



Announcements! Announcements!! Announcements!!!

By preparing for the Lord's coming time and again at Christmas, Christians prepare for his final coming which will be decisive for you and all human beings. Life could be compared to a doctor's waiting room, and Christians make themselves more aware of this during the time of Advent.

The moment you least expect it, the Lord may call you in. Make sure it is not going to be an embarrassing situation for you! Therefore BE constantly on the watch!!!

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: **020-7355126/0243-316268/050-4644480/0242-882492.**

A parishioner is in need of a 2 bedroom self-contained accommodation around North Kaneshie, Swanlake, Awudome, Bubiashie and Tesano. Contact: **0244-975215.**

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

A parishioner is in need of a female housekeeper between the ages of 25 -40 years contact Nuerkie on: **0244634429.**

A Parishioner is in need of a Chamber and Hall self-contained accommodation around Tesano, North Kaneshie, Dansoman and Awudome. Contact: **0277183972**

BEREAVEMENT

Funeral Arrangements for the late Peter Vanderpallen who was a member of the Catholic Men's Association and Holy Family Society (Akan Kuo) are as follows:

? Saturday December 20, 2014: Laying-in-state at 6:00am at St. Theresa Parish followed by Burial Mass at 8:00 am. Internment at the Achimota Cemetery, Funeral rites follows at the St. Theresa School.

? Sunday December 21, 2014: Thanksgiving Service at St. Theresa Parish at 9:30am.
MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

UPDATE OF PARISH WEBSITE

Societies & groups in the parish are to submit brief profiles of their societies for updating of the Parish Website. Deadline: 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.

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 WIDOW & FAMILY OF THE LATE PETER VANDERPALLEN

COUPLES PREPARING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY

- o KINGSLEY OWUSU DOMFEH & CECILIA SARPY
- o FLORENTINA MERCY ADU & ELLIS GBKU



GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND RAISING 2014

"I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." 2 Sam. 24:24

I will not give to the Lord a sacrifice which costs me nothing"

'Have you pledged to be a part of building and

Repairing God's House?

If you haven't, now is the time to make a pledge, No amount is too small.

If you have pledged, this is a gently reminder to redeem your pledge!

Work is about to begin! Be a part of it! God bless you for your generosity in responding to God's call God bless us all

END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING

"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 year"

RCIA-RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Adults who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist should kindly register at the Parish office for Catechism classes

OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY : DECEMBER 7, 2014

Main Collection	GH¢2,973.00
Thanksgiving	GH¢15,793.00
Total	GH¢18,769.00

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

- o EWE - DZADZE NYENYE KPLE LJOLO
- o GA - HETSEMO KE SUJMO
- o 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
SACKY
0243969866

REV. FR. BULLORO



Weekly Bulletin

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

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

3rd Sunday of ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 2014

Holy Mother Church celebrates the 3rd Sunday of Advent as 'Gaudete' or 'Rejoicing' Sunday. On this Sunday the church rejoices even in her preparation for the coming of Christ. Today the Rose coloured advent candle is lighted.
HAVE A HAPPY ADVENT SUNDAY!!!

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 14TH DECEMBER, 2014

My Spirit finds Joy in God my Saviour

It is a joy to prepare well for the visit of friends and to know that they have enjoyed it. It is all worth the sacrifice and preparation. Many people want instant joy. They do not want to plan, to sacrifice.

The scripture readings of today deal with joy. It is a joy which cannot be obtained overnight; it is a joy which is found in service. Christianity does not have the answer to all questions. But if you are yearning for real joy, happiness and peace of mind, you should prayerfully go over these readings. "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit finds joy in God my saviour.

FIRST READING — ISAIAH 61:1-2a, 10-11

The prophet describes his mission as **service** to his people. He announces glad tidings to the captives back from exile in Babylon.

RESPONSORY — PSALM 1:46-50, 53-54

MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD

SECOND READING — 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Paul explains what kind of people we should be while we **wait** for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas and at the final judgement.

GOSPEL — JOHN 1:6-8,19-28

John is a preacher himself, but he bears **witness to Him**, whose sandal he is not worthy to unfasten.

