



# Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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## 01 DECEMBER 2024

### First Sunday of Advent, Year C

Psalm Response:

### To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul

*This week's liturgies*

<b>Sunday</b> 07h30: <i>Pro Populo</i> 09h30: RIP: <i>Deliphine Quensavie Zinsou</i> 16h00: <i>Thanksgiving: Bennedine Lebo Tshetlho</i>	Jer 33, 14—16 Ps 25 1 Thess 3, 12—4, 2 Lk 21, 25—28.34—36
<b>Monday</b> 13h15: <i>Special Intentions &amp; Healing for the Santana Family</i>	Is 2, 1—5 Ps 122 Mt 8, 5—11
<b>Tuesday</b> 13h15: <i>Special Intentions &amp; Healing for the Santana Family</i>	<b>(ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PR)</b> Is 11, 1—10 Ps 72 Lk 10, 21—24
<b>Wednesday</b> 13h15 <i>Pro Populo</i>	<b>(ST. JOHN DAMASCENE PRD)</b> Is 25, 6—10 Ps 23 Mt 15, 29—37
<b>Thursday</b> 13h15 <i>Pro Populo</i>	Is 26, 1—6 Ps 118 Mt 7, 21.24—27
<b>Friday</b> 13h15 <i>Special Intentions &amp; Healing for the Santana Family</i>	<b>(ST. NICOLAS B)</b> Is 29, 17—24 Ps 27 Mt 9, 27—31

\* Italics indicate Mass intention

### PROCLAIMERS

**07h30**

Roly Adams  
Dawn Linder

**09h30**

Julius Ajayi  
Rudi Maritz

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**07h30**

Colin Lesar  
Kryisia Lesar  
Thelma Melk  
Roland Thompson

**09h30**

Wendy Davies  
Sthandiwe Msomi  
Sabie Makgothi  
Oswald Mokoena

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 09h00—13h00

### Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 13h15

Sunday: 07h30 | 09h30 (*Sung*)  
16h00

### Morning Prayer

Sunday: 09h00 ( *before 09h30 Mass*)

Join in the prayer of the Church  
led by our *Schola Cantorum*

### Confessions

Monday – Friday: after 13h15 Mass

### Exposition

Monday – Friday: 12h00-13h00

### Benediction

Friday: 13h00

### Weddings and Baptisms

by appointment, contact parish office

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Russell Pollitt SJ  
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### Banking Details

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Standard Bank, Braamfontein (004805)

Account: **002 294 192**

St. Vincent de Paul, Braamfontein Standard Bank,  
Braamfontein (1842 )

Account: **22 090 752 8**



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# PARISH NOTICES ~ 01 DECEMBER 2024

## ADVENT

This weekend, we begin a new liturgical year, Year C. The liturgical year starts with Advent, a time of preparation for Christmas. Let us make the most of this season– see the Advent prayer in the bulletin.

## WORLD AIDS DAY

1 December is World AIDS Day. Please inscribe those who have died from HIV/AIDS or those living with HIV/AIDS in the book at Our Lady's Altar so we can pray for them.

## CAN YOU HELP WITH THE SOUP KITCHEN?

St. Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to help with the soup kitchen on Monday evenings. If you can assist, please show up between 6pm and 7pm.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Kopanang Community Trust will hold a Christmas Market at Trinity this Sunday, 1 December, after the morning Masses. The market will sell embroidered, beaded, and sewn items such as homeware, bags, and Christmas decorations. Please support this initiative.

## 16H00 STUDENT MASS

The last 4pm Mass for the year will be on the 1st December. It will resume on the 18 January 2025

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE HOMELESS

The parish's Christmas lunch for the homeless will be next Saturday, 7th December 2024. Please come and support this work.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS UPDATE

We have raised R350 000.00 so far for the windows. Thank you for your contributions. Please continue to help us collect money as we need to raise R2.5million to save the windows!

## GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to purchase a plaque to be installed in the Garden of Remembrance to remember your faithful departed, please contact the parish office to place an order. Each plaque costs R1400.00

## TRINITY HOUSE STUDENT RESIDENCE

Applications are now open for 2025 at Trinity House Residence for students. Please contact [resmanager@trinityjhb.co.za](mailto:resmanager@trinityjhb.co.za) for information.

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:

We pray with Pope Francis that this Jubilee will strengthen us in our faith, help us recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, and transform us into pilgrims of Christian Hope.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO NGOME

The Parish annual Pilgrimage to Ngome Marian shrine will be on 13th to 15th December 2024, for further details please contact the organisers; Prudence Xaba 0824486067 or Oswald Mokoena 0820861334.

# **PASTOR'S CORNER**

## **PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

Dear God, our Creator,

You revealed your love to us and creation once and for all through the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. By the grace of Your Creator Spirit, teach us to celebrate our faith in the Incarnation that took place in creation.

Dear Jesus, Savior of creation, we ask that You may be born in us once again as we seek to cultivate hope for our common home. As Your followers, teach us to care for the dignity of all human beings and all creation, now and in the future.

In a season too often marked by overconsumption and excess, let us give thanks and honour the goodness of all your gifts in the natural world. Help us to contemplate the mystery of creation as we celebrate the mystery of incarnation.

We pray for today's victims of global warming, both human and nonhuman. We pray for more ambition in the energy transition, in this country and globally. We pray for our governments to negotiate a global and fair phase-out of fossil fuels.

And, finally, we pray for the courage to be prophets of our time, calling upon our leaders to bear fruits of ecological justice.

Come Emmanuel! Make us ever more hopeful people for a hopeful planet. Let us be part of Your light of hope to the world.

Amen.



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# Money makes things happen

by Morongoa Selepe

Money has not always been in circulation; there was a time when people did not use money. The history of money, first coins and then banknotes, is complex and interesting.

There's a general assumption that money has made life easier. I believe this. I remember learning about the barter system in school and the challenges this system presented for trade, hence the move to using money. Before money, natural objects, including clay and metal coins, were used as currency for trade. Nowadays, we use cards and speak of digital money, like Bitcoin, the 'future' as many people have predicted.

Money affects many areas of our lives. To survive in today's economy, you need money. We want money, we need it, and we love it. As Christians, we often shy away from expressing our love for money; one reason for that is 1 Timothy 6:10, "The love of money is the root of all evil." This describes evil done worldwide and in our communities, often in pursuit of riches and wealth. We must always be careful of this.

I wish to have abundant money and be able to do what I desire whenever I want. Money means freedom; it gives those who have it the freedom of choice, which many of us long for. Imagine what your life would look like, the choices you would make, and the opportunities that would be opened for your children and your family if you were not limited by your financial resources. It's nice to dream!

We must recognise the critical importance of money in everyday life and the functioning of the world. However, my challenge lies in that we have assigned money as the thanksgiving token. We have made money the language of thanksgiving. I see this everywhere. A simple thank you for your help, or service is meaningless unless accompanied by a "cold drink." It seems that in our churches as well, a simple thank you is not enough.

A few weeks ago, I saw a post on X (<https://x.com/theseerheals/status/1859617258307268979>) where a user shared her opinion that church is not for unemployed people. This challenged me. Thanksgiving celebrations in our parishes have turned into fundraising initiatives. When people do not have money to give, it is assumed that they are ungrateful to God for what God has done. We know some people will only sometimes have what we have, so why expect them to give us the same? Perhaps this has only happened in my parish.

Money makes things happen. Good things happen when money is around. However, in making good things, we must remember that money is a tool. Not everybody has access to this tool. This tool is a gift, like many other gifts in our lives. We should then use this tool to bring life to all, even those who might not have this tool.

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