



Announcements! Announcements!! Announcements!!!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Latin ad-venio, to come to. With Advent the ecclesiastical year begins. During this time the faithful are admonished:

- to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love,
- thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and
- thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity.

Set on the branches of the wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. In the center of the wreath sits a white candle. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

- Each week on Sunday, an additional candle is lit. On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger.
- On the third Sunday of Advent the pink or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "Shepherds Candle" and it represents joy.
- The fourth and last purple candle, oftentimes called the "Angels Candle," represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for Christian families to keep Christ at the center of Christmas, and for parents to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas. **TO BE CONTINUED**

COMMERCIALS

A Parishioner is in need of a female house-help. She should be between 18 - 25yrs. Contact: 0244 489589/0246-164917.

Parishioners who wish to become members of the Knights of St. John Int. and Ladies Auxiliary should contact the following numbers for application forms: 020-7355126/0243- 3 1 6 2 6 8 / 0 5 0 - 4644480/0242-882492.

A parishioner is in need of a two bedroom house in and around North Kaneshie. Contact: 0244016289/0508025445.

GOLDEN JUBILEE PROJECT



GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND RAISING 2014

"I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." 2 Sam. 24:24
The Parish Priest and Parish Pastoral Council wish to thank all parishioners for their prayers and pledges. We pray the good Lord Bless and Provide for us all to

enable us contribute and redeem our pledges. The Lord rewards a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:6-8) Pledges can be redeemed at the parish office or at the designated Fund Raising Information desks on Sundays. God bless us all

"Let us all prepare ourselves for thanksgiving on December 28, 2014. We have so much to thank God for seeing us through to the end of the liturgical year"

CHORAL AND APPRECIATION NYTE

The Kaneshie Deanery Catholic Youth Council (KANDCYC) as part of its programme to mark the end of the year is organising a Choral and Appreciation night to show gratitude to God and award deserving and hardworking youth in the deanery. Activities include Drama, readings and singing from some youth choirs in deanery.
Venue: St. Theresa Parish Hall
Date: 14th December, 2014
Time: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

HOPSA will be visiting the Mental Hospital on the 14th December, 2014 and also have their Carol Night on the 21st December, 2014 at the La Palm at 6:00 pm and ticket goes for GH¢ 50.00. For more information contact 0245147605.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tomorrow, MONDAY DECEMBER 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be in the evening at 6:30pm. In attendance will be the Mass Choir. Our Marshallan Brothers and Sisters from Council 100 and Court 96 will join us during Mass on that day.

OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY : NOVEMBER 30, 2014

Main Offering	GH¢3,507.00
Total	GH¢3,507.00

ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

P. O. Box 146, Kaneshie - Accra
Parish website: www.minibasilica.com

Location: Nim Tree Link, B872/7, Awudome roundabout

Purity & Love

- EWE - DZADZE NYENYE KPLE LJOLO
- GA - HETSEMJO KE SUJMOJ
- AKAN - AHOSAN NA JOJO

OFFICE HOURS

MON - SAT: 8AM - 8PM

SUN: 9AM - 2PM

OFFICE LINES: 0302227027, 0302257357
CELL NOS: 0244 605 885/0246 858 376

Priests

**PARISH PRIEST-
V. REV. FR. JOHANNES
MINTAH-MENSAH
0208115860**

**GA RURAL RECTORATE -
REV. FR. CHRISTOPHER
SACKEY
0243969866**

REV. FR. BULLORO



Weekly Bulletin

2nd Sunday of ADVENT

7TH DECEMBER, 2014

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS;
ALL FLESH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.

**CONFESSION:
EVERY SATURDAY
5.00 PM - 7.00PM
or by appointment**

**INFANT BAPTISM:
3RD SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH
or by appointment**

MASS SCHEDULE

MORNINGS - MON., WED., THU., SAT. - 6.00AM

EVENINGS - TUESDAY & FRIDAY - 6.30PM

SUNDAY MASSES

1ST MASS - 7.00AM

2ND MASS - 9.30AM

YOUTH MASS - 7.30AM

FRENCH MASS - 9.30AM

* Holy Hour: every Thursday preceding 1st Friday of the month @ 6.30pm.

