

Church of Our Saviour Bulletin

The English Speaking International Roman Catholic Parish of The Hague

2 – 9 December 2018

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Eucharistic Schedule:

Weekends at the church:

Sunday: 10.00, 17.30

Weekdays in the chapel:

Friday 09.30

Reconciliation:

Sunday 16.30-17.00 or by appointment

Religious Education 11.30-12.15, Pastoral Center

First and Second Sundays in Advent



Psalm Response

2 December: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

9 December: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Readings

2 December: JER 33:14-16, PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, 1 THES 3:12-4:2, LK 21:25-28, 34-36

9 December: BAR 5:1-9, PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11, LK 3:1-6



THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Sunday, 2 December

First Sunday of Advent

09.00 COS Lunchroom Prep, Atrium

09.00 Choir Rehearsal

10.00 MASS + RCIA - "The Our Father" Mass + Sinterklaas visit with Children's Liturgy

11.00 Fairtrade open

11.00 Kerkbalans Meeting

11.30 COS Kids Choir, Church

11.30 RE Class

13.00 KKI Mass, Atrium/Church

16.30 Choir Rehearsal

16.30 Confessions

17:30 MASS + 3 Baptisms + Installation of Altar Servers + Lighting of the Advent Star

18.30 Confirmation Class COS Loft

18.30 Evening Choir Sinterklaas Party, Atrium

Monday, 3 December

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

11.00 Finance Staff Meeting

19.00 Rosary Prayer Group, Mary Chapel

19.00 Benefactor Dinner

Tuesday, 4 December

09.30 Soup Kitchen, Rotterdam

11.00 Staff Website Meeting

11.30 B-COS Dutch Conversation

19.00 Briefing with Pastoral Chair

Pastoral Council Meeting: Mass at 19.30, Meeting at 20.00, followed by Advent Drinks at the Bar

19.30 Joint Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

Wednesday, 5 December

St. Nicholas Eve/ Sinterklaas

OFFICE CLOSED

10.00 Decorating the church for Christmas with volunteers and the Maintenance Team

12.30 Dutch Mass, Chapel

19.00 SA Meeting, Room 3

19.30 Christian Meditation, Day Chapel

Thursday, 6 December

Pastor away at conference

12.00 AA Group, Cos Loft 1

Friday, 7 December

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Pastor away at conference

09:30 Liturgy, Chapel

10.00 British Club, Bar

19.00 Choir Rehearsal for Sing Along

Saturday, 8 December

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.00 Private Rental, Room 5

15.00 Choir Preparation, Atrium

17.00 COS CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG & MARKET

Sunday, 9 December

Second Sunday of Advent

Blessing of Pregnant Parents

09.00 COS Lunchroom Prep, Atrium

09.00 Choir Rehearsal

10.00 MASS

11.30 RE Classes

16.00 Choir Rehearsal

16.30 Confessions

17.30 MASS

18.30 Confirmation Class, COS Loft

ADVENT SEASON 2018

This year we have a very short Advent - only three weeks - because the last Sunday in Advent is also the last day before Christmas Eve. In some years, the season is nearly five weeks! That's why this year's season may feel a bit rushed. Nevertheless, we will give this beautiful season of pregnancy the attention it deserves, starting with the lighting of the 1st candle this Sunday. Enjoy this precious family time of preparing for the Lord's coming.



Advent Giving Tree

During the season, we try to bring some light to people who go through hard times. Over the years, our **ADVENT TREE 50/50 CAMPAIGN** has supported people with very little income, families who were suffering, addiction crisis, or people imprisoned or hospitalized. The giving tree also brings some relief to the homeless and helps Santa to be generous with the children and elderly. The annual 50/50 tree can be found at the back of the church. If you would like to support any of the causes, please take an envelope and fill it with up to 50 euros. Santa will make sure the right people in and around our parish will benefit from this generosity. We thank you for your kind and silent support.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT STAR

Weather permitting, we will end the mass this evening with the final prayer, blessing, and closing hymn, in the garden next to the church under the Advent Star. This will mark the start of the light from our Advent Star.

BABY JESUS ON TOUR

The cradle from our church nativity scene will go on tour starting this First Sunday of Advent. This is a nice opportunity for your family to receive the baby Jesus and prepare yourselves and/or your children for Christmas. If you would like to receive the Baby Jesus at home, please contact the parish office at **office@parish.nl**. We kindly ask the families to contact each other to arrange for transport, and we hope to see the baby Jesus back in our parish on the Third Sunday of Advent, 16 December 2018.

