

Church of Our Saviour Bulletin

The English Speaking International Roman Catholic Parish of The Hague

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Eucharistic Schedule:

Weekends at the church:

Sunday: 10.00, 17.30

Weekdays in the chapel:

Friday 09.30

Reconciliation

Sunday 16.30-17.00 or by appointment

Religious Education 11.30-12.15, Pastoral Center



Fourth & Fifth Sundays in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

28 Jan "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

04 Feb "Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted."

Readings

28 Jan: DT 18:15-20; PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 COR 7:32-35; MK 1:21-28

04 Feb: JB 7:1-4, 6; PS 147:1-2, 2-4, 5-6; 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23; MK 1:29-39



THIS WEEK'S AGENDA

Sunday, 28 January

KERKBALANS SUNDAY

09.00 Choir Rehearsal

09.30 COS Lunchroom Preparation

10.00 MASS + Installation of Children's Liturgy Team + Blessing of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Ronald & Terry Gavino

11.00 COS Lunchroom: Beef, spicy beef and chicken Australian meat pies

11.30 Religious Education

12.00 Baptism

16.00 Choir Rehearsal

17.30 MASS

18.45 Confirmation Group, Bar/COS Loft

Monday, 29 January

15.00 50th THIMUN Opening Ceremony

19.00 Liturgy Committee Meeting, Room 1

Tuesday, 30 January

09.30 Soup Kitchen, Rotterdam

11.00 Meeting with Dutch prayer group

11.30 B-COS Dutch Conversation class: COS Loft

18.00 Private rental, Church

18.00 Cordaid Meeting

19.30 Morning Choir Rehearsal, Atrium

Wednesday, 31 January

Memorial of Saint John Bosco

OFFICE CLOSED

10.00 Maintenance Team

12.30 Dutch Mass, Chapel

19.00 SA meeting, Room 3

19.30 Christian Meditation, Day Chapel

Thursday, 01 February

11.00 Office Staff Meeting

12.00 AA Group Meeting, COS Loft

20.00 Couples Group Session 2, Bar

Friday, 02 February

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

09.30 Mass in Chapel

10.00 British Club, Bar

15.30 Wedding of Steven & Fleur

17.30 Baptism Preparation

19.00 Students Meeting

19.30 Evening Choir Rehearsal, Atrium

Saturday, 03 February

Feast of St. Blaise

14.00 Altar Servers training, Room 3/ Church/Sacristy

Sunday, 04 February

09.00 Choir Rehearsal

09.30 COS Lunchroom Prep, Kitchen

10.00 MASS + Presenting the Creed for RCIA

11.00 Feel At Home in The Hague Fair, The Hague City Hall

11.00 COS Lunchroom

11.00 Fairtrade Open

11.15 Blessing of the throats in honour of the Feast of St. Blaise

11.30 Religious Education

12.00 Baptisms

13.30 KK1 Mass, Church

16.15 Choir Rehearsal

17.30 MASS

18.45 Confirmation Group, Bar/COS Loft 1

KERKBALANS STARTS TODAY

Our annual national campaign for the maintenance of church buildings and communities will focus on investing in pastoral staff. It was necessary to invest in our building during the past years, but now that our buildings are in relatively good shape, the time has come to invest in the spiritual well-being of our community.

The increase in pastoral requests and tasks has become too much for one priest to manage. A staggering eighty hours a week on the job is currently the norm instead of the exception for Fr. Sjaak. We hope to secure the services of an assistant priest this year which needs to be calculated into the budget. Aside from a salary and social benefits, the assistant priest needs transportation and housing. The Diocese does not pay for these costs. They are to be met entirely by our parish. Please take the time to read the *Kerkbalans* letter which will be handed out today. It is also available for download here: <http://parish.nl/news/current-and-upcoming-events>. Thank you.

BOOK STALL OPEN TODAY AFTER MORNING MASS

The Book Stall will be closed during the month of February, so come by today after morning Mass - your last chance till we open again on **11 March** - to browse through our book collection and admire the artefacts we have on offer. For any special request please contact the coordinator **Rudy Ramondt** at ramondt@ziggo.nl.

50TH THIMUN (THE HAGUE INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS) CONFERENCE

"Fifty years of inspiring youth" is the theme of the Golden THIMUN Conference to be held from 29 January- 2 February in the World Forum in The Hague. King Willem Alexander will join the opening session and founder David Williams will be one of the speakers. Congratulations to all the organizers and youth who have been a part of this wonderful initiative which helped to prepare many participants for leadership roles.

