



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C – 04/05 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

SEASON OF CREATION 2022:

1 September ("Spring Day") up to 4 October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) is the "Season of Creation" focused on the care for the earth – our common home. Pope Francis, especially through the Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, has invited all people of good will to listen and respond to the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor". The Bishops of Southern Africa have endorsed this annual celebration of the "Season of Creation" and asks all individuals, families and communities to do their part, through prayer and action, in caring for the earth and working for the common good of all so that future generations may enjoy the good things that the Lord gives to the earth. A few suggestions:

- 1) **Prayer:** Search for Pope Francis' Prayer for the World and for the Earth online; incorporate it into your daily prayers this month. Later on, to conclude the Season of Creation, there is a Novena to St Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology and friend of the poor, to pray for the care of the earth and for the poor (25 Sept to 3 Oct).
- 2) **Reading the Scriptures:** take a passage from the Bible each week of September which speak about our relationship with creation, such as Genesis 1:1-28, Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 8, John 1:1-15, Revelation 21:14...
- 3) **Raising awareness in the Home:** do we use the resources of the earth, such as energy and water, sparingly?
- 4) **Gathering "Seeds for the Poor":** bring vegetable seeds to church this month to be donated to organisations around the deanery that work for the alleviation of poverty in our communities. We all have a part to play.

Schedule for Masses and Devotions this Week:

Time	Day	Date	Liturgical Day	Readings
17h00	Saturday	3 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33
08h00	Sunday	4 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
10h30	Sunday	4 Sept	Holy Mass – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	Monday	5 Sept		1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
17h30	Tuesday	6 Sept	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with the Opportunity for Quiet Adoration)	1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
18h00			Rosary Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament	
18h30			Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	
08h30	Wednesday	7 Sept	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day	1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
08h30	Thursday	8 Sept	Holy Mass – Feast – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Followed by the Holy Hour – Adoration & Benediction	Micah 5:2-5; Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
08h30	Friday	9 Sept	Holy Mass – Liturgy of the Day (<i>St Peter Claver</i>)	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27; Lk6:39-42
	Saturday	10 Sept	(<i>Saturday Memorial of our Lady</i>)	1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

(Lectionary/Daily Missal – Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time – Readings for Weekdays from "Year II"/Sundays from "YEAR C")

MASS INTENTIONS: Holy Mass is both a celebratory banquet as well as a sacrifice. It is the highest form of prayer and praise with immeasurable spiritual benefits. There is no prayer that surpasses that of the Mass. Every Mass is offered for all people, especially those in need. The Church encourages "full, active and conscious participation" by all the Christian Faithful in the liturgy. As a way of participating more intimately in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, it has long been the pious tradition, that the faithful request a Mass to be offered for their particular intentions, be it on the occasion of your birthday, wedding anniversary, death/death anniversary of a loved one, in thanksgiving or for any special intention. **If you are marking any of these occasions in September, the envelopes for the offerings are now available in the foyer.** Those who can give an offering or stipend to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share in, and express, its concern to support its ministers and works. **Mass Intentions for the Coming Week:**

Day	Date	Intention
Saturday	3 Sept	Rest of the Souls of Mr & Mrs Jozaffe
Sunday	4 Sept	In Thanksgiving – 13 th Wedding Anniversary of Nick & Anita Ah Kun; Rest of the Soul of Fr Paul Fahy (<i>Intentions of Liz Ah Kun</i>)
Sunday	4 Sept	Rest of the Souls on the Pious List
Tuesday	6 Sept	Intentions of Fr Runaine Radine (33 rd Birthday)
Wednesday	7 Sept	Rest of the Soul of Dennis Atwell

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): Saturdays, 16h15-16h45.

TUESDAY EVENING ROSARY AND MASS: is dedicated to prayer for families of the parish. **Families are encouraged to choose at least one Tuesday in the month to come and pray as a family with the larger community to which we all belong.** A simple Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place between 17h30 and 18h30. As usual, at 18h00, we will meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary. You are welcome to come for the full hour or for the Rosary at 18h00. **Do come in quietly and with reverence.** Mass begins at 18h30.

