

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



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Parish Office will close on 27 December until 3 January 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YEAR B – 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Holy Family of Nazareth; Jesus, Mary and Joseph is the model for all Christian families. Jesus, Mary and Joseph accepted God’s invitation to cooperate with the Plan of salvation. Each of our families is invited to respond to God’s call to participate in the God’s work. The family is the chosen community that has been given the facility to help build a people of God. May we receive from the Lord the grace to do His will as families.

Time	Day	Liturgical Day	Readings	MASS INTENTIONS
17h00	Saturday 30 December	VIGIL - HOLY FAMILY	Gen 15: 1 – 6, 21: 1- 13; Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 8 – 9	Birthday: Hayde Paulsen Birthday: Lynette Ludwick
08h00	Sunday 31 December	SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY	Hebrews 1: 8, 11-12,17-19	Special Intention Brandon Harris
18h00	31 December	VIGIL MASS OF MOTHER OF GOD	Gospel – Luke 2: 22 –40	
10h00	Monday 1 January	SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD	Numbers 6: 22 – 27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6,8; Gal 4: 4–7; Lk 2: 16 - 21	
08h30	Tuesday 2 January	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	1 Jn 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28	
08h30	Wednesday 3 January	Most Holy Name of Jesus	1 Jn 2:29, 3, 6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34	
08h30	Thursday 4 January	Thursday – Christmas Time	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42	
08H30	Friday 5 January	Friday – Christmas Time	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100: Jn 1:35-42	
17h00	Saturday 6 January	VIGIL - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	1 st Reading: Is 60: 1 - 6;	
08h00	Sunday 7 January	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Ps 72:1-2,7-8, 10-13:2 nd Reading Eph 3: 2 - 3, 5 - 6	RIP – Cecil Hutton
10h30	Sunday 7 January	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Gospel - Matthew 2: 1- 12	Lynne Douglas – 65 th Birthday
08h30	Monday 8 January	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Is 55: 1–11; Is 12: 2-6; Mk 1:7–11	

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart

The New Year is upon us once again. We have a responsibility and a duty as a Christian Community of the Sacred Heart to give thanks to God for all the blessings and graces we have received as individuals, as families, and a parish community.

As the Parish Priest of the Church of the Sacred Heart, I give thanks to God for you.

I am grateful to all those parishioners who have served our community with distinction in their ministries and apostolate. I also appreciate with a joyful heart particularly those parishioners who have not just given their time and talent but have given of their treasure as well by consistently paying their monthly pledge. I would like to

encourage those parishioners who have not yet started the spiritual exercise of paying their monthly pledges, to do so, as their thanksgiving offering to God.

This is an invitation to young families in particular who do not yet have the culture of supporting their parish community financially. Supporting the Church financially is one of the non-negotiables of belonging to a Christian Community.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

A Blessed New Year to All

Grace and Peace

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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 parishmediap@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: Tickets sold out.

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 2 will be distributing soup next Saturday 30 December 23 @ 08h00**
Group 3 will be distributing soup next Saturday 6 January 23 @ 08h00

SVDP FOOD PANTRY: Rice, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Oil, Stock cubes, Flour and Yeast.

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, 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, Leo Smithies, Gerald & Susan Spence, Felicity Van Heerden, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers, Gwen Williams.