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Saturdays: 5:00 - 5:20 PM
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HALL BOOKINGS
Gil Hoffman 0828719183

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

INTRODUCTION:

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. In our celebration we are invited to rejoice and be happy because the Lord is near. Probably in Jesus' time the people felt the same way. They were looking for the redeemer and could not find him. But John the Baptist tells us, as he told them: rejoice, your Saviour is among you though you do not recognise him. But look, he is very close to you.

GOSPEL: John 1: 6 - 8. 19 28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

YEAR PLANS - ALL GROUPS & SODALITIES

All groups and sodalities are requested hand in Year Plans for 2024 ASAP so that the PPC Exec can plan for next year.

BIBLE DAIRIES 2024 available at the Parish Office and Repository. @ R130.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE - 19 December 2023 to 9 January 2024. For emergencies, please contact Fr Marek directly.

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
	Xmas Vigil @ 22:00
MONDAY 25/12	Mass @ RPP 08:00
	Mass @ St Jude 10:00
TUESDAY 26/12	Mass @ RPP 10:00
SUNDAY 31/12	Mass @ RPP 08:00
	Mass @ St Jude 10:00
MONDAY 01/01	Mass @ RPP 10:00

2024 PILGRIMAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

Proposal of a pilgrimage to Ngome or to 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.



For decoration of church for
Christmas. Contact Evelyn
0828005487

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 18	18:00	Singing practice @ RPP
Tue 19	10:00	Mass @ RPP
Wed 20	06:00	Mass @ RPP
Thu 21	09:00	Mass @ RPP
Fri 22	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 23	17:30	Mass @ RPP
Sun 24	08:00	Mass @ RPP
	10:00	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, Anabela De Pontes and Benvinda Da Costa.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be NO Adoration during the Christmas season. It will resume on 11 January 2024.



To help
decorate
the
church
for
Christmas

on Sunday 24 Dec @ 09:30.

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
16/12/2023	Michelle		Sal/Gil		Nirvana
17/12/2023	Fabian	Lindiwe	Nonhlanhla/Leah	Christopher Michael & Family Thanksgiving	
23/12/2023	Celeste		Luiz/Nokwazi	Audrey & John Vries 50 th Wedding Anniversary	Coehleen
24/12/2023	Anton	Ntokozi	Christopher/Asanda		

