

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



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SOLEMNITY CHRIST THE KING – YEAR A – 26 NOVEMBER 2023 (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION)

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe concludes our Liturgical Sunday Week that began last year on the First Sunday of Advent Year A, 2022. The Liturgical year begins with the Preparation (Advent) for the Birth of the Saviour of the World (Christmas), and reaches its climax in the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil). In the midst of the many ideologies (thought systems) that want to claim us, we make our choice clear to the whole world, that Christ is our King, he has claimed us by His Blood on the Throne of the Cross. The most beautiful experience on Christ King is the First Holy Communion, when the little hands of our children for the first time will form a throne for Christ as their King. May the Christ the King reign in their hearts and ours, now and forever. Infant Jesus of Prague, Pray for us.

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 25 Nov	SOLEMNITY – CHRIST THE KING	Reading 1: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17: Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6	Lindsay Ah Chong RIP
08h00	Sunday 26 Nov	SOLEMNITY – CHRIST THE KING	Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26, 28	Special Intention – 1 st Holy Communion Candidates Raniyah Maloy - 2 nd Birthday
10H30	Sunday 26 Nov	SOLEMNITY – CHRIST THE KING	Gospel: Matthew 25:31 –46	Thanksgiving – Market Day Event
18h30	Tuesday 28 Nov	Tuesday of 34th Week in Ordinary Time	Daniel 2: 31 – 45; Psalm - Daniel 3: 35 –39; Lk 21:5–11	RIP – PIOUS LIST
08H30	Wednesday 29 Nov	Wednesday of 34th Week in Ordinary Time	Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Psalm - Daniel 3: 40 – 45 Lk 21: 12 - 19	
08H30	Thursday 30 Nov	FEAST – St Andrew the Apostle	Rom 10: 9 – 18; Psalm: 19: 2 – 5; Matthew 4: 18 – 22	
08h30	Friday 1 December	Friday of 34th Week in Ordinary Time	Daniel 7: 2 – 14; Responsorial Psalm - Daniel 3:53 – 59; Luke 21:29 – 33	
17h00	Saturday 2 December	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Isaiah 63: 16d – 17, 64: 1, 3b –8; Psalm 80: 2 –3, 15 – 16, 18 – 19	
08h00	Sunday 3 December	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9	
10H30	Sunday 3 December	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mark 13: 33 – 37	

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATHS: form part of our liturgical environment during Advent, and which assist us to prayerfully mark down the four weeks to Christmas, will be blessed at the weekend Masses on First Sunday of Advent. Advent Wreaths for the Homes may be brought to the church for this blessing.

Bishop Zungu’s Advent Appeal is for a formation of clergy and special collection 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 the 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. **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 – 16H5

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.*

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Saturday Soup Kitchen - unemployed:

- Group 2 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 25 November 23 @ 08h00
- Group 3 will be distributing soup next Saturday 2 December 23 @ 08h00

SVDP FOOD PANTRY: Samp, Baked Beans, Tinned Vegetable, Lentils, Beans, Tomato Paste, Peanut Butter and Cooldrink Concentrate 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.**

World Day of the Poor – Sandwich Sunday: SVDP extends their heartfelt thanks to all who had assisted with the making of the 500 sandwiches as well as donations received.

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 baptismal 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. 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.

CONDOLENCES

The Community of Sacred Heart Parish extends heartfelt condolences and assurance of prayers to the Ah Chong and Ah Shene Families at the passing of Lindsay. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!

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.