

MARRIAGE CORNER

2nd PUBLICATION OF BANNS

Groom: Raymond Sackey **Bride: Naana Ansah**
Sasraku Koranteng
Father: Kingsley Sackey. **Father: Ebenezer Koranteng**
Mother: Cecilia Sackey **Mother: Janet Frimpong**

2nd PUBLICATION OF BANNS

Groom: Samuel Obeng **Bride: Nana Yaa Deni Tandoh**
Father: Felix Obeng. **Father: Isaac Tandoh**
Mother: Monica Obeng **Mother: Georgina Ababio**
Please keep them in prayers

FATHER'S DAY PROGRAMME

Special HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 2017
 LESSONS FROM OUR FATHERS

DATE: 18TH OF JUNE 2017
 TIME: 4:00PM
 VENUE: ST. THERESA'S PARISH HALL

ACTIVITIES:
 * CULTURAL DISPLAY
 * CLASSIC DRAMA
 * INLANDER COMEDY
 * SHILLING COCKTAIL
 * FANTASTIC LIVE MUSIC
 * A DANCE WITH MY FATHER
 * SPECIAL SOUVENIRS
 * A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO MY DAD

SONS, DAUGHTERS AND WIVES, COME WITH DADDY AND LET'S CELEBRATE HIM AND MAKE HIM FEEL LIKE A KING
 DRESS CODE: TRADITIONAL OR WHITE

CASU AFTERSCHOOL PRAISE

The Catholic Students Union (CASU) invites all Students and the entire church Community to this years after school praise which is meant to serve as grounds for Graduates to meet and thank God for all his mercies and seeing them through their education successfully.

Date: Saturday June 24th, 2017
Time: 9:00am- 4:00 pm
Venue: St. Theresa Parish Hall

BEREAVEMENT

We are sorry to announce the death of **Mrs. Margaret Opoku**, mother of Sr. Edgitha Opoku of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer of Accra (HDR). The sad event occurred on 20th May, 2017. Burial arrangements are as follows:

Date: Saturday, 26th August 2017
 Venue: Akyem Sekyere
 Time - 9:00am.

A Parishioner is in need of a Chamber and Hall self contain around Awudome, North-Kaneshie, Bubushie Please contact the person on 0277287846/0244598050.

NOVENA TO THE FEAST OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

DAY/ DATE	PROGRAMME OUTLINE
Sun. June 18, 2017	Hymn Dzifomo 143, Novena Prayer book 50 Rosary (Glorious mystery), Litany Hymn: Dzifomo 151 verses 1-5, 1st day Prayer Book Page 5 closing hymn: Si me kpɔ mie
Mon. June 19th, 2017	Hymn Dzifomo 151, Novena Prayer book Pg 50 Rosary(Joyful mystery), Litany Hymn Dzifomo 147 verses 1-3, 2nd day Prayer Book Pg 53. Reflection on the Icon, Questions & Contributions . closing hymn: Mie Kafu wo mi anyɔnu fia
Tue. June 20th, 2017	Hymn Dzifomo 63, Novena Prayer book Pg 50 Rosary(Sorrowful mystery), Litany Hymn Dzifomo 144 verses 1-2, 3rd day Prayer Book Pg 54. Reflection on the Icon, Questions & Contributions. closing hymn: Maria fe Habɔbɔe nye ha magedeme nye dzi na fa
Wed. June 21st, 2017	Hymn Dzifomo 64, Novena Prayer book Pg 50 Rosary(Glorious mystery), Litany Hymn Dzifomo 143 verses 1-3, 4th day Prayer Book Pg 55. closing hymn: 146
Thur. June 22nd, 2017	Hymn Me lɔna Maria si nye danye nyuie novena 64, Novena Prayer: Prayer bk Pg 50 Rosary(Kekeli), Litany Hymn 151 5th day Prayer from Prayer Bk Pg 56. sharing of Sunday readings.
Fri. June 23rd, 2017	Hymn Dzifomo 64, Novena Prayer Page 50 Rosary(Sorrowful mystery), Litany Hymn 145, 6th day Prayer from Prayer Bk Pg 57. closing hymn: Maria le Kekle miamia
Sat. June 24th, 2017	Hymn Dzifomo:Gbɔgbɔ kokoe di va, Novena Prayer Page 50 Rosary(Glorious mystery), Litany Hymn 151, 7th day Prayer from Prayer Bk Pg 58. closing hymn: Amesio doa dzi de Mawu nu
Sun June 25th, 2017	Hymn Dzifomo Me lɔna Maria si nye Danye nte, Novena Prayer: Prayer bk Pg 50 Rosary(Joyful mystery), Litany, 8th day Prayer from Prayer Bk Pg 59
Mon June 26th, 2017	Hymn Dzifomo: Gbɔgbɔ kokoe di va, Novena Prayer: Prayer bk Pg 50 Rosary(Joyful mystery), Litany reflection. 9th day Prayer from Prayer Bk Pg 60. closing hymn: 77

