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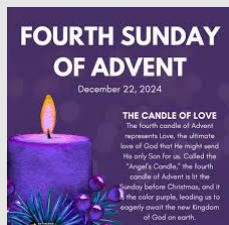
CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 5:00 - 5:20 PM

Sundays: 7:15 - 7:45 AM
and on request

HALL BOOKINGS

Gil Hoffman 0828719183



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

INTRODUCTION:

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, the last Sunday before Christmas. The time of waiting is nearing its end, but we still wish to understand more deeply in what way we should wait and in what spirit we should live our Advent. We find the answer in Mary. She waited by giving help to her relative, Elizabeth. She did not wait passively or in a selfish way. She was not concerned about herself. She hurried to the hill country and for three months helped in Elizabeth's household. What a model of active waiting.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3: 39 - 45

Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

2025 BIBLE DIARIES& LITURGICAL CALENDERS @ the Repository

Bible Diaries R130 each
Liturgical Calendars R25 each.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

Heavenly father, thank you for your blessings throughout the year. Thank you for life, protection and good health. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this festive season, help us to not lose sight of the true spirit of Christmas. Let us remember the less fortunate and help us keep a giving spirit wherever possible. Help us to be a blessing to everyone around us, as we are created in your image. Be our light, be our guide and please continue to protect us in the coming year. Thank you for your eternal love and life. In Jesus name. Amen Merry Christmas to you and yours from our chairperson.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

23/12 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

9:00 bring your children for Christmas decorations

CHRISTMAS EVE 24/12:

10:00 NO Mass

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

TUESDAY 31/12

10:00 Mass @ RPP

WEDNESDAY 01/01

10:00 Mass @ RPP.



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.

12 Dec - David, a shepherd
13 Dec - Solomon, a wise king
14 Dec - Joseph, trusted in God
15 Dec - Mary, hope for the future
16 Dec - John the Baptist
17 Dec - Jesus is wisdom
18 Dec - Jesus is Lord
19 Dec - Jesus is the Flower of Jesse
20 Dec - Jesus is the Key of David
21 Dec - Jesus is the Radiant Dawn
22 Dec - Jesus is King of the Gentiles
23 Dec - Jesus is Emmanuel (God with Us)
24 Dec - Jesus is the Light of the World
25 Dec - The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

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

We pray that this Jubilee Year may 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 23	18:00	Singing practice
Tue - Fri	SEE CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE	
Sat 28	17:30	Mass @RPP
Sun 29	08:00 10:00	Mass @ RPP 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.

AFTERNOON PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF THE FLOODS OF 24/12/2023

Date: 24th December 2024

Venue: Kwa Mbobontantu in Shepstone Road next to Hyundai

Time: 16h00-17h00

Please bring prayers and a candle.

For inquiries contact Mrs Mazibuko 0724602419 or Mrs MJ Msomi 0824771120.

SSVP

Would like to thank the RPP & ST Jude PFCs & individual parishioners, by financially and otherwise sustaining the society all year through. Priests - for your support and advice when needed. Together we made life bearable and happier for 40 families.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Parish office will open again on 14 January 2025. In case of emergency please contact Fr Marek on 0721586048 or Fr Musa on 0761712934.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

DATE	SACRISTAN	EMOHC	PROCLAIMER	MASS INTENTION	FR'S DINNER
21/12/2024	Celeste		Luiz/Michelle	Conceição Neto & Robbie de Freitas R.I.P.	Sandra
22/12/2024	Brenda	Henri	Fabian/Leah		
24/12/2024	Nokwazi	Fabian	Christopher/Evelyn		
25/12/2024	Brenda	Alvin	Nonhlanhla		
28/12/2024	Shamim		Gil/Evelyn	Bernadette Govender Family Thanksgiving	Yogini
29/12/2024	Fabian	Anton	Lihle/Barbara K		