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► 2014 PARISH FEAST PREPARATION MONTH

THEME: RELIEF AND DELIVERANCE WILL COME (ESTHER 4:12-14)

There will be Fasting and Prayer on all Mondays and Fridays in September. Each day's prayer session and reflection to focus on the nation, church, family and individual. On Fridays reflections will be on each Friday's text.

Date	Readings	Reflections
3rd Mon. - 15th Sept.	Romans 12:1-21	A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSONAL RENEWAL: To offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Be transformed by the renewal of our minds and attitude. Let love be sincere, do not look for revenge, conquer evil with good.
3rd Fri. - 19th Sept.	Judith 13:4-16	A DAY OF PRAYER FOR GOD'S DIRECTION: To lead God-fearing and honourable lives, patriotism, selfless leaders, hope and help by God's own means
4th Mon. - 22nd Sept.	Ps. 121 & 124	A DAY OF PRAYER FOR INCREASE IN FAITH Faith in God, our only help. Not whom (human beings) we know for we know the Almighty King of kings who opens doors no one can shut and shuts doors no one can open. Makes way where there seems to be no way.
4th Fri. - 26th Sept.	Ps. 118	A DAY OF THANKSGIVING Thanksgiving for our lives, blessings, faith, families & church, values, education, development, leaders, meekness, tribal/ethnic/other differences & uniqueness, national peace, hospitality, etc.

As a Church, let us go down on our knees for this country, Ghana and then with faith, hope and love zoom into the parish feast week.

BEREAVEMENTS

We regret to announce to you the deaths of:

Madam Margaret Ama Dapaah Sintim, mother of Mrs. Margaret Kyei-Manu and father in law of Mr. Yaw Kyei-Manu. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

Mrs. Lucia Semenou, wife of Mr. Jude Semenou and mother of Winston Semenou a Mass Server. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

► CHANGE EXPERIENCE PRAYER MEETING

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites parishioners to its Change experience prayer meeting as follows:

Theme: **It is no longer I that liveth, but Christ that liveth in me - Galatians 2:20**

Speaker: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Salifu
Date: Sunday September 28 2014 from 3pm-6pm
Venue: St Theresa Parish

Come and your life will never be the same. Come and be blessed.

► YOUTH CORNER

Youth Conference 2014:

- Ø **Category** (Who can participate):
- 1. Teen Ministry (13-17years)
- 2. Young Adult Ministry (18-25years)
- 3. Adult Youth Ministry (26-39years)

Ø Theme: **Dare to be Different (DTBD)**

Ø Date: Sunday 7th September, 14th September and 21st September 2014 from 7a.m to 11:15am

Ø Materials: Bible, Notepad, Pens

Ø Venue: Parish Hall.

► ST. THERESA SCHOOL RE-OPENING

St. Theresa School re-opening date: Tuesday September 16 2014
KG 1: Monday September 15 2014.

Parents/Guardians and pupils are to take note accordingly.

2014 FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS THEME: PLUG INTO THE POWER IN BUILDING ONE EUCHARISTIC FAMILY

1st Sep. - 26th SEPTEMBER	FASTING AND PRAYERS
27th Sep. 2014	JESUS MARCH / KEEP FIT
28th Sep. 2014	OFFICIAL LAUNCH / VISITATION TO SICK & AGED PARISHIONER BY VARIOUS SOCIETIES
29th Sep. 2014	VIDEO SHOW-(HOW TO STAY TOGETHER); EXHORTATION/ INNER HEALING
30th Sep. 2014	PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS
1st Oct. 2014	HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER - (MAIN SPEAKER: FR. EZEKIEL FAROUK)
2nd Oct. 2014	HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER - (MAIN SPEAKER: FR. EZEKIEL FAROUK)
3rd Oct. 2014	HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER - (MAIN SPEAKER: FR. EZEKIEL FAROUK)
4th Oct. 2014	MASSIVE CLEAN UP / AEROBICS ST. THERESA SCHOOL FUND RAISING & BENEFACTORS' DAY IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION OF AN ASSEMBLY HALL
5th Oct. 2014	THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AND AGAPE

► OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY : SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

Main Collection	GHC 2,898.55
Thanksgiving (September)	GHC 17,030.00
Total	GHC 19,928.55

ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Slogan: **Purity & Love**

24th Sunday in
ORDINARY TIME

14TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

We adore you, O Christ and we praise you, because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.