ADVENT BLESSING OF PREGNANT PARENTS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 9 DECEMBER

Expectant parents are invited to come forward around the altar, for a blessing of the "fruit of the womb" during both masses next Sunday. Moms and Dads are our good tidings during Advent, holding a new generation in their care. We are grateful for this gift of life, and pray together with the parents for a safe delivery and a good future ahead.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Every Sunday from 16.30-17.00, there is the opportunity for confession in church. If you need more time, please feel free to make an appointment with the office. This year's Advent Reconciliation service is on

Sunday 16 December, at 17.30. This means there is no evening mass on that Sunday.



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING + ADVENT MASS

All group/event coordinators are invited to the **Pastoral Council Meeting in the atrium on Tuesday, 4 December. There will be an Advent Mass at 19.30, followed by the meeting at 20.00.** Following will be an Advent Reception at 21.30.

NEW WEBSITE

Due to new privacy laws, we needed a new parish website. At first glance, it may look a bit different from our last with fewer pictures and contact details. This is a consequence of the new European regulations. During our Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, our group coordinators will be invited to forward their news and updates to the Parish Office so we can include it on the website. It is a work in progress, and will become more developed and informative over time, with input from our groups!

COS SPECIAL DATES & EVENTS

- 02 December – First Sunday Of Advent -Welcome the Word of Cycle C
- 08 December – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & "COS It's Christmas" Sing-along & Xmas Market
- 09 December – Second Sunday of Advent – Blessing of Pregnant Parents
- 16 December – Third Sunday of Advent - Advent Reconciliation
- 23 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24 December – Christmas Eve Masses (Monday – 17.30 and 23.30)
- 25 December – Christmas Day Mass (Tuesday – 11.00)
- 26 December – Feast of St. Stephen Mass (Wednesday – 11.00)
- 30 December – Feast of the Holy Family Masses (10.00 and 17.30)
- 01 January – New Year's Day Mass – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God



Don't forget to bring your unwanted or handmade Christmas Decorations to the church for our Christmas Market, on 8 December. For more information, please contact the Social Events Chairperson **Marion** at esehmesumbe@hotmail.com

WEDDING PLANS? MOST WELCOME!

Couples intending to get married are welcome to complete their paperwork and preparations in our parish. Once these papers are approved by the diocese, they are valid worldwide. Please get in touch with our Parish Office six months prior to the event to begin the process. We will need a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate. In case of an interreligious marriage (with a partner from another denomination or a non-baptised person), a dispensation is required which takes a bit more time. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.pariah.nl/internal/adult-formation>.



UPCOMING WEDDING

28-12 **Emmanuel SENDIJA & Charity NAMUGGA**

Kampala, Uganda



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor the **ALTAR FLOWERS** for any special occasion (in memoriam, wedding anniversary, birthday) or just in thanksgiving for your many blessings, please contact **Cheryl Carr** at carrbark@bart.nl.

COS WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION

A one-day Women's Recollection is being organized on 19 January 2019.

This will be the first of a series of recollections planned for the new year. This recollection is aimed at promoting spiritual enrichment and setting the pace for a prayerful and fruitful year.

If you would like to get involved as a participant or volunteer, please contact **Siben** at **+316 3389 5622** or sibensendze@gmail.com.

NON-PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please note – adverts are placed in this section as a service to our parishioners or to let people know of activities in the region that might be of interest. They are NOT an endorsement of people offering services, organizations mentioned, or goods or accommodations being offered.)

LOOKING FOR A ROOM OR STUDIO TO RENT

I am a parishioner urgently looking for a new place to live. My budget is around €400. Please email me at emka002@protonmail.com Thanks a lot, **Maria**

CAR FOR SALE

2009 Skoda Octavia station wagon, 5speed manual, APK till September 2019 reliable, good family car. €2500. Phone or text **Nigel Levido +316 3912 7464**.

LOOKING FOR A BABYSITTER

Our sweet, active and always smiling (!) little one is looking for a nice baby sitter. Days to be discussed but would be mainly in the mornings. If you are interested and available, please send us an email at marinebothier@gmail.com. Thanks a lot. Looking forward to meeting you - **Marine**

PARISH OPPORTUNITY
30 JULY - 8 AUGUST 2019

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BOOKING DEADLINE
30 JANUARY 2019

Piano Lessons

Start as a beginner or advanced

Your teacher: **Ivana Kovač, mag.muz.**

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