

PENTECOST NOVENA 2016

THEME: YOU ARE COMMISSIONED TO GO AND BEAR LASTING FRUITS BEING MERCIFUL AS THE FATHER
[JOHN 15:16 & LUKE 6:36]

“Others may have their wealth, may drink out of jewelled cups, be clad in silks, enjoy popular applause, have unlimited credit and find it impossible to exhaust their wealth by dissipating it in pleasures of all kinds; but our delight is to meditate on the law of the Lord day and night”-(St. Jerome)

Jesus tells us what the father wants, i.e. God wants us to bear much fruits and to be His disciples. God wants our lives to show forth His goodness and mercy (Luke 6:36), to bring lost souls back into the fold and to fill human society and cultures with the justice and beauty they need to flourish. Our desire therefore is to do something with our lives which is a gift from God. Since He is the creator and we are created in His image and likeness, we too yearn to build, to contribute, to make a difference that will last not only in this life but into eternity. Amen.

The Prayer will be mainly the celebration of Mass with Homily based on the Pentecost Theme with spontaneous Prayer session at Bidding Prayer

DAY	REFLECTION & REFERENCE	PRAYER	SOCIETY	PROGRAMME	SPEAKER
DAY 1 FRI. 6/5/16	God's Forgiveness Jn. 8:11 Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more. Admonish the sinner. Jn. 5:14, Lev. 20:10 Singing by Cosra Intercessory Songs: Harp of David	We pray this day that the Lord will grant us the grace to realise our own faults and limitations, ask for His mercy and forgiveness rather than condemning people for what they do. Take out the log in our own eyes, patronise the sacrament of reconciliation (this will enable us win souls and bear fruits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosra • Knight of St. John Int. • St. Anthony's Guild • Knolta 	The Ministries will lead the Rosary Prayers at 6pm. Outline prayer intentions (at most 2) and go for offertory. The society will be prayed over by the Priest.	Rev. Fr. Duku
DAY 2 SAT. 7/5/16	Forgive One Another Matt 18:33 You should have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you. Lk 6:36; CCC 2447 Forgive injuries and bear wrongs patiently. Singing (Mass) By Harp of David Intercessory songs: Harp of David	We pray that the Lord will grant us a heart of forgiveness so that we can also be merciful unto others just as the Father is merciful unto us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal • Northern Society • Catholic Men • Angelic Youth choir 	The Ministries will lead the Rosary Prayers at 6pm. Outline prayer intentions (at most 2) and Go for Offertory. The society will be prayed over by the Priest	Rev. Fr. Duku
DAY 3 SUN 8/5/16	Community/National Prayer Reflection & Reference: "I punish my body and Control it, lest after preaching to others, I myself should be rejected".[1Cor.9:27, Mtt 18:19] Intercessory Prayers will be led by the Priest to encourage one to Prayer	We pray today that the Lord will be merciful with us and deliver us from the danger of being condemned with others for same offences; at our workplaces, in our communities; in our country Ghana that through us others may rather be saved.	SUNDAY A day for The Mothers and all. Intercessory Prayers will be led by the Priest to encourage Each one to Prayer Praying for all Mothers	The programme will be part of the Mass. A reflection based on the Novena theme will be given in addition to the main theme of the homily	Presider

.....And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in my name..."

HAVE A FRUITFUL PENTECOST SEASON!!!

ADDRESS	MASS SCHEDULE	SUNDAY MASSES	OFFICE HOURS / CONTACTS
Nantu Link B872/7, Awudome Street P. O. Box 146, Kaneshie Accra. Website: www.minibasilica.com	Mornings (6:00am): Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Saturday. Evenings (6:30pm): Tuesday & Friday	1st Mass 7:00am 2nd Mass 9:30am Youth Mass 7:30am French Mass 9:30am	Monday-Saturday: 8am-8pm Sunday: 9am-2pm Office Lines: 0302227027, 0302257357, 0504-187661 Cell: 0248-630404, 0246-858376 E-mail: officestheresa2014@gmail.com



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY MAY 1, 2016

		<p>FIRST READING: ACTS 15:1-2,22-29 The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.</p> <p>RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 67:2-3,5,6,8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU</p> <p>SECOND READING: REVELATIONS 21:10-14,22-23 The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.</p> <p>GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29 Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.</p>
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PRIESTS VERY 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 ANKAMAH : 0243-345240
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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

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear. Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE-1ST MAY TRADITIONAL MONTH CLIMAX AND FOOD BAZAAR

PART-1—MASS

Processional Song - Akans Group
 Kyrie- The Choir
 Lord Have Mercy- The Mass Choir
 Gloria- The Mass Choir
 1st Reading—(English & Akan)
 2nd reading - (English & Ga)
 Gospel Acclamation - The Mass Choir
 Gospel (English, Ewe, French, Dagare, Igbo)
 Homily - The Priest
 Bidding Prayer –The Mass choir (Akan, Nigerian, francophone, Indian, English, Northern)
1st Collection- Gas-Kpanlongo
 Offertory-Ewe community will sing and lead all **traditions** to go for offertory (All Groups)
 Offertory Hymn - The Mass choir
 Sanctus- The Mass choir
 Sign of Peace- Harp of David
 Communion- The Mass choir
 Post communion-Harp of David (Though we are Many, we are one body)
 Thanksgiving Offering – in Order of

- Northern Community
- Ewe Community
- International Community
- Akan Community
- Ewe Community