NB: Novena starts at 6:00pm each day except Sunday which will be after 2nd Mass.

UPCOMING FEAST CELEBRATIONS

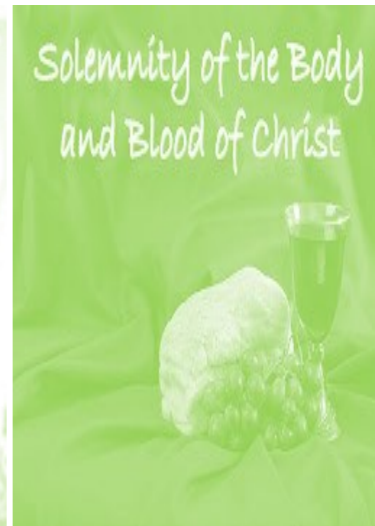
- ♦ **Friday the 23rd of June, 2017 is the Feast of Sacred Heart** . Mass will be in the evening, Offertory and bidding Prayers will be led by Sacred Heart Confraternity. All should endeavor to attend.
- ♦ **Saturday the 24th of June, 2017 is the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and also Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Mass will be in the morning at 6:00am.
- ♦ **Thursday the 29th of June, 2017 is the Feast of the Two great Saints of the Church, Sts. Peter and Paul,** Mass will be in the evening at 6:30pm. In attendance will be the Mass choir and The Harp of David Music Ministry
Attire: 50th Anniversary Golf Shirt (Lacoste)

ADDRESS	MASS SCHEDULE	SUNDAY MASSES	OFFICE HOURS / CONTACT
Nantu Link B872/7, Awudome Street P. O. Box 146, Kaneshie Accra. Website: www.minibasilica.com	Mornings (6:00am): Monday, Wednesday Thursday & Saturday. Evenings (6:30pm): Tuesday & Friday	1st Mass 7:00am 2nd Mass 9:30am Youth Mass 7:30am French Mass 9:30am	Tuesday-Saturday: 8am-5pm Sunday: 9am-2pm Office Line: 030-2257357/050-0005252 E-mail: officestheresa2014@gmail.com



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

SUNDAY JUNE 18, 2017



COMMENTARY ON READINGS

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3,14-16
 Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt

RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 147:12-13,14-15,19-20
 PRAISE GOD, JERUSALEM .

SECOND READING : 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17
 Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6:51-58
 Jesus says, "I am the living bread"

PRIESTS

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CONFESSION: SATURDAY 5:00 PM—7:00PM // INFANT BAPTISM: 1ST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

BASIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (BCC): Every Thursday at 6:30pm
HOLY HOUR: Every Thursday preceding first Friday of the month at 6:30 pm
EXPOSITION AND ADORATION: Every first Friday of the month from 6:00am—6:00pm
GROTTO DEVOTION: First Saturday of every month at OLA, New Achimota at 2:30PM

ARE YOU SICK OR BEREAVED? CONTACT THE FOLLOWING: 0302257357/050-0005252
 New Parishioners: You are warmly welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church, please see a Priest or call the Parish office .