- EWE - DZADZE NYENYE KPLE LLOLO
- GA - HETSEMJO KE SUOMJO
- AKAN - AHOSAN NA ODO

ARISE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL...REJOICE AND RENEW



Priests

PARISH PRIEST-

VERY REV. FR. JOHANNES MINTAH-MENSAH

PAROCHIAL VICAR -

REV. FR. PRECIOUS F. E. K. NUTSUGAH

GA RURAL RECTORATE -

REV. FR. CHRISTOPHER SACKEY

MINISTRIES & CONTACTS

MINISTRY	CONTACT
WELFARE	020 815 9454/020 820 8598
WORKS & FUNCTIONS	0244 750 604
PROJECTS & DEVELOPMENT	020 828 4244
YOUTH & VOCATIONS	020 817 1127
LITURGY	020 809 3413
LAITY	0244 480 271
EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0245 216 326
SECURITY	0267 425531
HEALTH & WELLNESS	0243 416 222
OUTREACH & EVANGELISATION	0277 543 233/020 913 2298
MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE	0244 953 415

CONTACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- PARISH PRIEST - 020 811 5860
- ASST. PRIEST - 020 809 4313
- PARISH OFFICE - 0302 227027

CELL NOS: 0244 605 885/0246 858 376

• IF YOU WANT TO REPORT A SICK PARISHIONER/BEREAVEMENT : 0302 227027/020 815 9454/020 820 8598

WEEK DAY MASSES

- MON - 6.00 AM
- TUES. - 6.30 PM
- WED - 6.00 AM
- THUR - 6.00 AM
- FRI. - 6.30 PM
- SAT - 6.00 AM

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- * Holy Hour every Thursday Preceding first Friday of the month, 6.30pm.
- * Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every first Friday of the Month from 6.00am - 6.00pm
- * Confession on every Saturday 5 - 7pm and also by appointment
- * Infant Baptism on 3rd Saturday of every month
- * BCC every Thursday at 6.30pm
- * Visitation of the Sick & Aged: contact the Parish Office if you know of a sick or aged person to be visited
- * New Parishioners: You are warmly welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church, please see a Priest or call at the Parish Office for further information

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS: 1ST MASS - 7.00AM
2ND MASS - 9.30AM
YOUTH MASS - 7.30AM
FRENCH MASS - 9.30AM

P. O. Box 146, Kaneshie - Accra
Tel: 0302 227027, 0302 257357
Parish website: www.minibasilica.com

Thanks for worshipping with us.
Have a Blessed week

Bring a Friend along!!

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

We sing: "When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride."

At the cross, our values change, and we get in touch with reality. At the cross, we humble ourselves. Through the cross, Jesus' name was exalted above every other name (Phil 2:9), and we who believe in the crucified and glorified Jesus share in His exaltation. Those who humble themselves at the cross will be exalted

We sing: "At the cross, at the cross, there's a precious fountain." When we behold the wondrous cross, we receive the living waters of the Holy Spirit (Gal 3:1-2). We are bathed in healing (see Nm 21:9), faith, and eternal life (Jn 3:14-15).

We must know nothing and say nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor 2:2). We must boast of nothing but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ through which we have been crucified to the world and the world to us (Gal 6:14).

Each day of the rest of your life, prayerfully look at an image of Jesus on the cross. Let the crucified Jesus speak to your heart. "Behold the wondrous cross."

