

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
- ◆ **Stheya** will meet today after 1st Mass
- ◆ **Non-Society** meets every 2nd Sunday in every month
- ◆ **Northern Catholics Society** will meet today after 1st Mass
- ◆ **Christian Mothers** will meet today after Mass
- ◆ **Catholic Men** will meet today after Mass
- ◆ **Knights & Ladies of Marshall** will meet next Sunday after 2nd Mass
- ◆ **St. Francis of Assisi Nigerian Community** will have an emergency meeting after Mass
- ◆ **The Golden Jubilee Committee** will meet the executives of all the tribal societies after Mass to discuss about the Traditional Sunday which comes off in Apri

COMPANY'S ADVERTISEMENT

The Historical and Brochure Committee for the Jubilee Anniversary respectfully invites parishioners who own businesses to provide their business contacts, addresses and profiles to be published in the anniversary brochure which is about to go into print.

The church is Giving an opportunity for business owners to advertise in the brochure at a heavily subsidized/discounted rate. This will expose your business to parishioners who may be in need of it or know someone who does and more importantly, to the larger outside world. Kindly provide the information as below:

- ◆ Name of Business
- ◆ Business address/location
- ◆ Contact number
- ◆ Type of Business

In addition, parishioners and non-parishioners who want to advertise their company or buy a space in the brochure will pay the amount as follows:

<u>PARISHIONERS</u>	<u>NON-PARISHIONERS</u>
Full page: 1000.000	Full page: Ghc2,000.00
Half page: 500.00	Half page: Ghc1,000.00
Quarter page: 250.00	Quarter page: Ghc500.00

ADEHYEMMA SACRED CHORAL GROUP CALLING

Do you want to sing praises to your Maker? Here is an opportunity for you. The Adehyemma Sacred Choral Group invites interested parishioners to join them.
Meeting day: Saturdays
Time: 4:30pm
Venue: Music Room (Parish Hall)
 Contact: **0244-523845/0244-771130**—Amegadje & Vincentia

Come and sing with joy to honour God

MUSIC VIDEO RECORDING

Bro. Paul would like to feature all interested youth in his Father's Day Song Video recording slated for March 2016. Kindly call 0203300832 if you are interested for further details.

THE YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER

The Year of Mercy logo

"MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER" (LUKE 9: 36)

The almond shape
An important figure in ancient iconography, it represents the union of two circles, that is the two natures of Christ: divine and human.

The motto
The motto of the Year of Mercy is taken from the Gospel of Luke: "Be merciful like the Father"

The colors
Red: blood, life and divinity
White: the light of Christ
Blue: represents man
Golden: Adam (and each one of us) is in a process of becoming like God through Jesus Christ.

The gaze
Jesus and the man share one eye. This means that God communicates himself in such a way that man is able to see as He sees.

The concentric ovals
They suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death.

The Good Shepherd
Jesus is the Good Shepherd who carries Adam (and all of us) on His shoulders.

"GOD'S MERCY IS LIKE THAT: A GREAT LIGHT OF LOVE AND TENDERNESS" (POPE FRANCIS) CatholicLink

HALLELUJAH PRAISE 2016

The Youth of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Dansoman invites you to **Hallelujah Praise 2016**, dubbed "Let everything that has breathe Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord" (Ps. 150:6)

Date: Sunday March 27, 2016

Time: 3:30pm

Rate: Free

Invited Gospel Artists include **No Tribe, Akoo, University of Ghana Pax Romana Choir** etc.

Come and let us celebrate the Resurrected Christ as a family

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The following are the schedules and venues for the classes:

- ◆ **Baptism and First Holy Communion for children**
Day: Saturdays at 8:00am
Venue: Beneath the Parish Hall
- ◆ **Baptism/First Holy Communion/Confirmation for adults**
Day: Sundays at 3:00pm
Venue: Conference Room
 Interested people are welcome
- ◆ **Confirmation for children**
Time: 3:00pm every Sunday
Venue: Parish Hall, first floor
 Contact: **020-8001234/020-8154595** for registration and further details

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 Accra.
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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
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 0504-187661
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ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Purity & Love

WEEKLY BULLETIN

PALM SUNDAY



SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2016

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

From the 1st Reading, the Prophet Isaiah who, like Jesus, was persecuted because the people didn't understand nor appreciate what he said.

RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

The 2nd reading gives the summary of the role Jesus Christ, the Son of God, fulfilled in his coming to earth, living and dying out of love for His Father and for all humankind.

GOSPEL: LUKE 22:14-23:56

The Gospel narrates the story of the Last Supper, the betrayal of Judas, the arrest and suffering of Jesus and finally the crucifixion.

PRIESTS

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

REV. FR. RICHARD AKROFI BAAFI: **0244-850314**

GA RURAL RECTORATE

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

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

GA ODUMASE RECTORATE

REV. FR. PASCAL ANKAMAHA : **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

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Today Christians all over the world follow Jesus Christ as he goes to Jerusalem to accomplish the task of humankind's salvation through his death on the cross. Just as the crowds of Jerusalem who waved palm branches to welcome the Saviour of the world to the city of Jerusalem Christians will do same in remembrance of this event. They sing songs that indicate that the time has now been fulfilled for God to save His people.

The crowds that sung "Hosanna, Hosanna" to welcome Christ will in no time also shout "Crucify him, Crucify him" because Jesus is not the political Messiah they expected. All christians need to realize that God is God and allow His will to be done at all times.

COURAGEOUS JOURNEY WITH JESUS

From the time Jesus started his ministry he shunned publicity and people's praises of him (Cf. Jn 6:15). Yet today in an event which he himself plans he enters Jerusalem publicly riding a donkey and allows the multitude to sing his praises as the Messiah. The "Hosanna" chorus soon changes to "Crucify him" but unlike his disciples, Jesus is fully aware and prepared to face the death by which he will save you and me from our sin and wretchedness. Jesus calls us to accept and enjoy life without being carried away especially when people are hailing us and shouting "Hosanna" when we are doing well.

Apart from the fact that the same people will turn around to shout "Crucify him" if we should chance on some ill fortune, what is more important is that we do not sway from our God-given mission but make efforts to please him alone. Are we people who stand by our partners, parents, children, family members, friends etc in both good times and in bad, or are we ones who turn away when things get sour and precisely when people most need our love, care and attention?

Many of the characters (for example, Peter and his colleague disciples, Judas, the Jewish authorities, Pilate, etc.) in the Passion account could not be themselves because they were full of fear. Are we too living lives of fear and timidity? If we will remain faithful disciples and witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ to the end, then we must be people of courage and confidence: courage to live up to the persons we are or claim to be; courage in standing up for the truth at all times; the courage to stand for God and His church at all times and in all things; the courage to accuse ourselves of our failures and the confidence that God will forgive and restore us no matter how grievous we have sinned and turn to Him.

Therefore today and now, put an end to your fear: the fear of persecution, name-calling, accusation, discrimination, the fear of loss of privileges, positions and popularity, the fear of death. Today, surrender all of these to Jesus; rather, take from here the courage and confidence he gives to you, and keep trusting that with God's mighty help you will overcome whatever comes by as impediment to your goal in Christ.



DAILY READINGS FROM MAR. 21— MAR. 26, 2016

Mon Mar. 21	Is. 42:1-7; Ps. 27:1, 2, 3, 13; Jn. 12:1-11
Tue Mar. 22	Is. 49:1-6; Ps. 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15 & 17; Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed Mar. 23	Is. 50:4-9 ; Ps. 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt. 26:14-25
Thurs Mar. 24	(HOLY THURSDAY) Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps. 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Jn. 13:1-15
Fri Mar. 25	(GOOD FRIDAY) Is. 52:13-53:12; Ps. 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn. 18:1-19:42
Sat Mar. 26	(HOLY SATURDAY) Gn. 1:1-2:2; Ps. 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24-35; Gn. 22:1-18; Ps. 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex. 14:15-15:1; Ex. 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is. 54:5-14; Ps. 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is. 55:1-11; Is. 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar. 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez. 36:16-17, 18-28; Ps. 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Rom. 6:3-11; Ps. 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk. 24:1-12