REFLECTION: THERE IS LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

Today as we celebrate *the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine*, we profess our belief not only in the body and blood but also that *he gives us life eternal* whenever we receive him worthily. Today's solemnity invites all of us who have journeyed with Christ to affirm our belief in him. Our encounter with him gives us a genuine experience to make this sound pronouncement without fear of persecution or whatsoever. For, if we do, we do so because we have not only read but have a genuine experience of whatever that we have read.

Jesus says to each and everyone of us, *'I am the living bread which came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world'*. The Lord is so generous that he does not only give us the advocate but also gives his body so we may have eternal life. The fascinating thing here is that what he gives us is **LIFE**, remember Jesus as Word brought all things into being after the Father spoke. Cf. John 1:1 and Genesis 1. Again, the bread he gives us is one that will take us for life.

CONTINUATION OF REFLECTION

Whenever Jesus gives us his body and blood, he is actually inviting us to share in his ministry. The ministry of bringing him to others, that others might also have life and have it to the full.

Jesus invites us to take him to others by imitating him, our lives should resemble his so that we are able to give life to others. Wherever we carry Jesus to by way of life, there should be light and the people should experience newness of life. The presence of Christ in our lives after receiving him should bring us to have a personal and spiritual encounter with him. After encountering him, there should be change, a rebirth to newness in you where darkness is driven away and light takes over.

Dear friends, it is undeniably true for a fact that none of us can go about our Christian lives without a relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. If we do not have a relationship with Christ, we cannot bring him to others nor lead others to him. There is need for us to have that personal relationship with him at all times. It is obvious that when we have him, we can lead others to also experience him and have life to the full. Can we for sure say that we have him and have a relationship with him? How are we leading others to experience him? How are we bringing him to others who are in dire need of him?

As people in search of him, what is hindering our encounter with him? Is it Sin?, Marriage?, personal decision to stay away from him because you think you are the greatest and worse of all sinners? The Lord says today **"Come, eat my body and drink my blood and have life to the full"**. This is all he seeks to give you, life, life experience with him. May God give us strength always. **Pax et gaudium.**

CATECHISM CLASSES

♦ Adults and children interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation (Sacrament of Christian Initiation) are to register **to-day at 3:00pm** at the **the Parish hall at 3:00 pm**. For further details please contact the following numbers: **020-8301920; 020-8154595; 024-328987**

♦ **BAPTISMAL CARDS**
The Baptismal cards for all those who received the **Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday** respectively are ready for collection. Please contact the Catechist for your card.

THERESIAN INTERNATIONAL CALLING

There will be a Theresian international meeting on Wednesday 21st June, 2017 at 10:00am in front of the old Parish Office.

There will be PPC General Meeting next Sunday, 25th June, 2017 at 10:00 am. All Councillors are to take note.



DAILY READINGS FROM JUN. 19—JUN. 24, 2017

Mon. June 19 St. Romuald
2 Cor. 6:1-10; Ps. 98:1,2,3-4; Mt.5:38-42

Tue. June 20 St. Edelbert
2Cor. 8:1-9; Ps.146:2,5-6-7,8-9; Mt. 5:43-48

Wed. June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga
2Cor. 9:6-11; Ps.112:1-2,3-4,9; Mt.6:1-6,16-18

Thu. June 22 Sts.Paulinus, John Fisher & Thomas More
2Cor. 11:1-11 Ps.111:1-2,3-4,7-8 Mt.6:7-15

Fri. June 23 Sacred Heart of Jesus
Dt. 7:6-11 Ps.103:1-2,3-4,6-7,8,10; Mt.11:25-30

Sat. June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is. 49:1-6; Ps.139:1-3,13-14,14-15; Lk.1:57-66,80



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2017

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:10-13
RESPONSORIAL: PSLAM 69:8-10,14,17,33-35
SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-15
GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 10:26-33



OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR TODAY SUNDAY JUNE 18, 2017

1ST MASS: CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ASSOCIATION
2ND MASS: CATHOLIC MEN ASSOCIATION



OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2017

1ST MASS: COSRA
2ND MASS: KNIGHTS & LADIES OF MARSHALL

OFFERTORY FOR LAST SUNDAY JUNE,11TH 2017

MAIN COLLECTION	GH¢ 5,698.90
SEMINARY COLLECTION	GH¢ 2,953.00
THANKSGIVING	GH¢ 3079.00
TOTAL	GH¢ 11,730.90

RELOCATION OF PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office has been temporarily relocated to the Rectory. You can contact the parish office on the following numbers **050-0005252 / 0302-257357**

COMPOUND CLEANING FOR NEXT SATURDAY IS BY COSRA

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

(FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR)

"LET US LOVE, NOT WITH WORDS BUT WITH DEEDS"

1. "Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth" (1 Jn 3:18). These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the "beloved disciple" hands down Jesus' command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the *empty words* so frequently on our lips and the *concrete deeds* against which we are called to measure ourselves. Love has no alibi. Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor. The Son of God's way of loving is well-known, and John spells it out clearly. It stands on two pillars: God loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:10.19), and he loved us by giving completely of himself, even to laying down his life (cf. 1 Jn 3:16). Such love cannot go unanswered. Even though offered unconditionally, asking nothing in return, it so sets hearts on fire that all who experience it are led to love back, despite their limitations and sins. Yet this can only happen if we welcome God's grace, his merciful charity, as fully as possible into our hearts, so that our will and even our emotions are drawn to love both God and neighbours. In this way, the mercy that wells up – as it were – from the heart of the Trinity can shape our lives and bring forth compassion and works of mercy for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in need.

2. "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him" (Ps 34:6). The Church has always understood the importance of this cry. We possess an outstanding testimony to this in the very first pages of the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter asks that seven men, "full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (6:3), be chosen for the ministry of caring for the poor. This is certainly one of the first signs of the entrance of the Christian community upon the world's stage: the service of the poor. The earliest community realized that being a disciple of Jesus meant demonstrating fraternity and solidarity, in obedience to the Master's proclamation that the poor are *blessed* and *heirs* to the Kingdom of heaven (cf. Mt 5:3). "They sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:45). In these words, we see clearly expressed the lively concern of the first Christians. The evangelist Luke, who more than any other speaks of mercy, does not exaggerate when he describes the practice of sharing in the early community. On the contrary, his words are addressed to believers in every generation, and thus also to us, in order to sustain our own witness and to encourage our care for those most in need. The same message is conveyed with similar conviction by the Apostle James. In his Letter, he spares no words: "Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, and drag you into court? ..."

CONT. MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

3. Yet there have been times when Christians have not fully heeded this appeal, and have assumed a worldly way of thinking. Yet the Holy Spirit has not failed to call them to keep their gaze fixed on what is essential. He has raised up men and women who, in a variety of ways, have devoted their lives to the service of the poor. Over these two thousand years, how many pages of history have been written by Christians who, in utter simplicity and humility, and with generous and creative charity, have served their poorest brothers and sisters!

The most outstanding example is that of Francis of Assisi, followed by many other holy men and women over the centuries. He was not satisfied to *embrace* lepers and give them *alms*, but chose to go to Gubbio to *stay* with them. He saw this meeting as the turning point of his conversion: "When I was in my sins, it seemed a thing too bitter to look on lepers, and the Lord himself led me among them and I showed them mercy. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness of mind and body" (*Text 1-3: FF 110*). This testimony shows the transformative power of charity and the Christian way of life.

We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true *encounter* with the poor and a *sharing* that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the *flesh of Christ*. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: "If you want to honour the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness" (*Hom. in Matthaum, 50.3: PG 58*).

We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself.

TO BE CONTINUED.....