

MEETINGS

- ◆ The **Lectors' Group** meets every Wednesday at 6.30pm prompt. Ga and Ewe readers are especially invited.
- ◆ **St. Anthony's Guild** meets at 5:30pm on Tuesdays
- ◆ **Christian Mothers** will meet next Sunday after 1st Mass
- ◆ **Catholic Northern Society** will meet today after 1st Mass
- ◆ **Stheya** will meet today after 1st Mass
- ◆ **Catholic Women** will meet today after 1st Mass. New members are invited
- ◆ **Theresian Ministry** will meet on Wednesday February 17, 2017 at 10am. All members should take note.
- ◆ **Non-Society** will meet today after 1st Mass at the Parish Hall

KG 1 & 2 REGISTRATION—ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Admission for KG1 & 2 registration for the 2016/17 academic year is in progress. Parents/Guardians should pick applications forms from the school office at GHC 30.00

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant baptism is on **Saturday February 20, 2016**. Instructions is from Thursday 18th — Friday 19th February, 2016 at 5pm each day at the conference room. Godparents must be a Catholic and communicant. Pick a form at the Parish office

FUNERAL RITES FOR THE LATE MRS. MONICA ANARFI

Thursday 18th February, 2016: Filling Past at St. Theresa Church, 7:30am—8:30am followed by Burial Mass at 8:30am

Final funeral rites at St. John Fisher Catholic Church, New Achimota on Saturday 20th February, 2016

Thanksgiving at St. Theresa Catholic Church on 21st Feb. 2016 at 7am

She was a parishioner and a member of St. Theresa of The Child Jesus society. All are cordially invited

COMMERCIALS

- ◆ A parishioner is looking for a 2-bedroom self-contained around **North Kaneshie, Bubiashie, Kaneshie, Darkuman** and it environs for rent. **Contact: 050-1255441**
- ◆ 4 bedroom self-contained at Dansoman is for sale **Contact: 0246-326132**
- ◆ Lady Cashier wanted for immediate employment (SSS Graduate). Must be living around **Lapaz, East Legon and its environs**. Call: 020-2010103
- ◆ Lady Cashier wanted for immediate employment (SSS Graduate) at Alaji. Must be living around Alaji Call: **0244-232525**
- ◆ A parishioner is in need of a nanny for immediate employment. Interested person should contact **0264300082**
- ◆ A parishioner is in need of a driver. Must live around **Bubiashie, Kaneshie, North Kaneshie** and **it's environs**. Interested person should contact **0208147115**
- ◆ A parishioner is in need of a live in house keeper. Interested persons should contact **Nuerkie on 0244634429**
- ◆ A parishioner is looking for a chamber and hall self-contained around **North Kaneshie, Tesano, Awudome estate** and **Ridge**. **Contact: 02460645019/0266-783234**
- ◆ Single room self-contained to rent. **Contact: 0246858376**
- ◆ A parishioner is urgently looking for a chamber and hall with porch around **Kaneshie, Bubiashie** or **Mataheko**. **Contact: 0242355071/0509567347**

HEALTH CORNER

What is Pneumococcal Meningitis

Meningitis is an infection and inflammation of the meninges. Your meninges are the membranes that cover your spinal cord and your brain. Meningitis can be caused by many different germs, including bacteria, fungi and viruses. Pneumococcal meningitis, however, is a bacterial form of meningitis.

WHAT CAUSES PNEUMOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

Pneumococcal meningitis is caused by bacteria called Streptococcus pneumonia

HOW IS PNEUMOCOCCAL MENINGITIS TRANSMITTED?

Pneumococcal meningitis is transmitted from person to person. The bacteria are spread through the tiny droplets from an infected person's mouth, throat or nose. For example, if someone with the infection coughs or sneezes on or near you, you may contract the disease. You can also contract the disease from an infected person by kissing or by sharing anything that comes into contact with the mouth such as:

- ◆ A cup
- ◆ A fork
- ◆ A straw
- ◆ A cigarette

PLEASE NOTE: close living situations can increase your risk for infection.

SIGNS FOR PNEUMOCOCCAL MENINGITIS

You will typically develop symptoms one to three days after you were exposed to the bacteria. In some cases, the symptoms may develop sooner or later than that.

Symptoms of pneumococcal meningitis usually come on rapidly. An infected person may develop the following common symptoms:

- ◆ Chest pain
- ◆ Chills
- ◆ Confusion
- ◆ Cough
- ◆ Headache
- ◆ High fever
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Weakness

Other possible symptoms of this form of meningitis include:

- ◆ Agitation
- ◆ Irritability
- ◆ Rapid breathing
- ◆ Stiff neck
- ◆ Infants, the soft spot on the head (called the fontanelle) may bulge outward.

HOW PNEUMOCOCCAL MENINGITIS DIAGNOSED?

