



# ROSEBANK CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Holy Mass times:** Monday - Friday - 06h30 (Church); Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 18h00 (Church) Mass & 18h30 Adoration

**School Mass** every Friday at 07h45 (Except during School Holidays) **Public Holidays:** 08h15 (Church)

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 08h15 & 18h00. Sunday 08h00, 10h30, 15h00 (Zulu/Sotho) & 18h00

**Confessions:** 18h30 – 19h00 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### Sunday Reflections

#### 1. Scott Hahn

#### **The New Creation: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent**

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Readings:

[Gn 9:8–15](#)

[Ps 25:4–9](#)

[1 Pt 3:18–22](#)

[Mk 1:12–15](#)



Lent bids us to return to the innocence of baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle. And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of ... [Read More](#)

#### 2. **Word on Fire by Bishop Robert Baron**



#### **ANGELS AND WILD BEASTS**

[Click Here](#)

#### 3. **The Jesuit Institute South Africa by Fr Russell Pollitt SJ**



**The Jesuit Institute South Africa**  
*Enlarging the Horizons of Hope*

[Click Here \(Available after midday Friday\)](#)

#### 4. **Life Teen Sunday Reflection by Mark Hart**



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#### 5. **Spiritual Enrichment**

##### **Article:**

##### **Taking Your Lent to the Next Level**



How about if we do it differently this time?

I don't know about you, but it seems like every year Ash Wednesday just

sneaks up on me and I'm left scrambling trying to figure out what I'm going to do for Lent.

I'm guessing I'm not the only one.

But let's make a change. Let's make this Lent the best one ever. How? I'm glad you asked.



In this episode of the Art of Catholic podcast we're going to discuss:

[Read More](#) [Podcast](#)

## Spiritual Smoothie by Fr Bartunek



### WHY MARRIAGE IS A UNIQUE SACRAMENT

The Sacrament of Marriage is different from Baptism or the Eucharist. The reasons why will lead you to a deeper understanding of what marriage really is intended to be.

[Read More →](#)

### Infographic:

#### 6 Things You Should Do While You're Waiting in Line for Confession



[View image here](#)

### Video:

#### Where Is Lent in the Bible?



Father Mike Schmitz explains where the observance of Lent came from (the Bible), clarifies why Catholics observe the season, and shares how it can make a difference in our lives.

[Watch Here](#)

## News for the Week

### Holy Communion To The Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

### J&P News



### EVANGELISATION: A CALL TO POLITICAL ACTIVISM

"It is a special duty of lay Christians to become involved in politics, society and commerce in the spirit of the gospel: in charity, truth and justice". (Vatican II)

Pope Francis says in *The Joy of the Gospel*: "From the heart of the Gospel we see the profound connection between evangelisation and human advancement... to desire, seek and protect the good of others." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 178)

**ACTION:** All of us – but especially young people – are called by the Church to think seriously about getting involved in running our country, nationally and locally, in all the ways open to us. This is an integral part of our Christian vocation.

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### Adult Catholic Formation

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed as a member of the Catholic Church, must enrol. Please contact Jane at 084 500 2187 or Gerald at 083 659 3392. Classes will commence after Easter.

### Genesis



Genesis is the young adults' group at Rosebank. Our focus areas are spiritual development, outreach and social. No commitment necessary. FreshGen is a branch of Genesis for people between the ages of 18 and 23. Contact [GenesisRosebank@gmail.com](mailto:GenesisRosebank@gmail.com) or [fb.com/GenesisRosebank](https://fb.com/GenesisRosebank) for details on either.

Genesis is a busy group and we need all kinds of support. If you can help please contact us at [GenesisRosebank@gmail.com](mailto:GenesisRosebank@gmail.com) and we will help identify the right way for you to be involved depending on your availability, interests and strengths.

### Sunday Prayer group

Please join us in praying the Rosary / Divine Mercy Chaplet every Sunday at 17:30, at the grotto or, in case of rain, in St John's room upstairs in the Community Centre.

## FreshGen



## LifeTeen



Lifeteen is a Catholic youth movement that desires to teach the faith in a way that is exciting and interesting to teens. Our sessions are held every Sunday night during the private school terms from 19:00 to 20:30 in the Rosebank Catholic Church community centre. For those of you who are looking to get confirmed, your journey starts here. This week's theme is titled 'Signs of Life'. We hope that you will discover the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit and build your faith in God's miraculous power.

## Why Catholic? Small Faith Sharing Group

Season starts this week. "Forgiveness and Reconciliation" booklets are available in the Repository for R40. Contact Patrick (011 447 4441) or Jane (084 500 2187) to discuss further.

## Maintenance to Mission - M2M

The Archdiocese of Johannesburg will be holding a M2M Conference at Bryanston Catholic Church Community Centre on 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Read the book Divine Renovation by Fr James Mallon to get an idea of what this is all about. Each parish will be sending 3/4 delegates to attend. Let us know if you would like to attend. Email us at [Evangelization@rosebankcatholicchurch.co.za](mailto:Evangelization@rosebankcatholicchurch.co.za) Rosebank parish will follow through in moving us forward to become more mission focussed.

## Baptism Class

Parents wanting to have their children (< 5 Years) Baptised need to attend a Baptism Instruction class. It is one class of +-2 hours from 19h00 in the Community Centre. The dates for 2018 are as follows: 7<sup>th</sup> March; 4<sup>th</sup> April; 2<sup>nd</sup> May; 6<sup>th</sup> June; 4<sup>th</sup> July; 1<sup>st</sup> August; 5<sup>th</sup> September; 3<sup>rd</sup> October; 7<sup>th</sup> November; 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## Catechism Classes

Catechism classes are held in the community centre from 9:15-10:15am.

For any further details and if you would like to join our teaching team please contact Arlene on [arls126@gmail.com](mailto:arls126@gmail.com)

## Lenten Preparation: Free Journey Through Scripture Bible Studies



These free online studies continue throughout the Lenten season.

[Sign up now to participate in these deeply moving Bible studies.](#)

## Alpha



We meet on **Wednesday** at 7pm in the Community Centre.

Next Session: **"Why and how do we pray?"**

**Please keep our guests in prayer! Pray that all participants will be able to attend the Week-end Retreat on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March at Bosco Centre.**

## Deacon Ordination Mass



Photographs taken during the Deacon Ordination



Mass at the Cathedral this past Saturday. Gerald Rodrigues was ordained to serve in the Rosebank community. [Click to see](#)

[Photo Gallery](#)