

EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE

Sunday (Main Church) **10.00 & 17.30**
Friday (Chapel) **09.30**

RECONCILIATION

Sunday: 16.30 - 17.00 or by appointment

BAPTISM

First Sunday of the month at 17.30
(except during Lent)

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance of the wedding date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We provide a full Religious Education programme for children at 11.30 on Sunday mornings at the COS Pastoral Centre. Confirmation & Adult Baptism Preparation also available.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

On **16 November 2019**, we will hold our **annual International Food Fair**. This event raises substantial funds to help support small projects throughout the world. For further details, please see www.parish.nl. In addition, we hold separate campaigns during the year to raise funds for other charities.

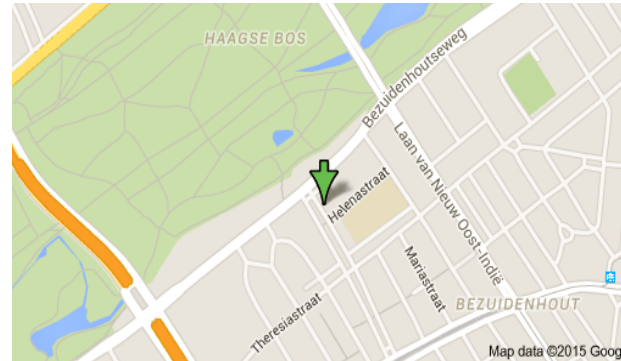
RENTAL OF FACILITIES

If you wish to rent our Church/Atrium/Bar/Kitchen or one of our meeting rooms, please visit www.cosrentals.nl

Church: Bezuidenhoutseweg 157
 2594 AG The Hague

Chapel: Side entrance on Koningin Mariaalaan

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R.C. CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

*The English Speaking International
Roman Catholic Parish in The Hague*

The Netherlands



**Pastoral Year
2019/2020**

BRIEF PARISH HISTORY

Around 60 years ago, the community started with Fr. Willem Vroom, assisted by Fr. Theodore Zwartkruis (who later became the Bishop of the Haarlem Diocese). It began at the Laan Copes van Cattenburch, but as it grew, it moved premises, staying the longest, 25 years, at the St. Aloysius College in Benoordenhout. During this time of growth, the longest serving pastor was Fr. van Schaick, who led the parish for 22 years until his retirement in 1979. He was succeeded by seven other pastors on shorter term appointments.

In July of 1998, Fr. Sjaak de Boer was appointed Pastor of our parish. He is a Mill Hill Missionary and received his Ph.D. from Leuven University in Belgium. Before joining us, he worked in Kenya and Brazil as a University Chaplain and Pastor of the Itaguai Cathedral in Greater Rio de Janeiro. He has been the coordinator for English speaking parishes in European capitals since 2000, and a member of the Supervisory Board of CORDAID since 2014.

In December 2003, the parish moved into the church on Bezuidenhoutseweg 157. The building was purchased by our parish in July 2008. The official opening of the Pastoral Centre took place on 29 October 2011.

The Roman Catholic Church of Our Saviour has parishioners from approximately 70 different countries who come to worship and work together as one body. It is this solidarity that helps create the lively spirit which exists in our church.

We are a part of the Diocese of Rotterdam as a Non-Territorial Personal Parish.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the International English Speaking Roman Catholic Church of Our Saviour in The Hague, want to share our talents and opportunities to serve as messengers and instruments of Christ's Gospel.

Through the wide variety of cultures and international networks, our Parish offers a unique opportunity to share the vision of God's Kingdom with the global community. We aim to show our love for God in the love for our neighbour and our environment and to connect our spirituality, religious formation and daily lives with the promotion of justice and peace.

PARISH EVENTS/GROUPS

PARISH COORDINATION

- * Parish Board
- * Pastoral Council
- * Parish Office & Staff
- * Auditors & Bookkeepers
- * Finance Committee & Treasurer
- * Legal Contacts & Contracts
- * Liturgy Committee
- * Kerkbalans
- * Pastoral Counseling Services
- * Press and Public Relations
- * Trust Committee

LITURGY – SERVICE GROUPS

- * Altar Servers
- * Choirs
- * Church Linen Group
- * Church Cleaning Group
- * Eucharistic Ministers
- * Lectors
- * Organists/Musicians
- * Pastoral Care for the Sick
- * Sacristans
- * Ushers
- * Welcome Desk

FOOD FAIR & CHARITIES

JUSTICE & PEACE

- * Amnesty International
- * B-COS Refugee Project/ Soul Kitchen
- * Charities Committee
- * Fair Trade
- * Lenten & Advent Campaign

FORMATION

- * Adult Formation/ COS Spiritual Academy
- * Baptism Preparation
- * Bible Study (Lent)
- * Children's Liturgy
- * Christian Meditation
- * Confirmation Preparation
- * First Communion Preparation
- * Marriage Preparation/Couples Group
- * Religious Education for Children
- * Retreats – Adult and Youth
- * Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- * COS Youth Platform (COSYP)

INTERNAL PARISH GROUPS

- * African Community Group
- * Addiction Programs: AA & SA
- * Assisi Group
- * Bookstall
- * Collection Counters
- * Flower Team
- * Hospitality Team
- * Maintenance Group
- * Meals for the Homeless, The Hague
- * Parish BBQ Team
- * Parish Trip
- * Rosary Prayer Group
- * Soup Kitchen, Rotterdam
- * Students Eat & Meet Group
- * RE Lunchroom group
- * Social Events group

In line with the contents of our Mission Statement, we encourage our parishioners to volunteer, even for a little while, for one of these various groups within the parish. For contact details of Group Coordinators, please contact the Parish Office.

The 2019/2020 Pastoral Theme:

Ora et Labora

(Pray & Work)