FIRST READINGNUMBERS 21:4-9

RESPONSORY PSALM 78:1-2, 34-38

DO NOT FORGET THE WORKS OF THE LORD

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

GOSPELJOHN 3:13-17

READINGS OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 15 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

Monday Sept. 15, 2014.....1Cor.11 :17-26,33/Ps.39 :7-10,17/Jn.19 :25-27

Tuesday Sept. 16, 2014...1Cor.12:12-14,27-31/Ps.99:1-5/Lk.7:11-17

Wednesday Sept. 17, 20141Cor.12:31-13:13/Ps.32:2-5,12,22/Lk.7:31-35

Thursday Sept. 18, 20141Cor.15:1-11/Ps.117:1-2,16-17,28/Lk.7:36-50

Friday Sept. 19, 2014....1Cor.15:12-20/Ps.16:1,6-8,15/Lk.8:1-3

Saturday Sept. 20, 20141Cor.15:35-37,42-49/Ps.55:10-14/Lk.8:4-15

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2014

FIRST READINGISAIAH 55:6-9

RESPONSORYPSALM 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

SECOND READINGPHILEMON 1:20-24, 27

GOSPEL..... MATTHEW 20:1-16

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

1ST MASS: CATHOLIC WOMEN ASSOCIATION

2ND MASS: JUNIOR ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS & LADIES OF MARSHALL

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

1ST MASS: CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

2ND MASS: CATHOLIC MEN ASSOCIATION

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

1ST MASS: ST. ANTHONY'S GUILD

2ND MASS: CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Sunday Reflection

"TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS"

Today commemorates the liturgical Feast of the "Triumph of the Cross." My brothers and sisters in Christ, permit me to give you a brief summary of this special Feast that originated in the 4th century. In those days, on September 14th, two Churches in Jerusalem were dedicated to the cross, that special event being remembered annually since that time. It was not until the 7th century that Rome adopted this Feast, commemorating it as the "Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross." More recently, the title of the Feast has been changed to the "Triumph of the Cross." Its purpose was to honour the work of Jesus Christ. And that is the reason as to why, on this date, we are united here in the Church of God.

Today's First Reading began with the words, "Though Christ Jesus was in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited." In other words, while Jesus possessed Divine equality and the right to appear like the Heavenly Father in the fullness of His glory, he refrained from adopting such honour. Jesus did not treat His divinity as something to be exploited during His incarnation.

As the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians relates to us, "For (we) know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for (our) sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty (we) might become rich." "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered." Jesus made Himself a "slave" so eventually He would become the "Lord."

During today's Gospel Reading, we heard Jesus say to Nicodemus, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man." Some may claim to know of heavenly things and speak accordingly. But, no one can speak of heavenly things with "authority" unless He has come down from Heaven and ascended into Heaven as the Son of Man has done. We also heard of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness, this being a symbolic prophecy of the Son of Man Who was to be lifted up. [Num 21:4-9]

In both cases, the lifting of the bronze serpent in the wilderness and the lifting of the Son of Man on the cross, salvation came through a "raising up." Through the raising of the Son of Man, the Spirit of salvation was given to man so that he may qualify to enter into the Heavenly Kingdom, this exalting our Lord Jesus Christ above all creations. For those who believe, through the exaltation of the Lord Jesus, life is in him. Many reasons may be given to explain why we qualify to receive the gift of eternal life through the redemptive plan that was achieved in Christ. But there is only one reason. It is the incredible love of God for the world. God sent the Son into the world in order that it might be saved through Him.

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► INFANT BAPTISM

There will be Infant Baptism on Saturday September 20 2014 at 6am. Instructions will be on Thursday September 18 and Friday September 19 2014 at 5pm each day. Parents/Guardians and Godparents are to attend the instructions. Godparents must be catholic communicant.

Pick a form at the Parish Office and return them by Tuesday September 16 2014.

► USE OF PARISH WASHROOMS

We kindly appeal to parishioners to keep the washrooms tidy. please flush the toilet after use. make sure you close the taps and soap dispensers well so that they don't drip. Thank you.

