

# Church of Our Saviour Bulletin

The English Speaking International Roman Catholic Parish of The Hague

16 – 23 December 2018

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## Eucharistic Schedule:

### Weekends at the church:

Sunday: 10.00, 17.30

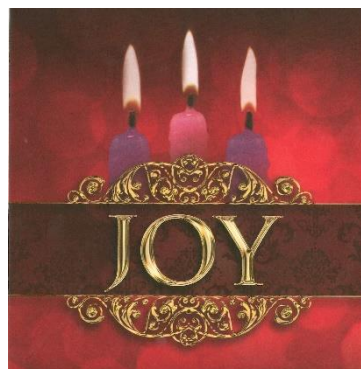
### Weekdays in the chapel:

Friday 09.30

## Reconciliation:

Sunday 16.30-17.00 or by appointment

**Religious Education** 11.30-12.15, Pastoral Center



16 December

## Third and Fourth Sundays in Advent

### Psalm Response

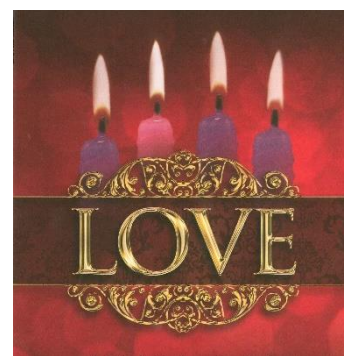
**16 December:** "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."

**23 December:** "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

### Readings

**16 December:** ZEP 3:14-18A, IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6,  
PHIL 4:4-7, LK 3:10-18,

**23 December:** MI 5:1-4A, PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19,  
HEB 10:5-10, LK 1:39-45



23 December

## THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

### Sunday, 16 December

#### GAUDETE SUNDAY

#### Third Sunday of Advent

09.00 COS Lunchroom, Atrium

09.00 Choir Rehearsal

#### 10.00 MASS

11.30 RE Classes

11.30 Carollers Rehearsal, Chapel

11.30 Recollection Team Meeting,  
Choir Loft

13.00 KKI Mass, Atrium/Church

#### 17:30 ADVENT

#### RECONCILIATION

with Fr. Sjaak, Fr. Bosco,  
and Cantors

18.30 Confirmation Class,  
COS Loft

### Monday, 17 December

19.00 Rosary Prayer group,

Mary Chapel

19.00 Assisi Group

### Tuesday, 18 December

Pastor at Cordaid from 13.00-22.00

08.30 Private rental, Atrium

09.30 Soup Kitchen, Rotterdam

11.00 Private rental, Room 4

11.30 B-COS Dutch Conversation

19.30 Joint Choir rehearsal, Atrium

### Wednesday, 19 December

#### OFFICE CLOSED

10.00 Maintenance Team

12.30 Dutch Mass, Chapel

19.00 SA Meeting, Room 3

### Thursday, 20 December

10.00 Meeting with Australian  
Ambassador

12.00 AA Group Meeting, COS  
Loft

14.15 Private rental, Atrium/Bar

#### Friday, 21 December

09.00 School Christmas  
celebration, Church

#### 09:30 MASS, Chapel

19.00 Joint Choir Rehearsal,  
Atrium

19.00 Pastor at Meeting

### Saturday, 22 December

08.30 Church Cleaning

### Sunday, 23 December

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

09.00 Choir Rehearsal

#### 10.00 MASS

16.30 Confessions

17.30 Quiet MASS, No Music



## Advent Giving Tree

Our **ADVENT GIVING TREE** at the back of the church has a few more envelopes hanging on the branches. These monetary gifts are being distributed to help those in need, in and outside our parish, after the last Advent Sunday. Many thanks for your kind solidarity.

### CHARITY FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

After the fantastic results from the recently concluded Food Fair, it's now time to apply for funding for your charities. The form is available for download on the parish website <https://parish.nl/charities-application-forms>. Sponsors are encouraged to submit projects for educational, spiritual, medical, agricultural, and social welfare purposes, but not for individual/personal development. Preference will be given to small, non-governmental self-help projects. These projects should be yielding and self-sustaining, as well as oriented towards family and community development. Last date for submitting the completed application form digitally to [office@parish.nl](mailto:office@parish.nl) is **31 January 2019**.

### HUGE THANKS FOR A FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG AND MARKET

There were so many happy faces, young and old, enjoying themselves during the Christmas Sing-along and Market on Saturday, 8 December. The food and drinks were great, and the atmosphere was festive. The COS Kids Choir were especially enchanting with their angelic voices, high energy and admirable discipline; COSYP had a marvellously original take on their songs; and the COS Joint Choirs were at their absolute best. The event, which fell on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, was made even more meaningful with the inclusion of a Tribute to our Lady. With a surprise visit from Santa which delighted the children, the evening was complete.

Thank you to all our singers, choir directors, musicians, lights, sounds and stage crew, caterers, market sellers, and not to mention, all our other nameless volunteers who made this parish event possible. To quote Fr. Sjaak, *"A big Thank You to everybody. The COS sing-along was a slice of paradise."*

### CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers from across the Parish come together each month to clean away fingerprints on the doors, polish the brass, dust, sweep and mop the church - everything necessary to keep our church clean and sparkling.

Due to the Christmas holidays, this month's church cleaning will be held on

**Saturday, 22 December. Doors open at 08.30.** The team needs all the help they can get to prepare our church for all the Christmas masses. In order to entice you, **Giuseppe Gugliuzza**, the team coordinator, has announced that there will be panettone to eat (typical Italian Christmas cake) during the break.

Special thanks go to **Hernando**, a volunteer who has been with the cleaning team on a regular basis since 2011! He will be leaving soon to go back to the Philippines for good. We will miss him and wish him all the best.