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: following the "Sunday of the Word of God" in January, we encourage all families to choose a specific evening, when the family can gather, say a Wednesday/Thursday evening, to prepare for the upcoming Sunday Mass by reflecting on the Scriptures. The Gospel Reading for next Sunday, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, is Luke 15:1-32...

STEWARDSHIP

REGISTRATION FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION/INFANT BAPTISM: contact the Parish Office for details.

NEW PARISHIONERS: those who have joined the parish, from 2019 onwards, will be officially welcomed to the Parish, this weekend.

MARIAN GROTTA UPDATE: we are happy to inform all parishioners that the statue of Our Lady for the Jubilee Grotto has been purchased. The next phase is the formation of a task team which will oversee the design and construction of the grotto in the coming months.

TILERS REQUIRED: we are in need of tiling contractors to tile the inside of the foyer; please call the Parish Office urgently.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS AND MONTHLY PLEDGE: heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who continue their financial support of 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 to pledge every month, and, if they are not already doing so, to register and request a pledge number through the Parish Office. 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. The Banking Details, for this purpose, are as follows – Standard Bank: Sacred Heart Catholic Church; Account Number: 080389007; Branch: Port Elizabeth; Branch Code: 050-017. The Lord loves a cheerful giver...*

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS – IN AID OF THE PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE:

- **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:** i.e. Proclaimers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality and Youth will be hosting a 5km Family Big Walk, this Saturday, 3 September 2022 from 7am. Entry fee is R20 for adults, with a complimentary coffee, and R10 for children, with a complimentary hot chocolate. Food stalls available; bacon and egg rolls will be on sale. Please support.
- **SVDP GOLDEN OLDIES:** will be hosted at Sacred Heart on Saturday 24 September at 8pm tickets R60 on sale after weekend Mass or from SVDP members or Monique on 082 441 8985.

MINISTRIES AND SODALITIES

SACRED HEART OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

Saturday Soup Kitchen:

- Group 2 will be distributing soup on Saturday, 3 September 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed.
- Group 3 will be distributing soup next Saturday, 10 September 2022, at 08:00am, in aid of the unemployed

St Vincent de Paul Society:

- **EMPTY TUBS** – an appeal for yoghurt and/or margarine to be used to distribute soup, please drop off at the Office.
- **FOOD PANTRY:** SVDP is making an appeal for these donations; suggested items for this week baked beans, tinned vegetable, lentils, beans, tomato paste, peanut butter, and cooldrink concentrate. These Items can be placed in the trolley in the foyer – to assist the relief efforts for the poor in our community. For monetary donations, contact the Parish Office for banking details.
- **BLUE RIBBON BREAD BAGS** – Please collect all your Blue Ribbon bread bags and place them in the box in the foyer. This is an initiative between Blue Ribbon and all SVP's in the Diocese. Once again, thank you for your support.

LEGION OF MARY: All Regions will be meeting in the Hall this Sunday, 4 September, for the Annual Retreat.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC): A meeting of the Full PPC will take place on Wednesday, 7 September 2022 at 19h00 in the Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Catholic Women's League (CWL) as they celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the establishment of the Sacred Heart Branch of the CWL!
A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered on Saturday, 10 September 2022, at 11h00am, as part of the celebration of this milestone, coinciding with the Diamond Jubilee of the Dedication of our Parish Church celebrated this year.

PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023

If anyone is still interested in this once in a lifetime experience, and deeply spiritual exercise, you may contact: Percy on 082 463 6205 / email: percyclausen3@gmail.com or Karen on 074 537 5160 / email: kbarkes2011@gmail.com for more information.

PRAYER CORNER

FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Leigh Ah Shene, Sally Botha, Natalie Bray, Valerie Brown, Glynn Brown, Gerald Burger, Clint Cuddumbey, 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 Rumble, Leo Smithies, Timothy Teulon, Joe & Thelma Trow, Annie Maria Van Rooyen, Joyce Weimers.

Wishing Fr Runaine Radine a happy and blessed 33rd birthday on Tuesday, 6 September, and the assurance of our prayers as he prepares for his move to St John Vianney Seminary Pretoria, in the coming weeks! Ad multos annos!