RADIO MARIA CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY ON SATURDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

The Catholic radio station, **Radio Maria Netherlands**, celebrates its 10th anniversary on **Saturday, 3 February**. Mgr. de Korte will be the main celebrant during the 12.30 Eucharistic celebration at the Sint-Janskathedraal in 's-Hertogenbosch, the city where it all began. A festive gathering will be held after mass in the nearby Sint-Janscentrum. "Radio Maria is there to support people in their faith life. Both by praying together and by sending out inspiring stories and interesting information about the faith," says program director, Fr. Elias, about the objective of the station.

The station's upcoming year agenda will be largely dominated by this anniversary. Radio Maria will be going on a provincial tour in the Netherlands each month. "There are still a lot of people who do not know about the services that Radio Maria has to offer to them. That is why we want to use this year to put Radio Maria Nederland even more on the map," says Fr. Elias. Radio Maria invites everyone to celebrate the jubilee party with them.

What: 10-year jubilee party Radio Maria Netherlands **When:** Saturday, 3 February 2018

Time and place: 12.30 Eucharistic celebration in the Sint-Janskathedraal in 's-Hertogenbosch. Followed by a festive gathering at the Sint-Janscentrum, Papenhulst 4 in 's-Hertogenbosch. **More info at:** www.radiomaria.nl/jubilee

BLESSING OF ST. BLAISE

In honour of the Feast of St. Blaise (3 February), the blessing for protection against flu and ailments of the throat will take place on **Sunday, 4 February**, after the morning mass.

B-COS HAND-IN-HAND REFUGEE PROJECT – SALSA LESSONS

Are you between 18 and 35 years old? Would you like to learn Salsa for free together with the refugees settling in The Hague community from the same age group as you? Then join **Laura Buitrago** of our Parish - your salsa teacher – for fortnightly classes starting on **Friday, 23 February, at 19.30**.

It's great fun and a great way to extend friendship to refugees and fellow parishioners, alike. Sign up directly with Laura Buitrago at buitragovi@gmail.com and Di Luping at dluping@icloud.com by sending your name, email address and any WhatsApp mobile number, so they can set up a Salsa WhatsApp group for scheduling purposes. Please register by **Friday, 16 February**. It's "first come, first served".



Our parish will participate in the **Feel at Home Fair** on **Sunday, 4 February, from 11.00-17.00 in the City Hall of The Hague**. This year's theme is **Sports, Leisure and Wellness**. There will be demonstrations, try-outs and workshops showcasing a wide range of

sports and leisure activities. Health and wellness experts will show how to keep fit in body and mind. With over 150 exhibitors, four thousand visitors, a variety of activities, and top entertainment on The Main Podium in 2018, this year promises to be the biggest international community event in The Netherlands. It will be a great opportunity to showcase our church and its history, as well as give visitors a glimpse of the many activities that help make our parish continue to grow and become the vibrant and thriving multi-cultural community that it is today. Don't miss the comedy, theatre, music, workshops and international cuisine, which make the Feel at Home Fair such a special meeting place for the entire international community. It promises to be a fun day out for the whole family! Visit <http://feelathomeinthehague.com> to get your FREE tickets and don't forget to pass by our booth!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS IN FEBRUARY!

Parishioners celebrating their birthdays in the month of February can be found on our website at www.parish.nl/latest-news/this-months-birthdays. The list is also available for download. Best wishes and happiness on your special day!



STORM DAMAGE

During the storm of last week, some damage was done to our roofs. The contractor estimates the cost of repairs will amount to € 7028,58 (this does not include the roof of the tower). We hope to recover these costs from our insurance.

RECEPTION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

A Meet and Greet for new parishioners will be held next **Sunday, 11 February, after the evening mass in the atrium of the Pastoral Centre**. Aside from a warm welcome, this is the chance to receive more information about the parish and meet other newcomers and members of the community.

BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE AND AFTER LENT

Baptisms are not normally held during the Lenten season (14 February-1 April) except for emergency cases, so please plan your child's baptism before or after this season. **The first available date for baptism after Easter day, is on Easter Monday, 2 April (a holiday in The Netherlands), at 11.00.** Contact the Parish Office at office@parish.nl for more information.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Parishioners have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, where six children witnessed the appearance of the Virgin Mary in the summer of 1981. A guided tour is planned for the 7-14 of May 2018 and includes praying at Apparition Hill, adoration of Jesus, exploring Mostar (traditional city nearby), meeting the visionaries, and climbing the Cross Mountain. The price is € 599 and includes flights, 7 nights at 4 Hotel Grace, breakfast and dinner, local guide, transfers, and full religious program. Contact Elias at epchristofi@gmail.com or call +31-6227-4244 for registration or more information.

VRONESTEYN ORIENTATION DAY ON SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

For those of you thinking of becoming a priest or a deacon, come to the *Vronesteyn* Orientation day on **Sunday, 25 February, from 14.00-17.00**. During the day, you will get information about the training program, the study, the mental training, and internships. You will get to see the house where the students live and the chapel where celebrations are held. There is plenty of room for information and questions which may be addressed to the rector of the priest and deacon training, the spiritual leader involved in the training, and the current students. *Vronesteyn* is easy to reach by train: a five-minute walk from the Voorburg-Leidschendam stop. Address is Park Vronesteyn 14, 2271 HS Voorburg. For more information visit www.vronesteyn.nl.

CHARITY FORMS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

The form is available for download on the parish website <http://www.parish.nl/outreach/food-fair-charities> or can be picked up at the parish office. Sponsors are encouraged to submit projects for educational, spiritual, medical, agricultural, and social welfare purposes but not for individual/personal development. Preference will be given to small, non-governmental, self-help projects. These projects should be yielding and self-sustaining, as well as oriented towards family and community development. Last date for submitting the completed application form is on **31 January**.

REQUEST TO HELP REFUGEES MOVING TO NEW LOCATIONS

Some refugees will be moving to new locations and may need help with small carpentry jobs once they are settled. If you are willing to help, please contact **Diane Luping** at dluping@icloud.com.

WEDDING PLANS? WELCOME!

Couples intending to get married are welcome to do their paperwork and preparations in our parish. Once these papers are approved by the diocese, they are valid worldwide. Please get in touch with our office six months prior to the event to start the procedure. We will need a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate. In case of an interreligious marriage (with a partner from another denomination or a non-baptised person), a dispensation is required which takes a bit more time. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.parish.nl/internal/adult-formation>.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by **Ronald and Terry Gavino** on the occasion of their wedding anniversary,

"In thanksgiving for the many blessings, challenges, and most especially for the love we received from family and friends during our 40 years of togetherness!"

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers for any special occasion, please contact **Cheryl Carr** at carrbark@bart.nl.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ON COS ROOM RENTALS & BULLETIN ADVERTISING

The Church of Our Saviour is in need of earning extra income through more room rentals and bulletin advertising. Please help spread the word to potential organisations and companies which may benefit from advertising in our bulletin or renting our spaces for their events. Email office@parish.nl for rates and other information or visit www.cosrentals.nl.

Please note the Theology of Icons Lecture and the Valentine Ball adverts on the back page.

NON-PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please note – adverts are placed in this section as a service to our parishioners or to let people know of activities in the region that might be of interest. They are **NOT** an endorsement of the people offering services or of the organisations mentioned or goods or accommodation being offered.)*

FREE ITEMS FOR PICKUP

Hello, I have a high chair for babies, a small bike for kids and some clothes for babies and for adults. If interested, please contact me at paula.ndallbello@hotmail.com.

CAT SITTER FOR HIRE

Hello. My name is **Naya**. There may be cat owners in need of a responsible cat sitter! I have two very good references for cats that have stayed with me for days/weeks - Colinsworth the Bengal cat and Will the British shorthair. I am happy to provide references, and the price is flexible. Please don't hesitate to contact me for details via Whatsapp / call / text at **061 914 1791** God bless!

NANNY FOR HIRE

My name is Irene. I am 25 years old. I am Spanish girl living in The Hague. I'm looking for a job as a nanny in the afternoons. I have experience with children from 2 months to 10 years old. I am an extroverted, punctual, responsible and funny person. I also have experience with household chores. If you are still looking for a nanny don't hesitate to contact me at irene.ird92@gmail.com.

PARKING SPOT FOR RENT

A parking spot in an indoor garage in **Graaf Florisstraat in Voorburg** is for rent. If interested, please call **062 440 2990**.