Announcements-MC- Welcoming, Acknowledgement and appreciation
 Message by the Chairman
 Closing Remarks by Father.
 Recessional song- The Northern Community

PART-2

⇒ Photo Shooting
 ⇒ Cultural Display by the Gas and Nigerians
 ⇒ Cultural Display by the Ewes and the Francophones
 ⇒ Cultural Display by the Northern Group
 ⇒ Cultural Display by the Akans
 ⇒ Live Band by the Harp of David Music Ministry
 ⇒ Cutting of Ceremonial Cake of Oneness
 ⇒ Sharing of Food amidst drumming and Dancing
 ⇒ Photo Shooting



DAILY READINGS FROM MAY 2— MAY 7, 2016

Mon May 2 **Acts** 16:-11-15 **Ps.**149:1-2, 3-4; 5-6 & 9; **Jn.** 15:26-16:4
 Tue May 3 **1 Cor.** 15:1-8 **Ps.**19:2-3, 4-5; **Jn.** 14:6-14
 Wed May 4 **Acts** 17:15, 22-18:1; **Ps.** 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; **Jn** 16:12-15
 Thurs May 5 **(SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD) Acts** 1:1-11.; **Ps.**47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; **Eph.** 1:17-23; **Lk.** 24:46-53
 Fri May 6 **Acts** 18:9-18; **Ps.**47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; **Jn.**16:20-23
 Sat May 7 **Acts** 18:23-28; **Ps.**47:2-3, 8-9, 10; **Jn.**16:23-28

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (NEXT SUNDAY MAY 8, 2016)

FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60
 RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 97:1-2, 6-7, 9
 SECOND READING: REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
 GOSPEL: JOHN 17:20-26

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 for printing.
 The Church is giving an opportunity for business owners to advertise in the brochure at a heavily subsidised/discounted rate. This will expose your business to parishioners and the general public. 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:

PARISHIONERS	NON-PARISHIONERS
Full page: Ghc 1000.000	Full page: Ghc 2,000.00
Half page: Ghc 500.00	Half page: Ghc 1,000.00
Quarter page: Ghc 250.00	Quarter page: Ghc 500.00

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CITY PRAYER MEETING

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to its Pentecost City Prayer Meeting on Sunday 15th May, 2016 at the Holy Spirit Retreat Centre, Kuntunse.
Speaker: V. Rev. Fr. Samuel Filton-Mensah
Topic: You shall bear much fruits (Jn. 15:6)
Time: 2:00pm
 All are invited

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Catechism classes for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation have began. The following are the schedule and venue for the classes

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

Contact: **020-8001234/020-8154595** for registration and further details

MARRIAGE CORNER

1ST PUBLICATION OF BANNES

GROOM: IMMANUEL M. NARTEY **BRIDE: ERICA SENGRETSI**
FATHER: JOHN T. NARTEY **FATHER:ERIC SENGRETSI**
MOTHER: HENRIETTA NARTEY **MOTHER: CONSTANCE NKANSAH**

APPRECIATION

The **Moffatt** family expresses their profound gratitude to the Parish Priest, Parish Pastoral Council and the entire congregation for your support and prayers during the burial of the late Mr. Thomas N. Moffatt. May God richly bless you.

OFFERTORY FOR LAST SUNDAY 24TH APRIL, 2016

COLLECTION	GH¢ 4,493.60
WELFARE	GH¢ 2,190.00
TOTAL	GH¢ 6,683.60

UPCOMING GOLDEN JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

CLIMAX OF TRADITIONAL SUNDAYS

Today we climax the **Traditional month** with food bazaar. The various ethnic groups will prepare food to share. The code of dressing is traditional attire

JUNE - MEN'S MONTH (FATHERS DAY)
 JULY - YOUTH
 AUGUST - PILGRIMAGE TO YAMOUSSOKRO
 18TH -21ST AUGUST, 2016

LITURGICAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tomorrow May 2, 2016, is a Public holiday Mass will be in the morning at 7:00am
- Thursday May 5, 2016 is the **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**, Mass will be in the evening at 6:30pm with adoration. The **Harp of David Singing Ministry and St. Theresa Church Choir** will lead in singing. Offertory and bidding prayers by **CCR**
- **Saturday May 7**, is the first Saturday, there will be grotto devotion at OLA at 2:30pm
- **Sunday May 15**, is **Pentecost Sunday** (The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit)

UPCOMING WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAMME

The month of May is generally reserved for Women. This year's programme is exceptional. Below are the upcoming programmes:

Sunday 8th May is Mother's Day. All women are entreated to be available after 1st Mass for the Unveiling of the Parish signboard. The dress code for the Mother's day is afro wigs with guarantee shoes (old school dress) etc.

Tuesday 17th May—talk during evening Mass on **"The Power of the praying Woman"** by **Mrs. Philomena Nortey**

Fri. 20th May— Talk during evening Mass on **"Women's Health and Nutrition** by **Dr. Mrs. Martina Afrifa-Appiah**

CONTRIBUTION

Every woman will contribute an amount of GH10.00 towards the mounting of one signboard for the church.

Nb. Throughout the month of **May**, **ushering, readings, Mc** at both Masses will be done by **all women**

FUNERAL FOR THE LATE MRS. DEBORAH KODUAH-BEDIAKO

There will be burial Mass for the Late **Deborah Koduah-Bediako** at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kaneshie on Saturday 7th May, 2016 at 8:00am.