Pneumococcal meningitis is generally diagnosed through a spinal tap. This involves your doctor collecting a sample of your of the fluid in the spine. By testing this fluid, your doctor or healthcare provider can figure out whether you have pneumococcal meningitis. Your doctor might also perform a physical examination when trying to figure out if you have pneumococcal meningitis.

Signs that point toward the condition include:

- ◆ Fast heart rate
- ◆ Fever
- ◆ Stiff neck
- ◆ Vomiting

Visit the nearest health post or center as soon as you start feeling any of the above symptoms. Early diagnosis and early treatment saves lives.

ADDRESS

Nantu Link B872/7,
Awudome Street
P. O. Box 146, Kaneshie
Accra.

Website:
www.minibasilica.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Mornings (6:00am):
Monday, Wednesday
Thursday and Saturday.

Evenings (6:30pm):
Tuesday & Friday

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass 7:00am
2nd Mass 9:30am
Youth Mass 7:30am
French Mass 9:30am

OFFICE HOURS / CONTACTS

Monday-Saturday: 8am-8pm
Sunday: 9am-2pm

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ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Purity & Love

WEEKLY BULLETIN

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2016

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10

The 1st Reading recounts the reason why the Israelites (Jews) were required to offer the "first fruits" of their harvest as a thanksgiving offering to God

RESPONSORIAL: **PSALM 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15**

BE WITH ME, LORD, WHEN I AM IN TROUBLE

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8-13

St. Paul is repeating Moses' message to listen and obey the teachings of God and His ways

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

In the gospel of St. Luke, we have the familiar story of Jesus being tempted by the devil.

PRIEST

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REV. FR. RICHARD AKROFI BAAFI: **020-5124545**

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REV. FR. CHRISTOPHER SACEKEY: **0243-969866**

REV. FR. ALPHONSE BULLORO: **0208-513145**

GA ODUMASE RECTORATE

REV. FR. PASCAL ANKAMAH : **0243-345240**

CONFESSION: SATURDAY 5:00 PM—7:00PM // INFANT BAPTISM: 3RD 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: 0302227027/0208159454

New Parishioners: You are warmly welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church, please see a Priest or call the Parish office on 0302227027/0504-187661

LENT

Lent is a great time for us to review our spiritual strengths and weaknesses, our struggles and our blessings, and to ask for God's grace and guidance to get back onto the right track. Our problems and temptations are not the same as those of the Israelites or of the human Jesus.

Nevertheless, the same Holy Spirit is there to protect us from "dashing our foot against a stone." All of the above Readings challenge us to seriously consider how we are going to observe this Lenten Season. To accomplish these positive objectives, we must make some plans NOW.

WE ARE OVERCOMERS

No one is above temptation; rather, very certainly we are all being bombarded here and there with a number of them. Our Lord Jesus Christ was tempted, and we too, no matter how highly paced or otherwise in society, there is no question as to whether we will be tempted or not. Temptation often gets its way subtly with and over us not only because it promises mouth-watering good but also because it comes at our weakest point as an opportunity to take advantage of.

The temptation to steal to make up for what we lack, to lie to save ourselves some trouble, to look down on others to build some pride, to feel unwanted or disappointed, etc. never ceases to knock at our doors but when we resist and say no, it lessons its power; yielding to it on the other hand only blows up its power, necessity and demand of us. Let us be warned: Satan is not targeting only the pubs; he is constantly looking for a way into our hearts to deceive us to distrust God and His providence that we may use the power we have in our own interest. What is more malicious and false than the prosperity gospel and the gimmicks that are gaining roots in our churches? Yet to all of these, we can say "no".

It is not the power of temptations that we choose to lament, but rather the power of God to overcome temptations that we praise. Where the old Israel failed to overcome but succumbed, Jesus, the new Israel, overcame and conquered. By the virtue of Jesus' victory, we who walk in his footsteps will be energized in our battles against the evil one. The child of God who is ready to cooperate with the grace of God (which is always available to us to overcome temptation cf. 1 Cor 10:13) has no business in entering into any debate or dialogue or discussion with the devil; rather, he/she must give a prompt, decisive, outright and unequivocal "no". He/she does not give the devil his opportunity.

It is not easy, but it is very possible to overcome temptation; it takes the grace of God and our cooperating to listen for the voice of God to be victorious. Yes, temptation's power shall not avail to draw us from the Holy Grail!



