

25 December 2021



ST. SAVIOUR'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH.

DIOCESE OF CAPE TOWN.

Christmas Day 2021

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Christ, light of the world, born into human pain and joy: let our celebration of your birth make us bold witnesses of your love; to the glory of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

OT Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm: 98
NT Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4
Gospel: John 1: 1-14

PREACHER AND PRESIDERS: Rev. Chesnay Frantz

READER: 07H30 Ruth Fry-Snyders

09H15 Jonathan Carelse

LAYMINISTER: 07H30- Ivan Fortune

09H15 Herby Halls

HYMNS: SOF

Introit: 529 The First Nowell

Gradual: 314 Joy to the world

Offertory: 59 Christians Awake

Communion: 36 Away in a manger

Communion 2: 329 Let there be love

Recessional: 155 Hark! The herald Angels sing

Motet: The Star Carol

Lighting of Christmas Candle

Priest: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Priest: Now we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Light the last candle (white)

Priest: As the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

Let us pray

Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. Amen.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear St. Saviour's Friends and Family.

Allow me to use this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a BLESSED CHRISTMAS, from my family and me. Thank you for who you are, and all that you share. We thank God for being part of this beautiful community as we continue to be formed by you, and moulded by God. May your Christmas celebrations, albeit very different to what we are used to, be a time of thanksgiving for the gift of God's love birthed into this world, Jesus Christ.

This past year, similar to the year before has been very challenging, simply as a result of the uncertainty brought about by COVID-19. Along with that uncertainty, we were faced with the trials and tribulations of death, illness, isolation and separation. I want to use this opportunity to prayerfully recall and remember those of our Parish who have died this year, and in thanksgiving remember the life, work and witness of our Parish secretary Avril Steyn.

Christmas will indeed be a sad occasion for those who will have one less place to prepare at the lunch or dinner table at Christmas, and I pray that the gift of God's love manifested through the lives of others may fill that void.

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to you, the Parishioners of St. Saviour's for your faithfulness this year, we have been able to do what we needed to do within the confines of COVID 19 restrictions and pandemic. Allow me also to apologise for the many events and traditions we have had to cancel and were unable to celebrate. It has been really challenging to plan and execute amidst the uncertainty of the times we live in.

The beauty about the Christmas story is that of a Jesus, born to a lowly handmaid, who enters a dark world to be the Light of the World, a gift from God to the World. We might feel as if we have been through one of the darkest times of our live. Today, through the Christmas message we are reminded of the promise of God's love, the birth of Jesus Christ. Through our Baptism we are fellow citizens of the household of faith, and as a people of faith, we are indeed a people of light. May we use this Christmas to remind ourselves of the joy and beauty of allowing our light to shine amidst the darkness. Through shining our light the darkness will dissipate.

Christmas is a reminder of the gifts of light and love, I pray that this may be your bounty: light and love. May you enjoy the gift of God's light and love as you celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

God bless.

With Love.

Your Priest and Friend, Fr. Chesnay Frantz

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Matriculants:

Casey-Lee Saal, Kristen Fabing, Hannah Gomez, Kiona Pfeiffer, Jayden Peskin, Mia Rose Ah-Sing, Lisa van der Merwe, Caitlyn Riffel, Stephen Jacobs

Pray for the sick or hospitalized:

Reggie Pfeiffer, India Tyers, Edith Abrahams, Sandra Fourie, Crystal Bouwers, James April, Iris Hartnick, Mervyn Johnson, Frank Kennel, Monica Fry, Martin Dyers, Ellen Constant, Maureen Le Fleur, Ellen Olivier, Mr and Mrs Conradie, Thembisa Jordan, Allan Pekeur, Rita George, Rosina Scheepers and Russell Erasmus

Housebound and elderly:

Christabel Nokumbuza, Rachel Vermeulen, Breval Brown, Aletta Cloete, Freda Connolly, Brenda de Vos, Linda de Vos, Joyce Hiebner, Daniel & Magdalene Meyer, Joanne White, Ronald Smedley, May Rushin, Maureen Siegler, Trevor Kleinsmith and Ellen Thompson.

RIP:

Caroline Minnies and Edith LeKay

PRAYER DIARY

MONDAY: Come quickly we pray, Lord Jesus, and do not delay, that those who trust in your compassion may find solace and relief in your coming.