* Exposition and Adoration: every 1st Friday of the Month, 6.00am - 6.00pm

* Basic Christian Community every Thursday at 6.30pm

ARE YOU SICK OR BEREAVED
CONTACT THE FF

0302 227027 / 020 8159454

New Parishioners: You are warmly welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church, please see a Priest or call the Parish Office on 0302227027 for further information

*Thanks for worshipping with us.
Have a Blessed week*

Please forward your announcements/ information to:
officestheresa2014@gmail.com or call 0504187661

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2014

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her guilt is expiated.” Our God of mercy on this 2nd Sunday of Advent calls us not to be discouraged by our past sins and failures, he encourages us to rise and heed to the voice of repentance and prepare for the way of the Lord so that we may not be found wanting at His coming whether as a new born baby at Christmas or as King on Judgement day.

FIRST READING — ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11
COMFORT, GIVE COMFORT TO MY PEOPLE

RESPONSORY — PSALM 85:9-14

LORD LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION

SECOND READING — 2 PETER 3:8-14
BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A THIEF

GOSPEL — MARK 1:1-8
BEHOLD I AM SENDING MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU,
HE WILL PREPARE YOU WAY

READINGS OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 13, 2014

Monday Dec. 8, 2014

Solemnity Of Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Gen. 3:9-15, 20/Ps 97 :1-4/Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk. 1:26-38

Tuesday Dec. 9, 2014

Is. 40:1-11/Ps. 95:1-3, 10-13/Mt. 18:12-14

Wednesday Dec. 10, 2014

Is. 40:25-31/Ps. 102:1-4, 8, 10/Mt. 11:28-30

Thursday Dec. 11, 2014

Is. 41:13-20/Ps. 144:1, 9-13/Mt. 11:11-15

Friday Dec. 12, 2014

Is. 48:17-19/Ps. 1:1-4/Mt. 11:16-19

Saturday Dec. 13, 2014

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps. 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Mt. 17:10-13

NEXT SUNDAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING ISAIAH 61:1-2, 10-11
RESPONSORY PSALM 1:46-50, 53-54
SECOND READING 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24
GOSPEL JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY DEC. 7, 2014

1ST MASS: ST. THERESA CHURCH CHOIR
2ND MASS: SACRED HEART CONFRATERNITY

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY DEC. 14, 2014

1ST MASS: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHOIR
2ND MASS: ST. GABRIEL'S GUILD

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY DEC. 21, 2014

1ST MASS: CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION
2ND MASS: CATHOLIC MEN ASSOCIATION

PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Parish structures should take cognizance of the following:

PRISON MINISTERS: Will give inmates a sense of hope and redemption through understanding and compassion. They will share the word of God with inmates. With these, together with special ministries to confirmandi, Alcoholics Anonymous, Drug Anonymous, Sacristy Environmental Care, Annual Fiesta, Christian Care, Religious Education (CCD), Wedding Ministry, Prayer Group, etc. we can build a wider –we church.

After all a Parish and our Parish is a **fraternity** of Christians. It is a fraternity of Christians who **co-operate** in the **service and work of God**; a **collegial group** which carries out the **decisions it makes**; a **fraternity** whose work is **spiritual**. It is not concerned only with buildings and finance, but with the formation of people in Christ, and carrying out Christ's mission in the world; a fraternity which seeks, with the priests and sisters, to co-ordinate and unity the apostolic work of the church in the parish so as to make the Gospel know to all and all men holy. Our Parish by embracing these tenets will soon become the training ground of apostles a dynamic community

CHECK LIST: At the end of our tenure of office, we shall be judged not by the land purchased, buildings constructed or the other achievements but by the following:

1. Are you a prayer group as well as a planning group? Has the membership of the council inspired us at the Parish we serve?
2. Do we partner well as a kind of lead star in the parochial constellation? Are we actively related to other parish boards and committees?
3. Have we developed or are we developing an effective parish plan? Are we working toward agreed horizons? Or do we simply drift from crisis to crisis, with no itinerary and reference point?
4. Are we in fact growing “in grace and wisdom?” or we are holding the Parochial fort in static goodness?”
5. Are we tackling the really big opportunities and problems in our parish? Or do we dodge major issues and play trivial pursuit?
6. Do we provide chances for parishioners who are not members of the council or of other Parochial groups to share their graces and talents with us?