► On the Works of Mercy: Pope Francis' General Audience

"Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier and brings you to always seek the face of man."

In our itinerary of catecheses on the Church, we pause to reflect on the Church as a mother. The last time we underlined how the Church makes us grow, and with the light and strength of the Word of God, shows us the path of salvation, and defends us from evil. What is essential in the Gospel is mercy! God has sent His Son! God has made Himself man to save us, that is, to give us his mercy. Jesus says it clearly, summing up his teaching to the disciples: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Lk.6:36).

Can a Christian who is not merciful exist? No! A Christian must be merciful because this is the center of the Gospel. Faithful to this teaching, the Church can only repeat the same thing to its children: "Be merciful" as the Father is, and as Jesus has been. Mercy!

And so the Church behaves as Jesus. It does not make theoretical lessons on love, on mercy. It does not spread throughout the world a philosophy, a path of wisdom....Of course, Christianity is all of this, but as a consequence, of reflection. The Mother Church, as Jesus, teaches us by example, the words serve to illuminate the meaning of its gestures.

The Mother Church teaches us to give food and drink to those who are hungry and thirsty, to clothe those who are naked. And how does she do it? By the example of so many saints who have done this in an exemplary way. But also, by the example of so many fathers and mothers, who teach their children that what is leftover to us if for those who are needy. It is important to know this.

Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier and brings you to always seek the face of man. And it is mercy that changes the heart and life, that can regenerate a person and allow them to insert themselves in a new way in society.

Mother Church teaches us to be close to those who are abandoned and dying alone. It is what Blessed Teresa did in the streets of Calcutta; and that which many Christians have done and still do who have no fear of holding the hand of those who are leaving this world. Let us thank the Lord, who has given us the grace to have the Church as a mother, who teaches us the path of mercy that is the path of life.

Church & Compound Cleaning on Saturday, September 20, 2014 is by ALL YOUTH

COMMERCIALS

• CARE FOR THE AGED & ELDERLY

The greatest wealth you will ever possess is your health so look after yourself. How do you manage your ill or aged parent at home? THE HAND THAT CARES is here to help you in this regard. She comes to your home to give you all the nursing care and medical support you need in the comfort of your home. Call 0243 70 89 88 now for further details.

• ST. JOHN'S OPTICALS

A team from St. John's Opticals, Nsawam will be at the parish today Sunday September 14 2014. They will conduct eye-screening and offer prescription spectacles for sale. They will be available during both Masses.

There are VCDs of this year's Archdiocesan Priestly Ordination available on sale. A copy sells at GHS 5.00; buy one for yourself as well as a friend. Get your copy from the Ushers or the Parish Office.

• Wanted:

A chamber and Hall around North Kaneshie, Swanlake, Bubiashie, Awudome. Contact: 0247 507 095

A single room self-contained accommodation around North Kaneshie, Bubiashie or Asylum Down. Contact - 050 66 45 744

A Chamber and Hall self-Contained accommodation around Awudome, North Kaneshie, Bubuashie. Contact 020-8119325 or 027-6957230

► PPC NOMINATIONS FOR 2015-2016 TERM

The Parish Pastoral Council informs Societies that the current term of office ends in December 2014. Therefore nominations for the 2015/2016 tenure of office are due. Societies are to send names of their representatives latest by 31st October, 2014 to the Parish Office.

MEETINGS



• The Catholic Charismatic Renewal meets every Saturday at 5.30pm. Come along with a friend. Phone nos: 0242 -773360/020-7351164 Email: ccrkaneshie@gmail.com

• The Sacred Heart Confraternity meets every 1st Sunday after 2nd Mass. New members are welcome. Preparation for the next initiation in 2015 is in progress.

• Holy Family Society will have an emergency meeting next Sunday September 21 after 2nd Mass

• Christian Mothers will meet next Sunday September 21 after 1st Mass, new members are welcome.

• Catholic Men Association will meet next Sunday September 21 after 2nd Mass, new members are welcome.