ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NORTH RIDING

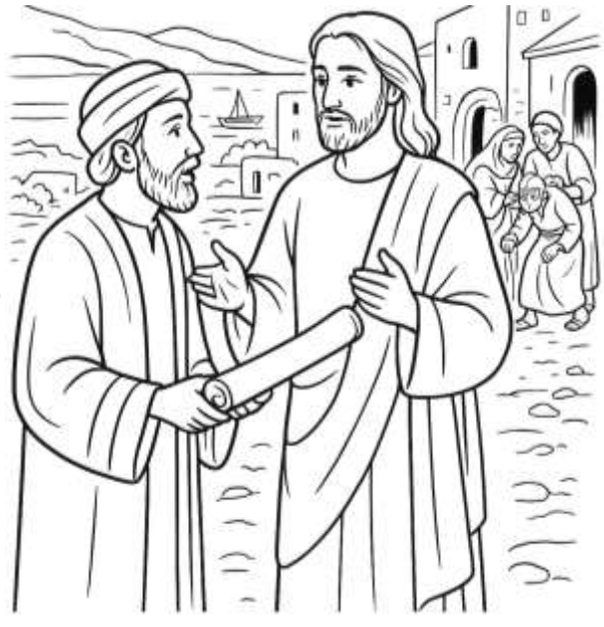
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The parish office hours - Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 3pm
Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm;
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am and 5.00pm.
Mondays and Thursdays 6.15am;
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am.
Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am
Website: http://www.st-johns.org.za

THIRTIETH SUNDAY **Cycle A** **28/29 October 2023**

FIRST READING : Exodus 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 17
R: I love you, Lord, my strength.



I love you, Lord, my strength,
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, "Praised be the Lord!"
and see, I am saved from my foes.

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord gives great victories to his king
and shows merciful love for his anointed.

SECOND READING : 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, Alleluia!
If a man loves me, he will keep my words, says the Lord;
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Matthew 22:34-40

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your Mind"

St John's Mission Statement

A community that encounters Christ through the worship and spiritual guidance of God by loving and supporting our fellow brothers and sisters.

Sacraments and Preparation

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a course before the baptism of their child. Contact the office on 010 222 0631 to make an appointment to meet with Father to discuss baptism and attend preparation classes.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3.45pm till 4.45pm, or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr Bafana three to six months before the event. Couples are required to attend a pre-marriage course of instruction or an Engaged Encounter weekend.

CATECHISM (Primary School)
& CONFIRMATION (High school)
Contact the office.
***In Person REGISTRATION FOR 2027 is now open after Mass ***

*Catechism Classes to be attended from Grade 1 to Grade 7 in order to receive continued formation and to ensure all Sacraments are received in good time.
*Confirmation classes must be attended From Grade 8 and is a 3.5 year program.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The Rosary is prayed as a community every Monday and Thursday after the 6.15am Mass and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30am before the 9.00am Mass. The Rosary is also prayed in front of the grotto of Our Lady on the **FIRST SATURDAY** of each month at **8.00am from next month and not 9am.**

ADULT RCIA/CONVERT CLASSES / FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES: If you are over 18 and interested in deepening your faith or becoming a Catholic, classes begin each year after Easter. Please phone the parish office for more details on the course.

Community News

DAY OFF: Fr Bafana OMI takes his one day off a week on a Monday. Please respect this important day of rest for our parish priest.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Contact the office to make arrangements.
Please note we don't hold funerals on a Saturday or Sunday.

COUNSELLING: Please leave a message on 071 138 8401 to make arrangements for counselling.

PRAYER CHAIN: Phone Connie on 010 220 5109 or 083 694 8319 for prayer support.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the parish office or ask an immediate family member to do so on your behalf so we can make arrangements for Father to see you.

BIBLE SHARING: You are invited to join on Monday evenings at 7.00pm on Zoom. Contact Evelyn on edevelyndeiner25@gmail.com

LECTIO DIVINA: Join us on Thursday evenings at 8.00pm on Zoom. Contact Gordon at gordon.brewer@liblink.co.za

JUSTICE & PEACE: We invite you to a meeting every Tuesday from 7.00pm. To get a link to the meeting please contact us on email - stjohnsjusticepeace@gmail.com.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: All are welcome to join on a Thursday from 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL-SSVP. New members are needed and we would love you to join this ministry. Please contact Maqueen Ntladi on 083 236 5719 or Michael Wise on 082 561 6980

Community Notices

SECOND COLLECTION:
During October the Holy Father asks us to help contribute to the missionary project of the church by having second collections for the duration of the month.
This weekend is the last of four collections.
Envelopes are available in the Benches and entrance of the church

REMINDER: The gate will be closed at the start of Mass.
Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.

