



# Announcements! Announcements!! Announcements!!!

## Excerpts of the Pope's Message to Bishops of Ghana on their ad Limina Apostolorum

Ghana is blessed with a population that naturally and easily expresses its belief in God and which seeks to honour him in the variety of religious traditions present in your country. The 2009 Synod on Africa noted as a principal concern the need for the Church's pastors to "inspire in Christ's disciples in Africa the will to become effectively committed to living out the Gospel in their daily lives... (and to obey Christ who) calls constantly for metanoia, conversion" (Africae Munus, 32). This requires in the first place, brothers, our own daily conversion, so that all of our thoughts, words and actions may be inspired and directed by the word of God. We must be men who are thoroughly transformed by the grace of being ever more truly sons of the Father, brothers of the Son, and fathers of the community guided by the Holy Spirit. Only then can we offer credible witness to "the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe" (cf. Eph 1:19), living in holiness, unity and peace. From the grace of Christ experienced in our own converted hearts comes the spiritual strength which helps us promote virtue and holiness in our priests, men and women religious, and laity.

The work of conversion and evangelization is not easy, but it bears precious fruit for the Church and the world. Out of the spiritual vitality of all the faithful come the Church's numerous charitable, medical and educational endeavours, and her works of justice and equality. The varied services, carried out in God's name, especially for the poor and weak, are the responsibility of the entire local Church, under the prayerful oversight of the bishop. I think in a particular way about the importance of the Church's health care apostolate, not only in Ghana, but throughout western Africa, which is suffering at this time from the outbreak of Ebola. I pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died in this epidemic, among whom are priests, men and women religious and healthcare workers who contracted this terrible disease while caring for those suffering. May God strengthen all healthcare workers there and bring an end to this tragedy!

Dear brothers, the Church in Ghana is justly respected for the contribution she makes to the integral development of individuals and the entire nation. At the same time, she often finds herself lacking in the material resources necessary to fulfil her mission in the world. In this regard, I would offer you two thoughts. First, it is imperative that whatever temporal means the Church has at her disposal continue to be administered with honesty and responsibility, in order to provide good witness, especially where corruption has hindered the just advancement of society. The Lord will surely not fail to bless and multiply the works of those who are faithful to him. Second, material poverty can be an occasion to draw greater attention to the spiritual needs of the human person (cf. Mt 5:3), thus leading to a deeper reliance on the Lord, from whom all good things come. While your communities rightly make many efforts to alleviate extremes of poverty, so too the Church is called, in imitation of Christ, to work with humility and honesty, using the goods at her disposal to open minds and hearts to the riches of mercy and grace flowing from the heart of Christ.

I pray as well for your lay catechists, without whom the works of evangelization would be much diminished in Ghana. I encourage you to improve and expand the education and preparation provided for them, so that their labours may lead to concrete and long-lasting results. Finally, dear brothers, like Saint Paul, I wish you to go to the cities and the countryside, to the markets and the streets, witnessing to Christ and showing his love and mercy to all. Be close to other Christian leaders and the heads of other religious communities. Thankfully, Ghana has been spared much of the tribal, ethnic and religious divisions that have afflicted too many other parts of Africa, a continent whose promise, in part due to these divisions, is yet to be fulfilled. I pray that you will be ever greater promoters of unity and leaders in the service of dialogue! May you be firm in upholding the Church's teaching and discipline, and unyielding in your charity. And may your generosity in offering Christ be matched only by your humble and patient openness to others.

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

27th Sep. 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JESUS MARCH</li> <li>KEEP FIT</li> <li>HEALTH SCREENING: FREE TESTING FOR HBV/HIV/MALARIA GENERAL EXAMINATION &amp; BREAST EXAMINATION</li> </ul>
28th Sep. 2014	VISITATION TO SICK & AGED PARISHIONER BY VARIOUS SOCIETIES
29th Sep. 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VIDEO SHOW-(HOW TO STAY TOGETHER)</li> <li>EXHORTATION</li> <li>INNER HEALING</li> </ul>
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"> <li>MASSIVE CLEAN UP / AEROBICS</li> <li>ST. THERESA SCHOOL FUND RAISING &amp; BENEFACTORS' DAY IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION OF AN ASSEMBLY HALL</li> </ul>
5th Oct. 2014	THANKSGIVING EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AND AGAPE

### OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY : SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

Main Collection	GHC 4,498.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>GHC 4,498.20</b>

# ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Slogan: Purity & Love

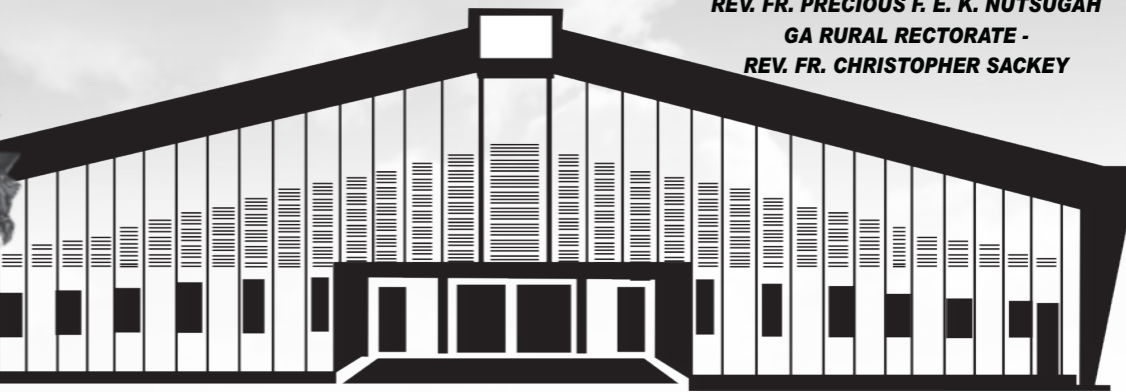
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
**ORDINARY TIME**

28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2014

"At Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!" —Phil 2:10-11

- 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

Thanks for worshipping with us.  
Have a Blessed week

## Bring a Friend along!!

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

## SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2014

"Afterward he regretted it and went." —Matthew 21:30

Virtuous people should never change "from virtue to commit iniquity," or they will die (Ez 18:26). After we tell our heavenly Father that we will work in His vineyard (see Mt 21:28ff), we should never change our minds. Jesus said: "Whoever puts his hand to the plough but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God" (Lk. 9:62). After we tell the Lord, our spouses, our children, our families, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and even our enemies that we love them, we should never change.

To never change our faith and love, we must make some other changes. If we don't change and repent of sins, these sins will change us for the worse. If we don't change and be reconciled with those that we haven't forgiven, then the poison of unforgiveness will change, warp, and destroy our love for God, our spouses, our families, etc. If we don't let God change some habits in our lives, we will become enslaved and forced to change what should never be changed.

**Our faith and love in Christ will never change, if only we let God make some major changes in our lives. Change to become unchanging.**

**FIRST READING .....EZEKIEL 18:25-28** When the wicked man turns away from his wickedness, he shall save his life.

**RESPONSORY .....PSALM 25:4-9**

**REMEMBER YOUR MERCIES, O LORD**

**SECOND READING .....PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11** Jesus does the will of His Father unto death on the cross

**GOSPEL .....MATTHEW 21:28-32** To do the will of the Father does not mean performing religious rituals, but following the commandment of love.

**READINGS OF THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 4, 2014**

**Monday Sept. 29, 2014.....Dan.7 :9-10,13-14/Ps.137 :1-5/Jn.1 :47-51**

**Tuesday Sept. 30, 2014.....Job.3:1-3,11-17,20-23/Ps.87:2-8/Lk.9:51-56**

**Wednesday Oct. 1, 2014 ...St. Theresa of the Child Jesus...Job.9:1-12,14-16/Ps.87:10-15/Lk.9:57-62**

**Thursday Oct. 2, 2014 .....Job.19:21-27/Ps.26:7-9,13-14/Mt.18:1-5,10**

**Friday Oct. 3, 2014.....Job.38:1,12-21;40:3-5/Ps.138:1-3,7-10,13-14/Lk.10:13-16**

**Saturday Oct. 4, 2014 ....Job.42:1-3,5-6,12-17/Ps.118:66,71,75,91/Lk.10:17-24**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 5TH OCTOBER, 2014**

**FIRST READING ..... ISAIAH 5:1-7**

**RESPONSORY .....PSALM 80:9, 12-16, 19-20**

**SECOND READING .....PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9**

**GOSPEL..... MATTHEW 21:33-43**

**OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2014**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MASS: ST. ANTHONY'S GUILD**

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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**

**OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2014**

**1<sup>ST</sup> MASS: STHEYA**

**2<sup>ND</sup> MASS: ST. GABRIEL GUILD**

## Sunday Reflection

### TOTAL OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD

During today's First Reading from the Book of Ezekiel, [Ezek. 18:25-8] we learned that those who turn away from their wickedness by doing what is lawful and right, they will be saved. At the same time, those who were previously saved and who have turned away from their righteousness to commit sins, they will die for it. This is a very powerful message. It opposes the belief of many... that as long as they have faith in Christ, they will be saved! "As a body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead." [Jas. 2:26] So death will come upon all those who do not bear fruit, who do not shine in the world, who do not live their faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is easy to point the fingers to others for the sake of arguing. It is easy for a person to accuse God of being unfair. Things do not go one's way and so God is blamed for it. The Lord God is unchanging in His ways. "His work is perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is He." [Deut. 32:4]

When God separated Himself from His chosen people during the days of the Old Testament, He did not break the Old Covenant of the Law. It was the people who broke it through their disobedience, by rejecting the Lord God and His righteous ways. In the same way, when God separates Himself today from His children who live in disobedience, He is not breaking His New Covenant of grace. It is His children who are rejecting His righteous ways through the purifying Holy Spirit in the Most Holy Name of Jesus. God loves everyone - but He does not love their sins!

During today's Second Reading, [Phil. 2:1-11] we heard that when we are of one mind, having the same love as Christ, there is encouragement in Christ. We find consolation during our tribulations. We share in the Spirit. We have compassion and sympathy for others. Our joy is complete in Christ.

During today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew, [Mt. 21:28-32] we heard Jesus tell the story of the man who had two sons. The father asked one of his sons to go and work in the vineyard. His son said that he would not go but he changed his mind and he went. The second son said that he would go but he did not go. This holy reading from the Scriptures echoes the first reading that I just finished reviewing. Some turn away from their righteousness to do evil while some turn from their evil ways to do righteousness. The son who promised to go and work in the vineyard, but he did not go, he broke his promise. He was no different than God's chosen people of the Old Testament who broke the Old Covenant. He was no different than the people within the Church today who break the new Covenant of God by turnings away from His righteous ways. Jesus asked, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" Naturally, we all know that it is the one who obeyed. Do any of you know that some converts make better Catholics than Catholics who were admitted into the Church as infants? Do any of you want to know why? It is because, before they joined the Catholic faith, they studied and studied the Sacred Word of God that is found in the Holy Scriptures. They studied the writings of the early Church Fathers. They did years of research to prove to themselves beyond any doubt, that what the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church teaches, it is the One and only Truth. How many Catholics can we count that have made as much effort to learn about the Will of God and His true Church? Is it not true that many Catholics take their religious belief for granted, slacking off here and there?

My brothers and sisters, this week, let us take the time to reflect on all what has been mentioned. Let us ask ourselves, "Am I in complete obedience to the Will of God?"

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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

### ► 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.

### ► 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.

### ► CERTIFICATE COURSE IN THEOLOGY

CIBT is organising a 6 week certificate course in Theology.

Dates: 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014

15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Venue: CIBT adjacent Teachers' Hall, Adabraka

Time: 9am -12noon every Saturday

Fee: GHS 250.00 Register at the Parish Office

### ► 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 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 to the Parish Office.

**Church & Compound Cleaning on Saturday, October 4, 2014 is by ALL YOUTH**

## COMMERCIALS

- 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.
- A parishioner is in need of a self contained chamber and Hall accommodation around North Kaneshie, Orgle Road, Swanlake or Bubiashie. Contact: 020 773 5905

## BEREAVEMENTS

Funeral Arrangements for the late **Margaret Aboagye Nyame** will be held on Saturday October 11 at 7am at the St. Theresa Catholic church. Funeral rites will follow at the Parish Hall. Thanksgiving Mass will be on Sunday October 12 2014 at 9.30am. All are cordially invited.

### ► 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. New members are welcome. Preparation for the next initiation in 2015 is in progress.

- The PPC will meet today, after 1<sup>st</sup> Mass. Vice Presidents of societies are also expected to be in attendance. All must be present.

- The Northern Catholic society will meet today after 1<sup>st</sup> Mass.

- COSRA will meet today after 1<sup>st</sup> Mass.

- Holy Family Society will have an emergency meeting after 1<sup>st</sup> Mass today.