



ROSEBANK CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Holy Mass times: Monday - Friday - 06h30 (Convent Chapel)
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 18h00 (Church) Mass & 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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Of Wheat and Weeds: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Listen Here](#)

Readings:

[Wisdom 12:13,16-19](#)
[Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16](#)
[Romans 8:26-27](#)
[Matthew 13:24-43](#)



God is always teaching His people, we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us, that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance. This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden – like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected—as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us – evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience, God is teaching us—that above all He desires repentance,

and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first we must turn and call upon Him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see [Matthew 5:45](#)). But the harvest draws near. Let's work that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

WORD ON FIRE HOMILIES



WHEAT, SEED AND LEAVEN

The Gospel for this Sunday is taken from the 13th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew and it features three marvelous parables of Jesus. How rich and inexhaustible in meaning are these three parables! Take some time to read and contemplate these parables in light of your own suffering and faith as we seek together the Kingdom of God.

Listen to Bishop Robert Baron's Homily [Click Here](#)



The Jesuit Institute South Africa
Enlarging the Horizons of Hope

Join Fr Russell Pollitt, SJ, as he reflects on the readings for the 16th Sunday of Year A.
(Podcast only posted after midday Friday)

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Lifeteen is aimed at the spiritual development of teens as well as their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is held every Sunday night during the private school terms in the Rosebank Catholic Church Community Centre from 19:00 to 20:30. All teens are welcome.

This week's theme is titled 'Made to Last'. We have explored how the Church is One, Holy and Catholic but it is also Apostolic. It has a duty to guard and to pass on the faith. Join us on Sunday night to find out how this is happening in 2017.

See you soon!

For all queries please email

Lifeteen@rosebankcatholicchurch.co.za

LifeTeen Podcasts: Mark Hart reflects on this Sunday's readings.

[Listen Here](#)

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWS



KEY THEMES IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT: 4

Catholic social thought (CST) is "about the crossroads where Christian life and conscience come into contact with the real world" (Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* #73).

There are a number of key themes

in CST. During July and August we are highlighting one such theme per week.

Theme 4: Care for the weakest and the poorest.

We are called to show solidarity with the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalised in our words and deeds, in our prayers and in our public policies. The 'option for the poor' was central to Jesus' message; and it has become a mantra of modern Catholicism. But beyond small acts of charity (which are not to be devalued) the option for the poor is demanding and difficult, a radical challenge to comfort and caution. At times it can demand real courage - even martyrdom - in the face of social disapproval or powerful vested interests.

ACTION: Is the option for the poor central to how we live out our faith? Do we give witness to this commitment consistently in our personal relations and in our social actions, as employers, as citizens, as voters, and in the 'causes' we support?

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FRIDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

We will meet on 28th July 2017 from **10h00 - 11h30**. Looking forward to seeing you then!

YOUNG ADULTS



For info on Genesis and FreshGen please see the posters in the foyer. Email Genesisrosebank@gmail.com or visit fb.com/GenesisRosebank



Sunday Prayer Group

Join us in praying the Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet at 17:30 in the St John room in the community centre.

Centering Prayer

There will be a talk on centering prayer on **3rd August 2017** (note date change) in the community centre at 19:00 for the parish hosted by Genesis. All are welcome.

Mini World Youth Day

There will be a Mini World Youth Day held in Durban from 6-10 December 2017. Youth and young adults from ages 18 to 35 are invited. If you are interested in attending with the parish please email Genesisrosebank@gmail.com For further details about the event please go to www.miniworldyouthday.co.za

Motto: "The Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is His name" Lk 11:25

Theme: Young People, faith and vocations

Youth: Tell the Church what you think!

To involve young people in preparations for the Synod of Bishops on Youth in 2018, the Vatican has released the long-awaited online questionnaire **YOUNG PEOPLE, THE FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT** to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16- to 29-year-olds around the world. The questionnaire is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief. survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718



MARFAM

Marriage & Family Life
Renewal Ministry

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Name Dropping

Basil and his gran continued their conversation. "Knowing someone by name does in a way give you a sense of power over them, at least a stronger relationship than just knowing about them. We [...Read More](#)

God Talk

In a family discussion Amy asked, "Gran, I see Moses as a real "larger than life" character. Nothing simple or ordinary about him, from his birth to his death." "Yes, there are people like [...Read More](#)

ALPHA PRISON MINISTRY



BE A PLAYER – Take the first step to participating - Contact Lauren 079 492 3083. [Read article written by one of our prison ministry team members](#)

BE A PAYER – Donate any amount. Deposit cash in the “Piggy” in the Repository or EFT payment to RCC ALPHA, Standard Bank, Acc no. 331983087, Br code: Generic. We have also pledged financial support to Revive Initiatives, who assist ex-offenders <https://www.facebook.com/reviveinitiatives/>

BE A PRAYER - Pray for the teams going into prison. Pray for the inmates, that they be open to experiencing a personal encounter with Jesus. Pray the [Rosary](#) or [Divine Mercy](#).



