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CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 5:00 - 5:20 PM
Sundays: 7:15 - 7:45 AM
and on request

HALL BOOKINGS

Gil Hoffman 0828719183



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

INTRODUCTION:

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. We are invited to prepare a way for the Lord and make his path straight. We have a definite choice: We have the freedom to accept God or to reject him. We have the freedom either to allow God in our lives or to reject him.

GOSPEL: Mark 13: 33 - 37

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

THANK YOU FROM SVDP TO:

- all known & anonymous donors, who have tirelessly supported us through the poor box and otherwise;
- Brenda, Catechism children & their parents, especially on Count Your Blessings Day;
- The PFC for the monthly donations without fail;
- All who through their pure donations, ticket buying, labour & any other gestures, made our fundraiser a success.

The Lord that sees all that in done in secret has already & will continue to reward you.

LAST ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR THE YEAR

14 December 2023 & will resume on 11 January 2024.



BIBLE DAIRIES 2024

Are now available at the Parish Office. At the cost of R 130 each.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY 23/12	Mass @ RPP 17:30
SUNDAY 24/12	RPP @ 08:00 St Jude @ 10:00

CHRISTMAS SEASON

SUNDAY 24/12	Carols @ 21:00 Vigil @ 22:00
MONDAY 25/12	Mass @ RPP 08:00 St Jude 10:00
TUESDAY 26/12	Mass @ RPP 10:00

2024 PILGRIMAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

Either to Ngome or Benedict Daswa in Limpopo. Cost estimation: Ngome R1800, Benedict Daswa R3500. Please put your name on the paper provided in porch indicating which one you will prefer. Please note it is not a final list, it is just a survey.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 11	18:00	Singing practice @ RPP
Tue 12	10:00	Mass @ RPP
Wed 13	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 14	09:00 09:30 18:00	Mass @ RPP Adoration Benediction
Fri 15	13:30 17:30	Catechism RPP Mass @ St Jude
Sat 16	09:00 17:30	Children of Mary @ RPP Mass @ RPP
Sun 17	08:00 10:00	Mass @ RPP Mass @ St Jude

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Fr John-Allen Green OFM, Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Simon Zulu, Alvin Govender, Siva Naidoo, Mavis Makhubo, Fidelma Hanlon, Noel Hoffman, Norman Brown and Anabela De Pontes.

Candles for home Advent wreaths available in the repository @ R45



DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
09/12/2023	Sal		Michelle/Gill	Conceicao Neto & Robbie de Freitas	Mirna
10/12/2023	Lindiwe	Fabian	Christopher/Khohli	Jeffrey Madondo R.I.P	
16/12/2023	Michelle		Sal/Gil		Nirvana
17/12/2023	Fabian	Lindiwe	Nonhlanhla/Leah		