

MEETINGS

- ◆ The **Lectors' Group** meets every Wednesday at 6.30pm prompt. Ga and Ewe readers are especially invited.
- ◆ **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society** meets every Wednesday at 6pm in the Music Room.
- ◆ **Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir** meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7pm at 2nd floor Conference room. New members are invited.
- ◆ **St. Theresa Church Choir** meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30pm in the Chapel.
- ◆ **St. Anthony's Guild** meets at 5:30pm on Tuesdays
- ◆ **Sacred Heart Confraternity** meets every 1st Sunday of the month after 2nd Mass
- ◆ **All societal Vice Presidents** will meet today Sunday 24th January, 2016 after 1st Mass at the conference room. Laity current co-members should make it a point and attend
- ◆ **COSRA** will meet next Sunday January 31, 2016 after 1st Mass.
- ◆ **All Presidents of Women Societies and Representatives of societies of the Catholic Council** will have a meeting after 1st Mass on Sunday February 7, 2016. The agenda will be on Women's Week and other matters.

MARRIAGE SCHOOL/COUNSELLING

The 1st batch of Marriage school for 2016 will begin soon. Counselling is for six months and will be run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7pm -8.30pm. Interested parishioners should register at the Parish Office.

OBITUARY

Funeral arrangements for the **late Theresa Anowie** are as follows:

Friday January 29, 2016: Wake Keeping at Blessed House, Elmina, Central Region

Saturday January 30, 2016: Burial Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Elmina

Sunday January 31, 2016: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Elmina

She was the mother of Mr. John Huntook Kwamina Folson a Parishioner.

May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

COMMERCIALS

- ◆ A parishioner is looking for a 2-bedroom self-contained around **North Kaneshie, Bubiashie, Kaneshie, Darkuman** and its environs for rent. **Contact:** 050-1255441
- ◆ Lady Cashier wanted for immediate employment (SSS Graduate). Must be living around **Lapaz, East Legon and its environs.** Call: 020-2010103

LITURGICAL CORNER

LENTEN SEASON



The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical colour for the season of Lent is **violet**. Lent begins on February 10, 2016.

Let us pray for a more meaningful Lenten celebration year. We will have mostly evening programmes throughout the season except for weekends which will be dedicated to families and individual prayer and devotion

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. Registration will begin on Sunday the 31st of January 2016 after all Masses. Contact 0202004283 for further details please.

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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
Office Lines: 0302227027, 0302257357,
0504-187661
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ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Purity & Love

WEEKLY BULLETIN

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY JANUARY 24, 2016



FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 19:8, 9, 10, 15

YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30

St. Paul explains that all were baptized into one body of Christ

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

PRIEST

V. REV. FR. JOHANNES MINTAH-MENSAH: 0208-115860

GA RURAL RECTORATE

REV. FR. CHRISTOPHER SACEY: 0243-969866
REV. FR. ALPHONSE BULLORO: 0208-513145

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

CALLED TO THE JOY OF THE WORD

At Mass, we have two tables from where we are called to feed: the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. Today, our attention is drawn in a special way to the importance and inevitability of the word of God in our daily life as well as worship. Sometimes, readers are reminded about the importance of their ministry; they are to know that their unpreparedness, attention-seeking, mannerisms, etc. leave much to be desired. Preachers are needed to espouse the word of God for a deeper understanding of the people of God. They are not there to project themselves, convictions, or concerns. They are not to condemn or acquit, to sadden or to entertain. They are, in accord with the word of God, to exhort, teach, warn, and call for action. We, the listeners, are also reminded that our coming late to church, reading along from our bibles and gadgets during proclamation, inattentiveness due to talking, dozing off, sleeping, and other destructive behaviours not only make us poor passive participants but also deny us of the blessings of being filled and satisfied by God.

At the start of his ministry, Jesus applied the prophecy of Isaiah to himself; this he not only did by word of mouth but also by his action. Indeed Jesus is the Word of God (made flesh). Each time we meet him, he can produce in us many feelings, but we should not leave his impact at the level of the feeling that is initially evoked in us. An important remains for all of us, "How does this word apply to me? or "How do I apply this word to my life?" Each moment, we must receive the word of God with joy, perhaps not because all is well with us, but because we would have been empowered and commissioned, like Christ, to carry on his work of bringing the good news to the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives, giving sight to the blind, setting the down-trodding free, and proclaiming the Lord's year of favour.

It begins from realizing that we all belong and form important parts of the body of Christ; that no matter how gifted or useful you and I are (in the nation, church, home, school, office or work) we are never indispensable, and others are not useless; so also no matter how small or negligible our contributions may seem, they are still needed by others and rewarded by God. Keep to this business, and may the joy of the Lord be your strength.



DAILY READINGS FROM JAN. 25 — JAN. 30, 2016

Mon Jan. 25	Acts 22:3-16; Ps. 117:1, 2; Mk. 16:15-18
Tue Jan. 26	2 Sm. 1:1-8; Ps. 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 10; Mk. 3:31-35
Wed Jan. 27	2 Sm. 7:4-17; Ps. 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk. 4:1-20
Thurs Jan. 28	2 Sm. 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps. 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk. 4:21-25
Fri Jan. 29	2 Sm. 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17; Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6, 6-7, 10-11; Mk. 4:26-34
Sat Jan. 30	2 Sm. 12:1-7, 10-17; Ps. 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk. 4:35-41

OFFERTORY FOR LAST SUNDAY JAN. 17, 2016

MAIN COLLECTION	GH	3,984.35
WELFARE COLLECTION	GH	1,835.00
JUBILEE END OF YEAR	GH	520.00
TOTAL	GH	6,339.35

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (NEXT SUNDAY)

FIRST READING:	JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19
RESPONSORIAL	PSALM 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17
SECOND READING:	1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13
GOSPEL:	LUKE 4:21-30

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL & OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

NEXT SUNDAY (JAN. 31, 2015)

1ST MASS: COSRA

2ND MASS: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CONFRATERNITY

LET'S 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. ATHANASIOUS 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
MRS. REJOICE AMOAH	

PRAYER ROSTER FOR RESTORATION 2016

THEME: "THAT MEN MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS"

DATE	DAY	TOPIC	BIBLE VERSE	GROUP
24 TH JAN	SUN	Praying for the success of our 50 th anniversary	Joshua 1:8	LEGION OF MARY
25 TH JAN	MON	Praying into the venue of restoration		AKAN KUO
26 TH JAN	TUES	Praying for a successful restoration.	Philippians 4: 19	USHERS & WELCOMERS
1 ST FEB		Thanking God for a successful restoration	Psalms 69:30	ALL

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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

MARRIAGE BANNS—2ND TIME

GROOM ALFRED K. GARDEMOR	BRIDE JEMIMA ARYERE
FATHER: R. GARDEMOR MOTHER: MARGARET GADZEKPO	FATHER: STEPHEN ARYERE MOTHER: MERCY ARYERE

LET'S REMEMBER THEM IN OUR PRAYERS

BOOK LAUNCH

Rev. Fr. Patrick Godfred Appiah (Chaplain of St. Augustine's College, Cape-Coast) will launched his book titled **"THIS IS OUR FAITH, A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC BELIEFS FOR NEW, OLD, LAPSED AND NON-CATHOLICS** next Sunday January 31, 2016 during both Masses.

Parishioners are encourage to come prepared to purchase copy(s) to know more about their faith.