If you or a group you belong to are willing to volunteer to help keep God's house in proper order for all of us on the last Saturday morning of every month, please let **Giuseppe** know at [gugliu@hotmail.com](mailto:gugliu@hotmail.com).

### PARISH TRIP TO UKRAINE IS CANCELLED

The Parish Trip for the week after Easter 2019 to the Ukraine has been cancelled because of the tense situation in the region. We regret to make this decision and thank the ambassador of the Ukraine to the Netherlands, H.E. **Vsevolod Chentsov** for all the work he invested in planning this trip. We hope to still be able to visit Ukraine in the future. We are currently looking for an alternative trip closer to home.

### SOCKS FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN

For this Christmas, the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity in Rotterdam are requesting donations of socks (new ones) for the homeless who come to the Soup Kitchen.



The **HOSPITALITY LADIES** would like to thank you all for your support during the year. Please join them after morning Mass for festive coffee in the atrium today.

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

#### Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

*That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.*

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month, whether universal or related to evangelization. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.



# Please note that the parish office will be closed from 24 Dec-2 Jan

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Please note that our office will be closed during the days between Christmas and the New Year from **Monday, 24 December until Wednesday, 2 January**. During this time, only emergency mails or phone calls will be answered by Fr. Sjaak. Such messages may be left on the answering machine at **070 328 0816**. Fr. Sjaak may also be approached before or after the many services over this period. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding and wish you a wonderful Christmas holiday.

## PARISHIONERS RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT FOR THE SICK

Both our Loeks have received/ are receiving the Anointing of the Sick at their homes. Loek van Hal was anointed last Friday and Loek Caspers will receive the sacrament on Monday. We ask you to pray for them and all our elderly and/or sick parishioners.

## VOGs

Due to new Dutch and European laws, all parish coordinators are now required to obtain a "VOG", which is essentially a certificate of good conduct issued by the Dutch Government. If you are a group leader/member you may be asked for some basic information, so that the Parish Office may apply for your VOG. This is free of charge and required for any parishioner who works with minors, any type of financial information or money handling, or any personal information of third parties such as contact info. VOGs from other organizations are non-transferable.

## 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 contact the parish office at [office@parish.nl](mailto:office@parish.nl).

## UPCOMING WEDDING

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

**Kampala, Uganda**



LAST ADVENT MASS	SUNDAY, 23 DECEMBER	10.00 and 17.30
CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS	MONDAY, 24 DECEMBER	17.30
SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS	MONDAY, 24 DECEMBER	23.30
CHRISTMAS DAY FESTIVE MASS	TUESDAY, 25 DECEMBER	11.00
FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN MASS + Baptisms	WEDNESDAY, 26 DECEMBER	11.00
	No Friday Morning Mass on 28 December	
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	SUNDAY, 30 DECEMBER	10.00 and 17.30
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS WORLD DAY OF PEACE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	TUESDAY, 01 JANUARY	17.30*
	No Friday Morning Mass on 04 January	
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY	SUNDAY, 06 JANUARY	10.00 and 17.30

*\* There is a reception in the atrium/bar after the New Year's Day mass. All are welcome!*



## EPIPHANY 2018

On **Sunday, 6 January**, we will celebrate the **Epiphany of the Lord**, also known as the **Feast of Three Kings**. We invite the children to dress up as kings for the Children's Liturgy.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

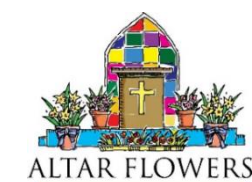
The Christian Meditation group met for the final time this year last **Wednesday, 12 December**. The first meeting in 2019 will be on **Wednesday, 9 January, at 19.30 in the Day Chapel**.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - EXTRA BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES

During the holidays, many parishioners have guests staying with them from abroad. This offers a very nice opportunity for planning the baptism of a child. Opportunities to do so are:

- **Sunday, 23 December at 12.00**
- **Wednesday, 26 December, at 11.00**, Feast of St. Stephen
- **Sunday, 30 December, at 10.00**, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- **Tuesday, 1 January, at 17.30**, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

For registration, please contact the Parish Office at [office@parish.nl](mailto:office@parish.nl)



*"In thanksgiving to the Lord for the blessing he recently gave to me and to my family. May the Lord keep my eyes open so that I always see and appreciate the gifts he gives me in my life."*

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by **Emeline Metozounve**,

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](mailto:carrbark@bart.nl).



**Special Note:** If you have a garden, and can spare some greenery (pine, holly, ivy, etc.), we could

use it as part of our Christmas decorations. Please bring them on **Sunday, 23 December**, before or after Mass.

## COS WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION DAY

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](mailto:sibensendze@gmail.com).

**COS PRESENTS**

**Recollection For Women**

**January 19, 2019**

**from 10:00h - 16:00h**

**Cost: €15**

**Includes refreshments & lunch**



**It is time to pray**

Tickets on sale at the Welcome Desk or the Parish Office

For more information contact Siben at [sibensendze@gmail.com](mailto:sibensendze@gmail.com)

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PARISH OPPORTUNITY

30 JULY - 8 AUGUST 2019

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SPECTACULAR FESTIVAL IN  
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GOD. NESTLED BETWEEN THE  
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BOOKING DEADLINE  
30 JANUARY 2019

## 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 NANNY

We are looking for a nanny for our 16-month old son. Wednesdays from 07.00 – 15.00/16.00 and Fridays from 07.00 – 13.00/14.00. There is also a possibility to clean on Thursdays for 5 hours. We live in Wateringeng. If you are interested, please contact us at **062 159 9121**.

## 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**

# Piano Lessons

Start as a beginner or advanced

Your teacher: Ivana Kovač, mag.muz.

0681804732 or e-mail:

info@ivanakovac.net