DAILY READINGS FROM FEB. 15— FEB. 20, 2016

Mon Feb. 15	Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk. 25:31-46
Tue Feb. 16	Is. 55:10-11; Ps. 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt. 6:7-15
Wed Feb. 17	Jon. 3:1-10; Ps. 1:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk. 11:29-32
Thurs Feb 18	Est. C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps. 138:1-2, 2-3, 7-8; Mt. 7:7-12
Fri Feb. 19	Ez. 18:21-28; Ps. 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7, 7-8; Mt. 5:20-26
Sat Feb. 20	Dt. 26:16-19; Ps. 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt. 5:43-48

OFFERTORY FOR LAST SUNDAY FEB. 7, 2016

MAIN COLLECTION	GH 3,739.05
THANKSGIVING: MEN	GH 6,476.00
WOMEN	GH 9,486.00
YOUTH	GH 6,970.00
TOTAL	GH 26,671.05

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (NEXT SUNDAY)

FIRST READING:	GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18
RESPONSORIAL	PSALM 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
SECOND READING:	PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1
GOSPEL:	LUKE 9:28-36

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL & OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

NEXT SUNDAY (FEB. 21, 2015)

1ST MASS: CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

2ND MASS: ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

LETS PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK AND AGED PARISHIONERS

MR. ANDREW BAAH	MR. FRANCIS BAFFOE
MRS. CECILIA SENAYA	MR. JOHN ASANTE
MRS. GRACE MAHAMA	MR. JOSEPH ANOWIE
MAD. CHRISTIANA ERBYNN	MR. ATHANASIOS EDDOH
MR. ANTHONY INTERKUDZI	MAD. MARY NEEQUAYE
MAD. PHILOMENA ATANLEY	MRS. AGNES COCH
MR. ANTHONY ODURO	MR. NEEQUAYE-AMON
MRS. GEORGINA TAYLOR	MR. EDWARD ABOAGYE
MRS. PAULINA ADDOTEVI AKUE	MRS. KOBI-FORDAH
MAD. ROSEMOND SEDDOH	MRS. SEDAY AFAGBEJI
MRS. AGNES DE-GRAFT	MAD. ESTHER AMOAH
MR. ANTHONY KYEI-MENSAH	MR. JOHN EKOW AFFUL
MRS. M. DEKOLADENU	MRS. MARY ASANTE
MRS. JUSTINA JACKSON	MR. J. R. MALM

LITURGICAL CORNER

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT—2016

THEME: FAST SO OTHERS MAY FEAST

DAY	PROGRAMME/THEME	ACTIVITY	IN ATTENDANCE
MONDAY 15TH FEB. 16	SIMPLICITY	BREAKING OF FAST (REFLECTION) & MASS @ 6PM	ST. THERESA CHOIR
TUESDAY 16TH FEB. 16	TEMPTATIONS AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM DURING THIS SPIRITUAL PERIOD AND BEYOND	BREAKING OF FAST (REFLECTION) & MASS @ 6PM	HOLY FAMILY
WEDNESDAY 17TH FEB. 16	LUKE 4:8-9, 38-41	BREAKING OF FAST (SCRIPTURE SHARING) & MASS @ 6PM	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHOIR
THURSDAY 18TH FEB. 16	SEEKING SPIRITUAL SUBSTANCE	BREAKING OF FAST (REFLECTION) & MASS @ 6PM	HARP OF DAVID MUSIC MINISTRY
FRIDAY 19TH FEB. 16	FACE OF MERCY PRAYER	STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MASS @ 6PM	COSRA

Lent is about cleansing, self-denial, spiritual growth, conversion and simplicity. We are being called upon to partake in the corporal works of mercy, therefore let us all during this Lenten season fast so that others can feast.

Note: in view of the Lenten Season all Masses will be in the evening.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO BUOHO

As part of our golden Jubilee Celebration, the parish will be going on a pilgrimage to the St. Mary's Sanctuary at Buoho in the Kumasi Archdiocese.

Date: 4th and 5th March 2016.

Fare: GHC100.00

REGISTRATION

All Parishioners are encouraged to put aside some monies in preparation for this important event in our Calendar. There are tables outside for registration or contact **0202004283** for further detail

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul will visit St. Paul's Seminary, Sowutuom on Saturday 19th March, 2016.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS) 2016

Are you baptized? Do you seek for a deeper relationship with God? Do you know your gifts? Do you want the Holy Spirit to use you through His gifts? If the answer to any of these is "yes" then join Life in the Spirit Seminar 2016. A desk will be mounted outside for you to pick a form or call the following numbers to register: **0509520112/0246478143**. LSS is a spiritual formation program endorsed by the Catholic Church

UPCOMING JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

MARCH	-	OFFICIAL OUTDOORING OF THE ANNIVERSARY CLOTH
SUN APRIL 3,	-	TRADITIONALS GA & NIGERIAN SUNDAY
SUN APRIL 10,	-	EWE & FRANCOPHONE SUNDAY
SUN APRIL 17,	-	NORTHERN SUNDAY
SUN APRIL 24,	-	AKAN SUNDAY

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN VISITATION

They are pleading with parishioners to donate non-perishable food items or cash for presentation to the seminarians.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Catechism classes for children and adults for confirmation have begun.

Day: Sundays

Time: 3:00pm—5:00pm

Venue: Parish Hall

Interested people are welcome

Contact: **020-8001234/020-8154595**