TUESDAY: Dear God, please give us strength when we are weak, , love when we feel forsaken, courage when we are afraid, wisdom when it is needed and fill us with Your peace.

WEDNESDAY: We pray for Rev Chesnay and his family, St Saviours Community, parish council and the staff of St Saviours – bless them abundantly.

THURSDAY: Dear God, we come before you, humbly asking your healing light to shine upon all who are struggling or suffering or lost loved ones, during this difficult time.

FRIDAY: Teach us your way, Lord, that we may rely on your faithfulness, give us an undivided heart, that we may fear your name.

SATURDAY: Lord, please give us this day our daily bread

SUNDAY: Lord, please direct our hearts and minds towards you and fill us with your Spirit, bringing refreshness, renewal, peace and joy.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Let the love that shaped earth and heaven dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that created humanity dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that causes us to rejoice with loved one's dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that forgives and renews dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that brings reconciliation after separation dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that brings the blessing of peace dwell within us this Christmas. And may we share that peace with all people near and far. **AMEN**

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PARISH DIRECTORY

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PARISH BANK DETAILS

STANDARD BANK

CLAREMONT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

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NOTICES

- Communication: If you would like to be added to the Parish WhatsApp group or Parish Prayer group, please send a message to Nerine (072 180 0592).
- Sunday School: The Rector is inviting anyone who is wanting to be a Sunday School Teacher in 2022 to please make contact via the Parish office.
- Flowers: Thank you to everyone who donated generously towards the flowers in Church for Christmas. Should you wish to donate towards the flowers in church for any special occasion (birthday, wedding anniversary etc.) the flower box can be found at the registration desk or speak to the flower ladies (Gladys or Pat).
- Rector's Leave: Fr. Chesnay will be on leave from Sunday 26 December until Thursday 6 January 2022. For any Pastoral emergency please contact the Churchwardens.
- Fr. Clive Ontong: Will be the Preacher and Presider at the 26 December 2021 and 2 January 2022 services at 8:30am.
- Parish Office: Will be closed from Monday the 27 December 2021 until 9 January 2022.
- Podcast: There will be no podcast for the month of January 2022.
- 2022 Calendars: Please collect a copy at the back of the church.

Christmas Diary

- 26 December: One service at 8:30am
- 31 December: New Year's Eve Eucharist at 5:00pm

2022 Diary

- January 2022: One Sunday Service at 8:30am for the month
- 29 January 2022: Planning Day
- 1 February 2022: Tuesday Contemplative Prayer resumes at 9:00am – 9:30am
- 2 February 2022: Wednesday Mass resumes at 9:45am
- 6 February 2022: All Parish Organisations resume

LECTIONARY FOR THE WEEK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| <p>MONDAY 27 DECEMBER</p> <p>✠ St John, Apostle</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 79, 80 Isaiah 41:17-20 Hebrews 2: 10-18</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 81, 82 Isaiah 25:1-9 Matthew 1:18-25</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY 29 DECEMBER</p> <p>✠ Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1170</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 87, 88 2 Samuel 23:13—17b 2 John 1:1-13</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalms 89: 1-38 Isaiah 12:1-13 John 2:1-11</p> | <p>FRIDAY 31 DECEMBER</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 92, 93 1 Kings 3:5—14 James 4: 13-17, 5:7-11</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 90 Isaiah 65: 17—25 Revelation 21:1-6</p> |
| <p>TUESDAY 28 DEC</p> <p>✠ The Holy Innocents</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 83, 84 Jeremiah 31:10-17 Galatians 4:1-7</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 85, 86 Isaiah 26:1-9 John 1:1-18</p> | <p>THURSDAY 30 DECEMBER</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalm 89: 39-53 1 Kings 17:17-24 John 3:1-15</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 91 Isaiah 25:1-9 or Isaiah 60: 19-22 John 4: 46-54</p> | <p>SATURDAY 1 Jan. 2022</p> <p>✠ The Holy Name of Jesus: The Circumcision of Christ</p> <p>Morning Prayer: Psalms 103 Genesis 17: 1-16 Colossians 2: 6—12</p> <p>Evening Prayer: Psalm 145 Isaiah 7:10-14 Philippians 2:5—11</p> |