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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
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.

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

1st Sep. - 26th Sep.	FASTING AND PRAYERS
21st Sep. 2014	OFFICIAL LAUNCH
27th Sep. 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JESUS MARCH KEEP FIT HEALTH SCREENING: FREE TESTING FOR HB/HIV/MALARIA GENERAL EXAMINATION & BREAST EXAMINATION
28th Sep. 2014	VISITATION TO SICK & AGED PARISHIONER BY VARIOUS SOCIETIES
29th Sep. 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VIDEO SHOW-(HOW TO STAY TOGETHER) EXHORTATION INNER HEALING
30th Sep. 2014	PENITENTIAL SERVICE
1st Oct. 2014	HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER WITH FR. EZEKIEL FAROUK
2nd Oct. 2014	HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER WITH FR. EZEKIEL FAROUK
3rd Oct. 2014	HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER WITH FR. EZEKIEL FAROUK
4th Oct. 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHAPTER 1 - MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

IN BRIEF

44 Man is by nature and vocation a religious being. Coming from God, going toward God, man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God.

45 Man is made to live in communion with God in whom he finds happiness: "When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrow or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete" (St. Augustine, Conf. 10, 28, 39: PL 32, 795).

46 When he listens to the message of creation and to the voice of conscience, man can arrive at certainty about the existence of God, the cause and the end of everything.

47 The Church teaches that the one true God, our Creator and Lord, can be known with certainty from his works, by the natural light of human reason (cf. Vatican Council I, can. 2, § 1: DS 3026).

48 We really can name God, starting from the manifold perfections of his creatures, which are likenesses of the infinitely perfect God, even if our limited language cannot exhaust the mystery.

49 "Without the Creator, the creature vanishes" (GS 36). This is the reason why believers know that the love of Christ urges them to bring the light of the living God to those who do not know him or who reject him.

BEREAVEMENTS

A. Funeral arrangements for the late Mr. Alfred Bobo Apaloo are as follows:

Friday September 26 2014: Burial Mass at St. Theresa Catholic church at 8am
Funeral rites follow at the Parish Hall after interment at Awudome cemetery

Sunday September 28 2014: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Theresa catholic church at 9.30am

B. Funeral arrangements for the late Mrs. Lucia Semenou are as follows:

Friday September 26 2014: Burial Mass at St. Theresa Catholic church at 8am
Body will be conveyed to Likpe Bakwa, Volta Region for interment and funeral rites.

Sunday October 19 2014: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Theresa Catholic church at 9.30am

May their souls rest in peace. All are cordially invited.

OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY : SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

Main Collection	GHC 3,712.20
Total	GHC 3,712.20

ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Slogan: Purity & Love

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

ARISE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL...REJOICE AND RENEW



25th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

21ST SEPTEMBER, 2014

"The reign of God is like the case of the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workmen for his vineyard." —Matthew 20:1

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

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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

Thanks for worshipping with us.
Have a Blessed week

Bring a Friend along!!

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SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2014

The Lord said: "The harvest is good but labourers are scarce" (Mt 9:37). This is an unusual statement because in our times hundreds of people apply for one job. Moreover, the harvest is the best time to work. Harvesting is more appealing than ploughing, planting, fertilizing, or weeding. Finally, you would think that everybody would want to work for the Lord because He pays you a fair wage and sometimes even gives a full day's pay for only a few hours or minutes of work (see Mt 20:9). So, if working for the Lord is a good job with good pay, why are the workers few?

If we work for the Lord, we usually start off just doing a few odd jobs for Him. Then He asks us to work full-time. Next, He wants us to be always "on call." Finally, the Lord asks us to freely decide to be His slaves. This means that we no longer have our own lives (Gal 2:20) or do our own will (see Mt 26:39). As slaves of Christ (see Col 3:24), we get no pay and no time off. Many people only want a part-time job for the Lord. They wish He didn't ask them to be His slaves.

However, to be Jesus' slave is a privilege, the greatest thing a human being can be or do. To be Jesus' slave is the way to express our total love for Him. Furthermore, it is the only way to prevent ourselves from being forced into degrading, dehumanizing slavery to the world (see Rm 6:16). Nevertheless, many people don't understand or believe this, so there are few workers in God's harvest. However, we can walk and work by faith (see 2 Cor 5:7), go all the way with Jesus, and become His slaves. Do it.

FIRST READINGISAIAH 55:6-9 Puts us on our guard against trying to pull God down to our level, pretending that his are our thoughts.

RESPONSORY PSALM 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27
we are given the example of Paul. He did not work for reward, though he knew that he had worked harder than anybody else.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 20:1-16 are you envious because i am generous?

READINGS OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 22 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

Monday Sept. 22, 2014.....Prov.3 :27-34/Ps.14 :2-5/Lk.8 :16-18

Tuesday Sept. 23, 2014..Prov.21:1-6,10-13/Ps.118:1,27,30,34-35,44/Lk.8:19-21.

Wednesday Sept. 24, 2014Prov.30:5-9/Ps.118:29,72,89,101,104,163/Lk.9:1-6.