Sunday's Second Characteristic – Enjoyment

What is the second characteristic of every Sunday? I bet you would not guess it. [Read More →](#)

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REGNUM CHRISTI SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Did you know that each of our Spiritual Smoothies is an excerpt from a do-it-yourself retreat? Discover them all!

You've had the Smoothie, now enjoy the whole meal.

Is Living Without Sinning Possible?

[Full Question](#)



Can anyone live completely without sinning?

[Answer](#)

There is certainly one example in the merely human category: the Blessed Mother, although she had the singular blessing of being conceived without sin after the fall of Adam and Eve and also very blessed in being “full of grace,” as the angel Gabriel proclaimed to her at the Annunciation in Luke 1. And yet the Blessed Virgin Mary is the disciple par

excellence in cooperating with God's grace, as she exceeds in glory the angels who exceed her in nature. And that's why she's the queen of heaven and earth.

In addition, any human person who gains heaven will live completely without sin, as their wills be perfected in Christ, which means they will be impervious to sin (see Rev. 21:27).

WIN A CAR

Tickets are on sale in the Parish Repository. Cost R50. Fundraiser for the Marian Shrine.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARIAN SHRINE FUNDRAISING

ALL Parishes of the Archdiocese have been asked to help fundraise R25 Million towards the Marian Shrine. Please help the Archbishop with your prayers and financial contributions.

The banking details are as follows:

Archdiocese of Johannesburg

Bank: Standard Bank Ellis Park

Branch Code 051001

Account No. 002125757

Please use your surname and Rosebank as your reference.

Pope Francis' 5 Finger Prayer Card for Kids



Teaching children to learn how to pray is one of the most important tasks that parents have. But it can sometimes be difficult to get children to remember to pray

and memorize all of their prayers.

Pope Francis has come up with an easy and simple way to pray that children can remember! Children simply use the fingers on their hand to remind them to pray!

[Get Your Free Five Finger Prayer Card](#)

Little Saint Adventures is a revolutionary new app designed for kids, parents, churches and schools. The app features over 50 faithful, engaging games and activities that children can play that are both fun to play and educational. Developed alongside with Catholic catechists and educators, your child will learn about the Catholic faith and the saints through games, interactive Bible stories, quizzes, and more.





Did you honour the memory of Madiba?

Please help us, at the Immaculata Shelter, to bring some comfort and dignity to our residents and day visitors, by donating a pair of shoes in his name.

Let's try to walk tall and proud, as Madiba would wish. Bring us a pair of sneakers, shoes, boots or sandals – anything to help others walk tall.

Encourage your family, colleagues and friends!

Fill a bag with shoes!

Drop it off at the Shelter!

17 Sturdee Avenue, Rosebank - next to SAPS
Collection baskets at church 22/23 July.

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Can't part with those glamorous heels or comfy
takkies? Make a donation - we suggest R67
(67 Minutes for Madiba)



EFT (Ref: Mandela Day)
St Vincent de Paul Society
Standard Bank – Rosebank –
Br 00 42 05
Current Ac 001 942 875

You'll be honouring Madiba and helping someone in need – what a wonderfully charitable way to mark this day of remembrance.

CHURCH PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Parishioners will be able to park in the School grounds for **pre-arranged midweek Church functions**. Stickers are available, which will assist our Security staff on duty to identify Church goers. Your co-operation would be most appreciated.

PARISH COMMUNICATION TEAM

If you are not receiving this bulletin - email us so that we can include you on our distribution listing
CommunicationTeam@rosebankcatholicchurch.co.za

Culture of Life Apostolate and Divine Mercy Home invite you to the

MASS FOR LIFE

Saturday 29th July 2017 at 10:00

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL



To pray together that children in the womb may be protected



Pray for our priests!

[Click Here](#)



Being Over Doing: Resisting the Cult of Speed

By Sam Guzman

If there's one thing our culture values, it is speed. Fast food. Fast cars. Fast internet. The more quickly and efficiently anything can be done, the better.

Yet there are few things more destructive to authentic human experience than speed. Hurriedness is not the father of wisdom.

Doing things rapidly causes us to devalue them..

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CURSILLO (cur SEE yo)



Cursillo is a great program that develops one's Christian formation at a very deep level. This program has spread to other Christian denominations, some of which have retained the name "Cursillo" while others have given the program

a different name, such as "The Walk to Emmaus" in the Methodist Church or "Kairos" when taken into the prisons.

Cursillo Weekend - Cyara Lodge, Hekpoort

16 –19 November 2017

Email us to get a form so as to register:-

Evangelization@rosebankcatholicchurch.co.za

Cost of weekend

Early Bird price R750 if paid by end of Sept 2017
R850 if paid after end of Sept. R400 deposit is required on submission of form to secure your space. Price includes accommodation, materials and meals.