These will be used to measure councils effectiveness. After all effectiveness is equal to performance + satisfaction. Councils, Parishes and people are effective when they do good things better and when, in so doing, they feel more and more satisfied. With these we shall be able to move toward a choral church where the parish will sing along with the Father and Ministries and councils. There may be solos and quarters but the Priest will still be the conductor, directing the music.

At the sea of Tiberias, Jesus asked the Apostle “Peter, do you love me more than these things? Feed my lamb” and finally tend my sheep. God's flock is in your midst, give it a shepherd's careso that when the chief shepherd appears he will give you an imperishable crown.... 1 Peter 5.

To you my dear parishioners, Christ has no hands, he needs your hands. The church is ours. We cannot limit our service to Sunday collections. We need you. We need your time, we need your services. We should feed Christ's flock, nourishing them with spiritual gifts.

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▶ LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SICK PARISHIONERS

- o MADAM REGINA GAKPANUVOR
- o MRS. CHRISTIANNA VIERRAH
- o MRS. ERBYNN
- o MR. PETER AMPIAH-FORSON

BEREAVED PARISHIONERS

- o THE DADSON FAMILY
- o WIDOW & FAMILY OF THE LATE PETER VANDERPALLEN

COUPLES PREPARING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY

- o CECILIA SARPY &
- o FLORENTINA MERCY ADU & ELLIS GBEKU
- o PROSPER TEYE & MAVIS NYARKO
- o CARL NII AYIKWEI & SELORM BRIDGETTE TAGBOR
- o KINGSLEY OWUSU DOMFEH & CECILIA SARPY

▶ UPDATE OF PARISH WEBSITE

Societies & groups in the parish are to submit brief profiles of their societies for updating of the Parish Website. Deadline: next Sunday December 14 2014. Any society who defaults will not be posted on the website. The website will be launched on 21st December 2014. Thank you.

▶ APPRECIATION NIGHT 2014

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song. Know that the LORD is God; He made us and we belong to him; we are his people, the flock he shepherds. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name; good indeed is the LORD, His mercy endures forever, His faithfulness lasts through every generation...Ps 100.

Join Appreciation Night 2014 to bless the name of God for His favours and mercies throughout the year!

Date: 19th December 2014

Time: 6.30pm

Speaker: Fr. Ebenezer Hanson

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7am till 8.30pm

▶ CHURCH DUES

- ? Parishioners who have not paid up their dues for 2014 are reminded to do so. Add the dues list.

Church & Compound Cleaning on Saturday, December 6, 2014 is by

COSRA

▶ INVITATION TO BID

Interested parishioners who are contractors and wish to bid for the fence wall project should provide the following details to the projects ministry via the Parish office for pre-qualification/short listing to bid.

- ? Certificates of incorporation and commencement of business issued by the Registrar of Companies.
- ? Valid classification certificate issued by the Ministry of Water Resources, Works & Housing (MWRWH) - Class D2, K2 or higher.
- ? The following requirements should also be noted:
 - Valid tax clearance certificate issued by the Ghana Revenue Authority
 - Valid SSNIT certificate
 - The bidder should have executed works of a similar nature of value not less than GHS 100,000.00. No advance payment will be made to the chosen contractor. Payment will only be made for certified work done. The church may supply some materials for the works and these will be valued at the prevailing market prices and deducted from payments due the contractor.

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.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Confraternity meets every Saturday at 5.45pm in the Robbing Room and on last Sundays of the month after 2nd Mass.
- St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society meets every 1st Sunday after 1st Mass and every 3rd Sunday after 2nd Mass at the Music Room.
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet today, 7th December after 2nd Mass.
- The PPC will meet today Sunday December 7 2014 after 1st Mass. All must endeavour to be present.
- Patrons and patronesses of St. Theresa Choir will meet today December 7 after 2nd Mass.