



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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sinking Fear: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Nineteenth Sunday

[Listen Here](#)

Readings:

[1 Kings 19:9, 11-13](#)

[Psalm 85:9-14](#)

[Romans 9:1-5](#)

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)



How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will?

God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him.

In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see [Deuteronomy 4:10-15](#); [Exodus 19:17-19](#)). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see [Exodus 33:18-23](#)).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see [Job 9:8](#)) and rules the raging waters (see [Psalm 89:9-10](#)). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—"It is I"—are those God used to identify himself to Moses (see [Exodus 3:14](#); [Isaiah 43:10](#)).

Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his

Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.

Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel.

We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps, will save us whenever we begin to sink.

WORD ON FIRE HOMILIES



THE SILENT PRESENCE OF GOD

Elijah is a contemplative who has the eyes to see and the ears to

listen. God does not appear in the glory of the world. Rather, he appears in a silent way. Weed out of your heart all of those fears and desires that prevent you from discerning the silent presence of God.

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



The Jesuit Institute South Africa
Enlarging the Horizons of Hope

There are a few lessons we can learn from our texts this weekend: Every believer faces trying circumstances, it feels as if God is asking us to step out and 'walk on water'. It's in these moments that Jesus says "Do not be afraid!" Another lesson is that faith does not save us or protect us from the trials of life. The Jesuit, Walter Cizsek, who spent many years in a Russian concentration camp, teaches us a valuable lesson about what faith *does* do. We also learn the difference between "shout-out" and "reach-out" in the midst of life's storms. Join Fr Russell Pollitt SJ as he reflects on this week's readings. [Click Here](#)

Lifeteen is in recess and will resume on 10th Sept.
Queries: Lifeteen@rosebankcatholicchurch.co.za
Listen to the Bible geek Mark Hart's reflection on this Sundays readings [Click Here](#)

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWS



CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT: # 7

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 7: Care for God's creation and the environment.

This has been a consistent theme in CST for decades, though its scope has widened immeasurably as climate change has given it a new prominence and impetus. The Biblical vision of justice goes much wider than relations among people - it covers our relationships with all of God's creation. The 'goods of the earth' are gifts from God. We must not abuse natural resources with a destructive consumer mentality. We must be conscientious stewards here and now, and as custodians for future generations. **ACTION:** Do we waste water? Can we truly say that a loving respect for the natural environment is an integral part of the way in which we live out our faith daily? Do we actively support at least one organisation or movement that is concerned about environmental issues, conservation, or sustainable development?

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YOUNG ADULTS



For upcoming Genesis and FreshGen events, please see the posters in the foyer.



Email: GenesisRosebank@gmail.com.

Facebook: [fb.com/GenesisRosebank](https://www.facebook.com/GenesisRosebank)

Sunday Prayer Group Join us in praying the Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet at 17:30. For this month meet us in the St Teresa's School chapel.

Mini World Youth Day There will be a Mini World Youth Day held in Durban from 6-10 December. Youth and adults from ages 18 to 35 are invited to attend. 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

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS by Pope Francis

I ask the Lord Jesus to enable many young people to discover that burning zeal which joy kindles in our hearts as soon as we have the stroke of boldness needed to respond willingly to his call.

I ask the Lord Jesus to preserve the joy sparkling in the eyes of the recently ordained who go forth to devour the world, to spend themselves fully in the midst of God's faithful people, rejoicing as they prepare their first homily, their first Mass, their first Baptism, their first confession..

It is the joy of being able to share with wonder and for the first time as God's anointed, the treasure of the Gospel and to feel the faithful people anointing you again and in yet another way: by their requests, by bowing their heads for your blessing, by taking your hands, by bringing you their children, by pleading for their sick.

Preserve, Lord, in your young priests the joy of going forth, of doing everything as if for the first time, the joy of spending their lives fully for you. I ask the Lord Jesus to confirm the priestly joy of those who have already ministered for some years.

[See Full Prayer - Click Here](#)

CATECHISM *N.B.!! There will be no Catechism from Sunday 06 August to 03 September due to the private school holidays. We will resume on Sunday 10 September. For further details please email Arlene at arls126@gmail.com.*



MARFAM
Marriage & Family Life
Renewal Ministry

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Women, Walls and Bridges

It's been quite a week – so far.

Around Women's Day. What role have

women actually played? On the whole, around the major event, the No Confidence Debate and Vote, apart from the role of the Speaker Baleke Mbete there appeared to be a lack of womanly genius. The Speaker did herself and us proud by allowing a secret ballot. ...[Read more.](#)

REFLECTION - the still small voice

The still small voice. Is it conscience, care for the common good, love, forgiveness or all those? CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1776. "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, ... [Read more.](#)



EVENTS AND READS



9th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN from 21-26 August 2018. For full details of the Congress, Festival and Solemn High

Mass visit world meeting 2018.ie/ A package has been ...[Read more.](#)

ALPHA PRISON MINISTRY



BE A PLAYER – At Leeuwkop Correctional Centre new course will start on 19th August. Become an active Spirit-filled disciple witnessing about Jesus to those in prison. This is a wonderful ministry, where miracles are often seen. Contact Lauren at 079 492 3083 or email her llgroenewald@gmail.com

BE A PAYER – Donate any amount - EFT payment to RCC ALPHA, Standard Bank, Acc no. 331983087, Br code: Generic.

BE A PRAYER - Pray for the teams going into prison, on Saturday mornings, between 9 and 11:30am. Pray for the inmates, that they will be open to experiencing a personal encounter with Jesus. Pray the [Rosary](#), [Divine Mercy](#) or any other prayers.



MINI JAM - Jesus and Me WORSHIP FESTIVAL is happening at Woodmead Catholic Church this year on the 8th of September, 18:00 to 22:00. Come and hear international speakers Christopher West and Jason Clarke and worship with international Catholic recording artist Mike Mangione and some of our local worship bands. Tickets: R50, buy online: www.tobsa.co.za Food and merchandise on sale.



SERIOUSLY DATING? ENGAGED? MARRIED?

If you're 'a couple' then this talk is for you: international speaker *Christopher West* on 'Life, Love, Mercy'. 8th September, Maronite Church, Woodmead at 19:00 – 20:30. Tickets: R250 per couple. Buy online: www.tobsa.co.za or call 0785340386 for more info.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Parishioners who are sick or bed-ridden are able to receive Holy Communion in their homes or hospital. Contact the Parish office to discuss details further.

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.



SUNDAY'S THIRD CHARACTERISTIC

What enjoyable responsibility are we fulfilling when we reach out to family and friends on Sunday?

[Click Here](#)



Yes, Jesus Really Established the Catholic Church by Tom Nash

Full Question

Did Jesus really establish the Catholic Church?

Answer [Click Here](#)

CURSILLO (cur SEE yo)



Cursillo is a great program that develops one's Christian formation at a very deep level.

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. Costs includes accommodation/materials/meals.

OVERCOMING ADDICTION

The Evangelisation Group is setting up a counselling, advice and assistance team to help people who suffer from any addiction – alcohol, drugs, sex or pornography. For details contact - Aubrey Johnson - 082 440 0774 -

Teamsmartfox@gmail.com

WIN A CAR

Tickets are on sale by the Parish Repository team after Mass on Sundays. Cost R50. This is a Marian Shrine fundraising initiative.