Thursday Sept. 25, 2014Eccl. 1:2-11/Ps.89:3-6,12-14,17/Lk.9:7-9

Friday Sept. 26, 2014....Eccl.3:1-11/Ps.143:1-4/Lk.9:18-22

Saturday Sept. 27, 2014Eccl. 11:9-12:8/Ps.89:3-6,12-14/Lk.9:43-45

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

FIRST READINGEZEKIEL 18:25-28

RESPONSORYPSALM 25:4-9

SECOND READINGPHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

GOSPEL.....MATTHEW 21:28-32

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

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2014

PARISH FEAST CLIMAX: KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN INT. /MARSHALLAN ASSOCIATION/LEGION OF MARY/SACRED HEART CONFRATERNITY/PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL
OFFERTORY: SOCIETIES & INDIVIDUALS

Sunday Reflection

THE WAYS OF GOD ARE NOT OUR WAYS

During the First Reading from the Book of Isaiah that is found in the Old Testament, we heard of the Divine calling of the Lord God. Let the wicked forsake their way. Let the unrighteous forsake their thoughts. Return to the Lord! Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. [Is. 55:6] How long must the love and patience of the Lord endure before His children will return to His holy ways? Why are some still refusing to return to the Lord? Is it because of the fear of not being forgiven? God is full of mercy! He will abundantly pardon the sincere repentant! "God is love."

The human mind will never be able to fully perceive the depth of the love of God! Some believe that they do not need a daily relationship with Jesus in their lives. They believe that as long as they live good lives, they will be saved. As long as they teach their children what is morally right and wrong, they think that they will be saved. As long as they respect their neighbours, they think that they will be saved. How wrong they are! It is not enough to live a good life! Claiming to be wise, they became fools." [Rom. 1:22] "For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." [1 Cor. 1:25] The thoughts of God are not the thoughts of man. The ways of God are not the ways of man. As the heavens are higher than the earth, the ways of God are higher than the ways of man and the thoughts of God are higher than the thoughts of man. The way of God is spiritual; the way of man consists of being worldly minded. He is like the doubter. "The doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord." [Jas. 1:8]

During today's Second Reading, St. Paul spoke of the righteousness of man. It is to live and die for Christ. True righteousness is persevering in the profession of faith that one proclaimed during the Sacrament of Baptism. It is living with Christ, in Christ and through Christ, until one's last breath. Having done so, one will not be put to shame in any way because Christ will have been exalted in every actions, in life or in death.

From today's reading of the Gospel of Matthew, we learned that God does not call everybody at the same time. Some are called early in life as the early labourers were called, having received their baptism as infants. Some were called as teenagers. Some were called during their married life and others, much later in life. And some are like the labourers who were called around five o'clock; their conversion took place at the hour.

Naturally, the ones who are called early in life as the early labourers have a lot more persevering to do than the ones who are called during their last hour as the labourers who were called at five o'clock. And that is okay! I am not saying it is okay because some have to persevere longer than others for their salvation. I am saying it is okay because the salvation of the late labourers means a beautiful united family in the eternal Kingdom of God. We should not be like the labourers and grumble. Rather, we should rejoice! Those who grumble, they have a worldly mind, demanding to be paid for every minute of their labour. Those who rejoice have a spiritual mind, seeking the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. That is the difference between those who grumble and those who do not. They are not of the same mind. Truly, the righteousness of the Lord is not the righteousness of man. The Lord God gives to those that He pleases in the amount that He chooses. Is He not allowed to do what He wants with what belongs to Him?

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► PARISH MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

We are reminded to renew our Parish membership by paying our statutory Church dues.

CHURCH DUES

Age 0 – Junior High School = GHC 6.00
Youth (Senior High School & Tertiary) = GHC 12.00
Working Youth & Adults = GHC 24.00
Dues Card = GHC 1.00

STOLE FEES

BAPTISM = GHC 10.00
CONFIRMATION = GHC 10.00
MARRIAGE/CIVIL REGISTRATION = GHC 60.00
BURIAL = GHC 15.00
MASS STIPENDS OR INTENTIONS (MINIMUM)= GHC 5.00

► ST. THERESA EDUFUND

The Education and Professional Development ministry and the Trustees of the St. Theresa Edufund wish to remind those who received appeal letters as well as those who picked pledge cards that the appeal is ongoing and we hope to hear from you soon. You may contact the Parish Office or 0245 216 326

There are still envelopes and pledge cards available; you may contact the Ushers or the Parish office. No amount is too small. Many thanks for your continuous support. May God richly replenish you all.

► 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 I iveth 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.

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.

- There are VCDs of this year's Archdiocesan Priestly Ordination available on sale. A copy sells at GHS 5 . 0 0 ; one for yourself as well as a friend. Get your copy from the Ushers or the Parish Office.

• Wanted:

Mr. Ajavon should contact Mr. Kingsley Assensoh-Bediako on 050 419 2416 or 054 688 3418 for an important message.

Church & Compound Cleaning on Saturday, September 27, 2014 is by ALL YOUTH

► 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.

► 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.

► CERTIFICATE COURSE IN THEOLOGY

CIBT is organising a 6 week certificate course in Theology.

Dates: 11th, 18th, 25th October 2014

15th, 22nd, 29th November 2014

Venue: CIBT adjacent Teachers' Hall, Adabraka

Time: 9am -12noon every Saturday

Fee: GHS 250.00 Register at the Parish Office

► 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.

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 today after 2nd Mass**

- **Christian Mothers will meet today after 1st Mass, new members are welcome.**

- **Catholic Men Association will meet today after 2nd Mass, new members are welcome.**

- **The PPC will meet next Sunday September 28, after 1st Mass. All must be present.**

- **The Northern Catholic society will meet next Sunday September 28 after 1st Mass.**

- **COSRA will meet next Sunday 28th September after 1st Mass.**