OFFERTORY FOR LAST SUNDAY MARCH 13, 2016

MAIN COLLECTION	GHC 4,920.00
COMMUNICATION COLLECTION	GHC 2,430.00
TOTAL	GHC 6,860.00

EASTER SUNDAY (NEXT SUNDAY 27-3-16)

FIRST READING:	ACTS 10:34, 37-43
RESPONSORIAL:	PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
SECOND READING:	COLOSSIANS 3:1-4
GOSPEL:	JOHN 20:1-9

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL & OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 27, 2015)

1ST MASS:
2ND MASS:

LET US 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. ATHANASIUS 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. KOBIFORDAH
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	CAPT. AMPOFO

LITURGICAL CORNER

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT—2016

THEME: FAST SO THAT OTHERS MAY FEAST

DAY	PROGRAMME/THEME	ACTIVITY	IN ATTENDANCE
MONDAY 21st MAR. 16	HELL	BREAKING OF FAST (REFLECTION) & MASS @ 6PM	ST. THERESA CHOIR
TUES 22ND MAR. 16	HEAVEN	BREAKING OF FAST (REFLECTION) & MASS @ 6PM	HOLY FAMILY (AKAN KUO)
WED. 23RD MAR. 16	LUKE 18:1-18	BREAKING OF FAST (SCRIPTURE SHARING) & MASS	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHOIR

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

CHRISM MASS

There will be Chrism Mass on **Wednesday 23rd March, 2016 at the Holy Spirit Cathedral at 9:00am**

Dioceses across the world celebrate a single Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral church presided over by the Bishop and concelebrated by all the Priests of the Diocese. During this Mass, the **Oil of the Sick (OI)** and the **Oil of Catechumens (OC)** are blessed while the **Sacred Chrism (SC)** is consecrated. The Chrism Mass is not only for the clergy but for all.

UPCOMING JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

SUN APRIL 3	-	TRADITIONALS GA & NIGERIAN SUNDAY
SUN APRIL 10	-	EWE & FRANCOPHONE SUNDAY
SUN APRIL 17	-	NORTHERN SUNDAY
SUN APRIL 24	-	AKAN SUNDAY

POST COMMUNION—ANIMA CHRISTI

Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from the side of Christ, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within your wounds, hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from you
From the malignant enemy, defend me
In the hour of my death, call me
And bid me to come to you, that with your
Saints I may praise you
Forever and ever. **Amen**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

There will be Mass at 8:00pm which adoration will follow. Adoration will be led by the Men, Women and Youth. There will be washing of feet within Mass.

In attendance will be the **Mass Choir**

GOOD FRIDAY

- **Stations of the Cross** will be at St. Theresa's School at 7:00am. The youth will lead the stations of the cross. **The Mass Choir** and all **singing groups** will be in attendance

- **Divine Mercy Novena** begins at 2:30pm
- **Veneration of the Cross** will be at 3:00pm.

In attendance will be the **Mass Choir**

HOLY SATURDAY

Mass starts at 7:00pm with bonfire. Parishioners are encouraged to bring candles along and container for Holy Water.

In attendance will be the **Mass Choir**

EASTER SUNDAY

We will have our usual Masses.

EASTER PICNIC: Monday 28th March, 2016 at the St. Theresa School.

MARRIAGE CORNER

1ST PUBLICATION OF BANNS

GROOM: STEPHEN APPIAH **BRIDE: AMANDA DENTEH**

FATHER: STEPHEN DADZIE FATHER: PETER DENTEH

MOTHER: CELESTINA APPIAH MOTHER: AGNES DENTEH

LET US PRAY FOR THEM