyss & Chantelle Maloy 11 th Wedding Anniversary

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 21st December at 18h30 (Advent Penitential Service).

Saturdays – 16h15 – 16h45
 Tuesday – 17h40 – 18h00
 Thursday – 09h10 – 09h30

TUESDAY EVENING ROSARY AND MASS:

You are welcome to come for the full hour or for the Rosary at 18h00 but please do come in quietly and with reverence.

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: LECTIO DIVINA (HOLY READING OF SCRIPTURE) - 4th Sunday of Advent, is Matthew 1:18-24

METHODOLOGY OF THIS ANCIENT WAY OF PRAYER (**READ, MEDITATE, PRAY, CONTEMPLATE AND ACT**)

CHRISTMAS 2022/NEW YEAR 2023

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day
17h00	Saturday	24 December 2022	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – At the Vigil Mass
20h00	Saturday	24 December 2022	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – At Mass during the Night
08h00	Sunday	25 December 2022	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – At Mass during the Day
08h30	Monday	26 December 2022	Holy Mass – St Stephen, The First Martyr
08h30	Tuesday	27 December 2022	Holy Mass – St John, Apostle and Evangelist
08h30	Wednesday	28 December 2022	Holy Mass – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
08h30	Thursday	29 December 2022	Holy Mass – St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
08h30	Friday	30 December 2022	The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
17h00	Saturday	31 December 2022	VIGIL MASS – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
08h00	Sunday	01 January 2023	THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
08h30	Monday	02 January 2023	Holy Mass – Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
08h30	Tuesday	03 January 2023	Holy Mass – Most Holy Name of Jesus
08h30	Wednesday	04 January 2023	Holy Mass
08h30	Thursday	05 January 2023	Holy Mass
08h30	Friday	06 January 2023	Holy Mass
17h00	Saturday	07 January 2023	VIGIL MASS OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
08h00	Sunday	08 January 2023	THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
08h30	Monday	09 January 2023	Holy Mass – The Feast of Baptism of the Lord
08h30	Tuesday	10 January 2023	Holy Mass – First Week in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM: Contact the Parish Office for details.

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.

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

Saturday Soup Kitchen:

- Group 1 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 10 December 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed
- Group 2 will be distributing soup next Saturday, 17 December 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed

St Vincent de Paul Society:

- **BLUE RIBBON BREAD BAGS** – Please collect all your Blue-Ribbon bread bags and place them in the box in the foyer.

UPCOMING PARISH AND DEANERY EVENTS

FUNDRAISING TEAM: NEW YEARS EVE DANCE: Tickets available at R100 per person. Ticket sales please contact Liz Williams on 084 247 3503

Parish New Year Jubilee Carnival – 22 JANUARY 2023 – Thank you for your participation in the survey.

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 CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, GQEBERHA IS GRATEFUL TO ALL PARISHIONERS who financially support the parish through their monthly pledge, either via EFT or the envelope system. All parishioners who are employed or have a regular income are invited by the Church to pay their monthly pledge. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

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.

Standard Bank: Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Account Number: 080389007; Branch: Port Elizabeth; Branch Code: 050-017.

REPOSITORY: Please come and collect your **2023 God's Word and Springs of Carmel Diaries and Liturgical Calendars**

NEW PARISHIONERS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED AND INTEGRATED IN THE COMMUNITY.

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.