

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
- ◆ **COSRA** will meet today Sunday January 31, 2016 after 1st Mass.
- ◆ **All Presidents of Women Societies and Representatives of societies of the Catholic Council** will have a breakfast 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.

CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY (CIBT)

The above-named institution invites parishioners to its **3rd congregation ceremony on Friday 5th February, 2016** at 10:00am at the school premises, Adabraka near Teacher's hall

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**

MARRIAGE BANNS—3RD & FINAL 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

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
- ◆ 4 bedroom self-contained at Dansoman is for rent **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**

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.

SUNDAY MASSES

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

Evenings (6:30pm):
Tuesday & Friday

OFFICE HOURS / CONTACTS

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

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ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Purity & Love

WEEKLY BULLETIN

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2016



FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19

God insists that Jeremiah was predestined "from the womb" to be God's prophet to the people of Israel and he need not fear being shamed or "crushed" by his people, "

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

I WILL SING OF YOUR SALVATION

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13

St. Paul's lesson on Love. Regardless of what we say or do, for whom or to whom, if we do not do it with love, it is meaningless.

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21-30

Jesus is preaching in the synagogue in Nazareth and the towns people are pleased with what He was saying until He got to a point where they began to question in their minds, where He got all this information and then discount what He was saying because He was just one of them and "nothing more.

PRIEST

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

GA RURAL RECTORATE

REV. FR. CHRISTOPHER SACKEY: **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

JESUS SHARES THE FATE OF PROPHETS, REJECTED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE

Prophets have been called to proclaim the message of God and to denounce evil in the society in which they live. They are visionaries for they see beyond their present time and circumstances. It is because they see what others do not naturally see that some reject their message. Others reject their message because it challenges their comfort zones which are of course contrary to God's will.

One of such prophets who arose at a critical time in the history of Israel was Jeremiah. Jesus Christ was also prophetic in His mission as the redeemer. They were rejected and persecuted. Inspired by the love of Christ, the Church has been called to a prophetic mission in the world. You are one among the prophets.

A CALL TO SHARE LOVE

Modern men and women have invented a new kind of "prophetism", the path that saves believers from confrontation and prophets from any form of rejection (which Isaiah, Elijah, Elisha, or Jesus obviously faced). Such prophetism come in many forms: it reveals very personal things and issues taking place in one's private life; it foretells of impending eventualities, often in both excesses of impending evil persons, things, places and events that need to be avoided/averted and an abundance of some impending good (chunks of money, property, and good life) that need to be forced open. Such prophets are having a field day today with large following and patronage.

The fact however remains that prophets and prophecies with the sole/main aim of making people feel good do not bring any spiritual or even material benefits, and since much of these do not come freely, they keep those who take refuge therein hypnotized, imprisoned, fearful and readied for disappointment, frustration and destruction. As a Catholic, I must not indulge in these. Rather, I tune myself to the word of God preached by the Church, when it assures me of victory over my problems and when it confronts me to, with tears and sweat, change my bad life. Ultimately, I know that I too, called to be prophet, can accept the word of God into my life and bear witness to it by word and action in my family, friends and colleagues.

We could be givers or receivers of prophecy; yet one essential and lasting gift that we cannot afford to go without, and which we must be capable of both receiving and giving is "Love". No amount of promises or vows could bring love about or increase its power in my relationships except when I bear the fruits of love. Like a litmus test for my relationships, I must today take the people in my life one by one and ask, 'Do I have love for him/her/them?' "Am I patient and kind, never jealous, never boastful or conceited, never rude or selfish?

Do I never take offence or become resentful? Do I not take pleasure in his/her/their sins but delight in the truth? Am I always ready to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes our way? Have I lost the love I had from the beginning of my church, school, marriage, family and work life and also for the people whom I may have spent my entire life because they, in weakness, may have shown signs of ingratitude and opposition? May my love never be spent!



DAILY READINGS FROM FEB. 1— FEB. 6, 2016

Mon Feb. 1	2 Sm. 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps. 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk. 16:15-15:1-20
Tue Feb. 2	(FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD) Mal. 3:1-4; Ps. 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb. 2:14-18; Lk. 2:22-40
Wed Feb. 3	2 Sm. 24:2, 9-17; Ps. 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk. 6:1-6
Thurs Feb 4	1 Kgs. 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr. 29:10, 11, 11-12, 12; Mk. 6:7-13
Fri Feb. 5	Sir. 47:2-11; Ps. 18:31, 47 & 50, 51; Mk. 6:14-29
Sat Feb. 6	1 Kgs. 3:4-13; Ps. 119:9, 10, 11,12, 13, 14; Mk. 6:30-34

OFFERTORY FOR LAST SUNDAY JAN. 24 2016

MAIN COLLECTION	GH 4,359.80
JUBILEE COLLECTION	GH 2,607.00
THANKSGIVING	GH 243.00
TOTAL	GH 7,209.80

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (NEXT SUNDAY)

FIRST READING:	ISAIAH 6:1-2, 3-8
RESPONSORIAL	PSALM 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
SECOND READING:	1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11
GOSPEL:	LUKE 5:1-11

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL & OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

NEXT SUNDAY (FEB. 7, 2015)

1ST MASS: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SOCIETY
2ND MASS: HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY

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	

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- ♦ Tuesday February 2, 2016 is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (There will blessing of candles)**. Mass will be at 6:30pm. In attendance will be **St. Theresa Choir**. Prayer Of the faithful and offertory presentation is by **Parish Youth Council**
- ♦ **Wednesday February 3, 2016** is the **Feast of St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats)**. The blessing of throats on this day finds its origin in the story that Blaise cured a young boy choked by a fishbone. In attendance is the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir**. Prayer of the faithful and offertory presentation is by **Catholic Women Association**
- ♦ Thursday February 4, 2016, is Thursday preceeding First Friday. There will be **Holy Hour Adoration** at 6:30pm. It will be led by the Harp Of David Music Ministry.
- ♦ Saturday February 6, 2016, is the First Saturday of the month. There will be **grotto devotion** at OLA, New Achimota at 2:30pm
- ♦ Wednesday February 10, 2016 is **Ash Wednesday**. On this day we begin lent which is a period of fasting, praying and almsgiving.

SOCIETAL VICE PRESIDENTS MEETING

The Executive of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet all societal Vice Presidents and chairpersons on Sunday 7th Feb. 2016 after 1st Mass at the conference room. Current Laity council members should also attend

RETREAT FOR THE THREE NORTHERN REGIONS

The St. Theresa Northern Catholic Society invites all parishioners from the three Northern Regions to an all important Retreat on the theme "**Be fruitful and multiply**" Saturday 6th February, 2016 at the Parish

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

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.

LITURGICAL CORNER

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. Registration begins today Sunday Jan. 31, 2016 after all Masses. Contact **0202004283** for further details

LITURGICAL MEETING

The Parish Priest will meet all Liturgical Ministries (Choirs/Music Ministries, KNOLTA, Lectors, Ushers) on Thursday **4th February, 2016** at 6:30pm at the Parish. All Parish Councilors are to attend this all important meeting.