

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



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B – 17 DECEMBER 2023 - SECOND COLLECTION**

The Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally known as Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. The Word of God presents us with the profound joy that is found in discovering our own purpose and mission in life. The soulful voice of Mary in the great hymn of praise, the Magnificat, reminds us of the joy of the soul whose heart is set on the Lord. The Prophet Isaiah (6: 1 – 2, 10 – 11) reminds us of the mission of the Anointed One, to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken, to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison and a year of favour from the Lord. May we find the Joy of the Gospel during this Advent Season.

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	16 December	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY – ADVENT	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11	Rest of the soul – Yvonne Au
08h00	Sunday 17 December	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1: 46 – 50, 53 – 54 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Thess 5: 16 – 24	Rest of the Souls - Norman & Cecelia George
10H30	Sunday 17 Dec	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Gospel – John 1: 6-8,19-28	
18h30	Tuesday 19 Dec	Tuesday – Third Week of Advent	Judges 13: 2-7,24-25; Psalm 71: 3-6,16-17; Luke 1: 05–25	In Thanksgiving - Christian Kennedy Birthday
08H30	Wednesday 20 Dec	Wednesday – Third Week of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24: 1-6; Luke 1:26-38	
08H30	Thursday 21 Dec	Thursday – Third Week of Advent	Songs 2: 8-14; Psalm 33: 2–3, 11-20,20-21; Luke 1: 39 –45	
08h30	Friday 22 Dec	Friday – Third Week of Advent	1 Samuel 1: 24 – 28; Resp Psalm: 1 Samuel 2: 1, 4 – 8 Luke 1: 46 – 56	
17h00	Saturday 23 December	4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1 – 5, 8 – 12, 14, 16;	Rest of the soul: Kingsley Lee Son
08h00	Sunday 24 December	4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Psalm 89: 2 – 5, 27, 29 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 16: 25 – 27	
10H30	Sunday 24 December	4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Gospel – Luke 1: 26 – 38	
17h00	24 December	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Vigil Mass	Is 62: 1 – 5; Psalm 89; Acts 13: 16 – 17, 22 – 25; Matt 1: 1 - 25	
20h00	24 December	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Mass at Night	Is 9: 2 -7, Ps 96; Titus 2: 11 – 14 Luke 2: 1- 14	
09h00	25 December	NATIVITY OF THE LORD – Morning Mass	Is 52: 7 – 10 ; Ps 98; Hebrews 1: 1 -6; John 1 – 18	

**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:** ADVENT SPRING CLEANING OF THE CHURCH ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 9AM  
 ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – 20 DECEMBER 2023 @ 18H30

## 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:** 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: NEW YEARS EVE GOLDEN OLDIES:** 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.

**SH Market Day -** *We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and supported in some way to the success of the first SH Market Day recently. We had a great response towards our appeals for specific items, received cash donations and the donation of your time in the set up before and on Market Day. We thank those parishioners and community members who also contributed and supported the success of our church vendors - Chinese stall (Chinese community), Cakes and Sweets (Catechetical Team & Parents), Vetkoek stall (Divine Mercy), Hamburger Stall (SvdP) and Candy Floss (CWL). We also had a great team of ladies who in the weeks leading up to the Market cut and sewed 320m of beautiful bunting flags which we will be able to use into the future. We have learned a considerable amount about the planning and logistics of hosting a public event, things we were not aware of when we first embarked on this project and contributed to the event expenses, these learnings will ensure that we make our next Market Day a more profitable event. We are pleased to report that the SH Market Day was profitable and that we raised R27 000. The event would not have been successful without the contributions from the ministries and all parishioners, no matter how small. The Fundraising Team and the Parish THANK YOU !!*

## 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.