NANNY WANTED

We are a family looking for a nanny on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon from 14-18u to take care of our two sons (2 and 4 years old) and help us with housekeeping. Please send your cv and references to mail@paulinevandervorm.nl or more info via **064 827 5549**.

FOR SALE

A German violin, $\frac{3}{4}$ (three-quarter) size with fitting bow and original case, is for sale and very suitable for children ages 9-12 years old. Very recently made ready for playing by *Brouwers*, a well-known violin maker in The Hague. Beginning price € 600. The asking price has been recommended by two violin makers in The Hague and Rijswijk. It can be collected at Voorburg and paid for with cash on receipt. Please send your offer to ebzepeda@gmail.com.

DEVELOP YOUR ENGLISH FLUENCY

Are you needing to improve your English-language skills or wanting written documents edited? English is the international language of business and is second to Dutch in the Netherlands. AETC, here in The Hague, offers affordable language instruction for children and adults at any level of proficiency in the English language. Visit <https://AmEnglishCenter.com> and ask about classes and services.

SYMPOSIUM ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE: THE MALE PERSPECTIVE

The Centre for African Justice Peace and Human Rights will present a symposium on sexual violence on 31 January from 14.00-18.00 at the Speakers' Corner at The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Register at www.eventbrite.nl/e/tickets-sexual-violence-the-male-perspective-39142057949.

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VALENTINE'S DAY BALL

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2018
7-9 P.M. - ATRIUM

Tickets:

€20 for adults

€15 for kids & youngsters

Catering will be provided.

Limited to 60 tickets
(excl. COSYP members)

Tickets will only be available
at Church on Sundays after mass
at the Welcome Table.

This is a **Black Tie** event.
Please dress accordingly.



THE THEOLOGY OF ICONS

*An exploration of the meaning and history of
Andrei Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity*

BY JORIS VAN AEL

Since 1998, Joris van Ael has been leading icon
painting retreats in Belgium.

Exhibitions of his work have been held in Ghent,
Louvain, Bruges, and Antwerp.

He is one of the founders of the study group on
Church Fathers and author of
various books on icons, liturgy, and symbols.

Tuesday 6 February 2018

19.00-21.00 at COS Loft

Entrance : Helenastraat 8, The Hague

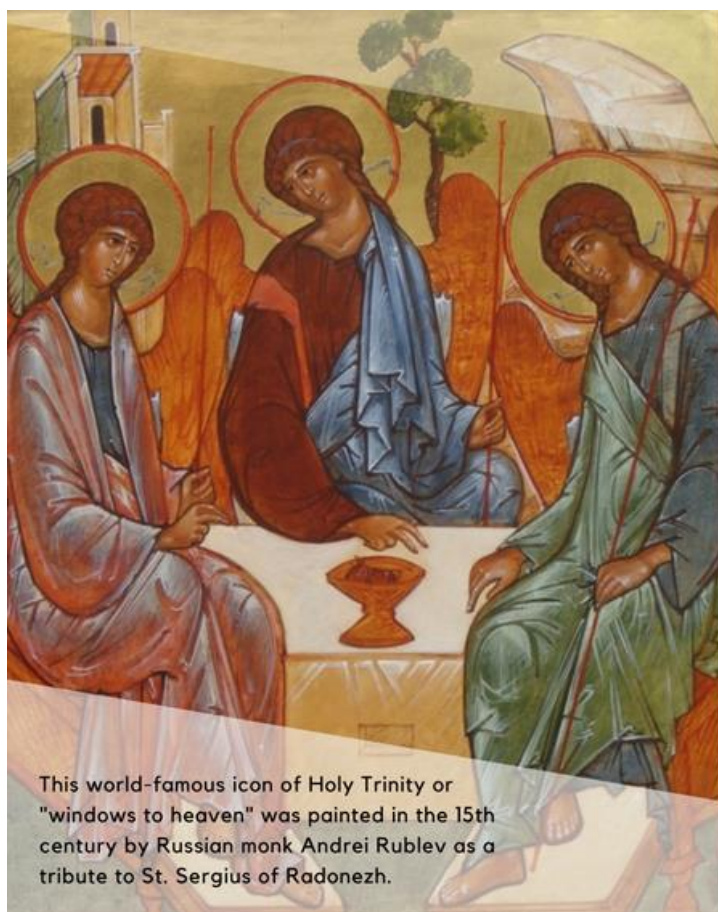
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This world-famous icon of Holy Trinity or
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century by Russian monk Andrei Rublev as a
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