



Rivonia Catholic Church  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

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## ***The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C***

*When Jesus returned to his home town, the people were astonished at the gracious words that he spoke. We gather today to be nourished by the lifegiving words of the same Jesus and to be fed by his very self.*

### ***The Pope's Prayer Intentions for February 2019***

#### ***Universal : Victims***

*For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution and violence.*

#### ***Weekday Mass Times***

Monday	04 February	08h30	
Tuesday	05 February	08h30	St Agnes, VM
Wednesday	06 February	06h30	St Paul Miki & Companions, Ms
Thursday	07 February	08h30	
Friday	08 February	08h30	(St Josephine Bakhita, V)
Saturday	09 February	No morning Mass	

**Confessions                  Saturdays                  11h30-12h00 and 16h30-17h15**

#### ***Mass times for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Saturday	09 February 2019	17h30
Sunday	10 February 2019	07h30, 09h30, 17h30

#### ***Prayers for the Sick and those who care for them:***

Churchill Ebersay, Marcelle Christian, Gerhard Pretorius, Marilyn Davies, Fabio Renieri, Peter Combes, Therese Ingle, George Chadinha, Tony de Quintal, Bianca Minucci, Betty Maluleka, Belinda Versace, Paul McNally, John Martin, Charlie, the West family.

## PARISH NOTICES

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**Baptisms:** An appointment with the Priest is required before a child's baptism.

**Baptism Talk:** The next talk will take place on **Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 18h00.**

**Marriages:** A notice of at least three full months is required before an intended marriage.

**Marriage Talk:** For anyone wishing to enquire about the requirements for preparation for marriage. The next talk will take place on **Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 18h00.**

**Catechism and Confirmation:**

**Catechism Classes:** Sunday mornings from 08h30 to 09h15. Grades 1-7

**Confirmation classes:** Monday evenings from 18h00-19h00. Grades 8-10.

**Adult Enquiry Classes:** The first class for 2019 will take place on **5 February at 18h00** in the office meeting room. Thereafter, classes will take place **every Tuesday at 18h00.**

**Parish Pastoral Council Elections:** Further to the notice that appeared in the bulletin on Sunday 28 October 2018, PPC elections will begin on 3 March 2019 and be completed by 24 March 2019.

**Parish Parish Council:** The PPC will meet on **Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 18h00.**

**Marian Shrine Boat Cruise by the Vaal Deanery:** At Stonehaven on Vaal, Riviera: **Sunday 24 February 2019 and Sunday 3 March 2019.** Seats: R250. Contact: **Tumi: 073 649 5397 or Nothini: 082 744 9723.**

**Bring & Braai (In support of Mother of Mercy Shrine Building Project):** **Saturday 2 March 2019 at the Cathedral of Christ the King from 13h00.** Entrance fee: R200, includes pap & salads. Bring your own meat. Contact: **Joyce Maphisa, 083 271 4034.**

**Liturgy Committee:** The Liturgy committee will meet in Fr. Peter's office on **Sunday 10 February 2019 at 10h45.**

**Renew Africa presents LIVE LENT:** Renew Africa is an Archdiocese-wide parish-based process to lead the faithful in scriptural and spiritual development through small Christian communities. Sign-up forms are available on the table at the entrance to the church. Contact: **Cindy Smith: 082 304 0784 (Whatsapp preferable).**

**Youth Alpha (13-18 years):** Will start on **Friday 8 February 2019** in the Parish Hall. For more info contact: **Matthew Mohr 084 522 1932 or René Minnaar 081 858 3039.**

**Alpha:** Will start on **Wednesday 6 February 2019 in the Old Church.** For more info contact **René Minnaar 081 858 3039 / Glen Ford 082 997 4066 / Stephen Orege 083 625 6457.**

**Feeding Scheme Collection:** Feeding Scheme tables will be manned at all Masses over the weekend of **9/10 February 2019.**

**Sandwich-making:** will take place **after the 17h30 Mass this Sunday.**

**Retrouvaille:** A Lifeline for Marriage – to register for the programme starting the weekend of **22-24 February 2019**, visit: [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) or **call 083 339 7692.**

**Sacred Heart College, Observatory,** is holding an Open Information and Activity day on **Saturday 16 February 2019, from 9-12.** [marketing@sacredheart.co.za](mailto:marketing@sacredheart.co.za); Lynn **011 081 2200.**

**Jumble Sale:** **Thursday 7 February 2019 from 12h00-13h00** in the Hall. Thank you for your support!

**SJA Hiking Group, Sat. 9 Feb. 2019,** walking along Witwatersberg Ridge.

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## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday Reflections

#### 1. Scott Hahn

**Prophet to the Nations: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** [Listen Here:](#)

Readings:

[Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19](#)

[Psalm 71:1–6, 15–17](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13](#)

[Luke 4:21–30](#)



God's words in today's First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations" (see [Luke 1:31–33](#)). Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins—that He's more than just "the son of Joseph."

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many . . . in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God (see [1 Kings 17:1–16](#); [2 Kings 5:1–14](#)). "None . . . not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes. [Read More](#)

#### 2. Word on Fire by Bishop Robert Barron



**THE PRIMACY OF LOVE**

[Click Here](#)

#### 3. The Jesuit Institute South Africa



(available after 12pm Fri)

[Click Here](#)

#### 3. LIFETEEN

[Click Here](#)



#### SPIRITUAL SMOOTHIE: GOD REVEALS HIS HEART

It is a common misconception among non-Catholics that the Sacrament of Confession is a man-made institution. In reality, it is a gift from God that reveals something very unique about Who He is. Take a minute to learn why this Sacrament is an opportunity for us to recognize who we are and how much God loves us, knowing all of our weaknesses. [Watch Here](#)



#### Spiritual Fitness

James Baxter, the force behind Exodus 90, joins us to discuss the need for spiritual fitness. He focuses on asceticism, prayer, fitness, and community as he calls the men of the Church to be living saints. [Listen Now:](#)



#### **Got Questions? Try Alpha!**

What is the Alpha Youth Series with African Interviews?

The Alpha Youth Series is a brand new interactive series exploring life, faith and meaning. Each episode looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. It's for young people with no Christian or church background.

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