CARE GROUP RETREAT: 6 November 2026, 10am, R50 per person and a bring and share lunch. Please RSVP to Felicity 0733981344.

CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR will open next week for both Junior and Senior catechism classes. We invite parents to register their children for the upcoming year of faith formation. Registration will take place throughout October and November on the church lawns immediately following these weekend Masses:
AFTER SATURDAY EVENING MASSES AND BOTH SUNDAY MORNING MASSES.
***Details to Note*:**
* Start Date: Registration begins Saturday, 10 October. * Fee: R100 cash per child.
* Location: Look for the registration table on the lawns outside.
See you there

ALL SOULS MASS: The Masses for All Souls will be celebrated on Monday 2 November, at 6.15am and 5pm. Pious lists can be returned at this Mass or on the weekend of the 31st October/ 1st November.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND RE-REGISTRATION:
The Church Administration is currently updating our parish Register. Please may **all** parishioners take a moment to Register or re-register or update your family's details via our website or this QR Code

Privacy Note: Your information is held in the strictest confidence. It is used solely for parish administration and will never be shared externally without your prior permission."

VISITING PRIESTS: Visiting priests from outside the diocese have to present a valid document (called a Celebret and pronounced Cheh-LEH-breht) from their diocese at least a week before the visit. They will NOT be allowed to concelebrate at Mass nor celebrate any Sacraments prior consent.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: We are updating our Health and Safety protocols, if there are any parishioners who are more knowledgeable in this, please consult the parish office to offer your assistance.

First Holy Communion 2026 - 31 October 2026 - 10am

Please continue to pray for our children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time next weekend.

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."." – Matthew 19:14

Mass Intentions for the week.

Saturday	24 October	5.00pm	For Holy Souls and the Pereira family Kerry, Enid, Brian Mac A Baird R.I.P Cecilia Mphulo R.I.P Ricardo De Gouveia R.I.P Goretti Viera R.I.P Subramoney Pillay RIP.
Sunday	25 October	7.30am	Special Intention Arn Steyn Special Intention Barry Cheketri Jabulisa Maphanga R.I.P Mark Kriel (RIP) Blaise Rutherfurd R.I.P Alex, Alexandra and Albertina De Gouveia R.I.P
		9.30am	Special Intentions for the Kannigan family Thanksgiving Nigerian Community George Tinarwo Mukosi & Lovemore Munei Mutizwa R.I.P Lindiwe Agnes Mnguni R.I.P Theresa V Chetty - RIP Donovan Maistry RIP
		5.00pm	Thanksgiving and God's protection over the Da Silva family Emile Rose R.I.P Frans Van Neerijnen R.I.P Margaret Malone R.I.P Marrianne Bishop R.I.P Tebello Mokone R.I.P
Monday	26 October	6.15am	For Peace in the world Healing for the sick Thanksgiving and God's protection over the Da Silva family
Tuesday	27 October	9.00am	Thanksgiving and God's protection over the Da Silva family Estanislau Sumares Santana R.I.P John Declan O'Callaghan R.I.P Clyde Ostermeyer R.I.P
Wednesday	28 October	9.00am	Special Intention of the Reddy Family Thanksgiving and God's protection over the Da Silva family.
Thursday	29 October	6.15am	Deceased relatives of the Doyle Family Prayers and Healing for Shan Roberts Thanksgiving and God's protection over the Da Silva family.
Friday	30 October	9.00am	Jean Seebregt R.I.P RIP Gordon Padayachee Charlene Abrahams Special Intentions Thanksgiving for Rita Padayachee Vincent Slade R.I.P Clare Drew R.I.P



Let us pray together for all the ill and infirm in our parish.



We pray for the Repose of the souls of Fr Andrew Knott OMI, and Fr Alan Moss OMI.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them"