READINGS OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 20, 2014

Monday Dec. 15, 2014

Num. 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 24:4-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Dec. 16, 2014

Zeph. 3:1-2, 9-13 /Ps. 33:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23/Mt. 21:28-32

Wednesday Dec. 17, 2014

Gen. 49:2, 8-10/Ps. 71:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt. 1:1-17

Thursday Dec. 18, 2014

Jer. 23:5-8/Ps. 71:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt. 1:18-25

Friday Dec. 19, 2014

Jgs. 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps. 70:3-6, 16-17/Lk. 1:5-25

Saturday Dec. 20, 2014

Is. 7:10-14/Ps. 23:1-6/Lk. 1:26-38

NEXT SUNDAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING 2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

RESPONSORY PSALM 88:2-5, 27, 29

SECOND READING ROMANS 16:25-27

GOSPEL LUKE 1:26-38

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

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY DEC. 28, 2014

1ST MASS: NORTHERN CATHOLIC SOCIETY

2ND MASS: KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. JOHN INT.

PASTOR'S CORNER

REJOICE AT THE COMING OF CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete"(rejoice) Sunday. Today, the midpoint of our journey to Christmas, the church reminds us of this often forgotten obligation to "rejoice always" (cf. 1 Thes 5:16). Our Christian faith should make us enthusiastic and happy about the Anointed One of God who brings goodnews of encouragement, healing, freedom and an outpouring of God's special favour.

Many of us are experiencing tough times, have lost jobs, are enduring hardships, personal losses, and what appears as insurmountable obstacles. Is it possible, when so much around us seem troubled, to shine as joyful witnesses? Yes! Faith rejoices in the promises of God and thus sees everything in life, good and bad, as having a purpose, to help us grow in virtue and holiness.

This call to rejoice is a positive one that we all are supposed to keep at all times and in all circumstances. It is not a conditional command that we keep only when things are going well with us. Therefore, for all of us who are poor, heartbroken, and captive in various ways, our security with God and the coming Saviour guarantees our joy. Our happiness and greatness is realized only when we accept our true mission in the world and actually begin attending it. No matter how varying our mission and zeal, it would not deviate from the search for holiness, perfection for ourselves and same in others.

In the wake of the 'New Evangelisation' we are all called to bring the true joy of the light of Christ to a world in which there is so much darkness and pain. Let us lighten people's burden, lead them from darkness and show them the light of Christ. Through our example, let us be that voice crying out in the desert and show the world the joy that radiates through us.

Let our faith radiate the truth, that no matter what trial, obstacle, or discomfort comes upon us, we deeply know that Christ is present, and that he will come again offering an eternal life of joy, love, and peace for those who truly embrace him. As Christians, by virtue of our baptism, we have received the Holy Spirit as indelible mark of God's ownership of us and access into a holy family and a relationship with God. After the example of John and Christ, each must ascend this God-given duty with a spirit of genuineness and humility.

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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.

? On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

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**

? **HOPSA** will have their Carols Night on Sunday December 21, 2014 at La Palm at 6:00 pm and a ticket goes for GH¢ 50.00. For more information contact 0245147605.

? **GACCCA** will have their Christmas Concert on Sunday 21st December, 2014 at Star of the Sea at 6:00 pm. All are cordially invited.

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

► APPRECIATION NIGHT - 2014

St. Theresa Church presents appreciation nite on the theme: **Bless the Lord O my Soul....Ps. 103**
Date: 19th December, 2014
Time: 6:30pm
Come and say thank you to God for how far He has brought us.

► CHORAL AND APPRECIATION NITE

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 Church
Date: Sunday 14th December, 2014
Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

► 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 and at the end of the world.

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 Robing 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.
- Theresian Ministry will meet on Wednesday December 17, 2014. This is the last meeting for the year and all must endeavour to attend.
- Christian Mothers' Association will meet next Sunday December 21 2014 after 1st Mass.
- Catholic Men Association will meet next Sunday December 21 2014 after 2nd Mass.
- The Lectors' Group will meet next Sunday December 21 after 2nd Mass.