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REF: Name or Pledge Number.

CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 5:00 - 5:20 PM

Sundays: 7:15 - 7:45 AM

and on request

HALL BOOKINGS

Gil Hoffman 0828719183

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

INTRODUCTION:

Every day we see people waiting. Some are waiting for the arrival of a bus, others waiting for the opening of a meeting or waiting for the arrival of someone. You can notice a great difference in people that are waiting. Some wait with bored faces, some with happy faces and some with sadness. In which way do we wait during this time of waiting called ADVENT? We should be waiting with joy, being happy while we wait for the Lord. Be happy, always be happy in the Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3: 10 - 18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

2025 BIBLE DIARIES & LITURGICAL CALENDERS

Bible Diaries R130 each

Liturgical Calendars R25 each.

Both are available at the repository



See the Pope's
intention for
December 2024.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR IS 2025 JUBILEE YEAR

This year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope, chosen to promote peacebuilding in a world threatened by climate change and ongoing wars.

NEW PPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Parish Pastoral Council Executive Committee)

Congratulations to the new members:

Chairperson: Sandra De França

Vice Chairperson: Brenda Amod,

New members: Brian Mdlalose, Joanne Reid,

Cecilia De Freitas



THE JESSE TREE (The "Family tree of Jesus")

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth.

The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1:

"A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David.

We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

- 1 Dec - Creation
- 2 Dec Adam & Eve
- 3 Dec Noah & the flood
- 4 Dec - The promise to Abraham
- 5 Dec - Offering of Isaac
- 6 Dec - Assurance of the promise to Jacob
- 7 Dec - Joseph & the providence of God
- 8 Dec - Moses & God's leadership
- 9 Dec - Joshua & the fall of Jericho
- 10 Dec - Samuel & the beginning of the kingdom
- 11 Dec - Jesse, the root
- 12 Dec - David, a shepherd for the people
- 13 Dec - Solomon, a wise king
- 14 Dec - Joseph's trust in God
- 15 Dec - Mary, hope for the future.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no Adoration during the festive season. We will start again on 16 January 2025.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

PARISH DIARY & MEETINGS

Mon 16	18:00	Singing practice
Tue 17	10:00	Mass @RPP
Wed 18	06:00	Mass @RPP
Thu 19	09:00	Mass @RPP
Fri 20	17:30	Mass @ St Jude
Sat 21	17:30	Mass @RPP
Sun 22	08:00	Mass @ RPP
	10:00	Mass @ St Jude

SICK & ELDERLY

Please pray for the sick & elderly of the parish, family & friends especially: Nokuthula Kubheka, Penny Powell, Jean Smith, Dolly Bimbrish, Alvin Govender, Mavis Makhubo, Norman Browne, Khohli Kunene, Barbara Amod, Audrey Vries, Sebenzile Molefe, Margarida De Franca, Joyce Chetty, Netta Liebenberg & Mthokozisi Mthembu.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24/12:

10:00 No Mass but we will decorate the church for Christmas, please come along to help @ bring your children.

21:00 Christmas Carols

22:00 Christmas Eve Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY 25/12:

08:00 Mass @ RPP

10:00 Mass @ St Jude

DAY OF GOODWILL 26/12

09:00 Mass @ RPP

FRIDAY 27/12

There will be NO Mass @St Jude

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The parish office will close on 20 December 2024 and will open again on 14 January 2025. In case of emergency please contact Fr Marek on 0721586048 or Fr Musa on 0761712934.

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
14/12/2024	Shamim		Evelyn / Nokwazi	Thanksgiving	Nirvana
15/12/2024	Fabian	Alvin	Nonhlanhla / Lihle		
21/12/2024	Celeste		Luiz / Michelle	Bernadette Govender Family Thanksgiving	Sandra
22/12/2024	Brenda	Henri	Fabian / Leah		

