

MEETINGS

- * The **Lectors' Group** meets every Wednesday at 6.30pm prompt. Ga and Ewe readers are especially invited.
- * **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society** meets every Wednesday at 6pm in the Music Room.
- * The **Catholic Women Association (CWA)** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month after 1st Mass.
- * **Stheya** will meet today after 1st Mass.
- * **Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir** meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7pm at 2nd floor Conference room. New members are invited.
- * **St. Theresa Church Choir** meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30pm in the Chapel.
- * **St. Vincent De Paul society** meets every 1st Sunday of the month after 2nd Mass. Every 1st 3rd Sunday, outside collection and visit to the sick and the aged. New members are welcomes
- * **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.
- * **Theresian Ministry** will have a general meeting on Wednesday March 18, 2015.

COMMERCIALS

- * Kindly contact the Parish Office on **0302227027** if you have for rent a 3 bedroom self-contained accommodation, Chamber and Hall around North Kaneshie, Swanlake, Awudome, Bubiashie Tesano Orgle road or Bubuashie Holy Trinity, Swanlake, Amanquah Blocks
- * A parishioner who is an experienced driver with license C is looking for an employment. **Contact: 0271932891/0244983373**
- * A parishioner is in need of a qualified seamstress or tailor for employment. Interested person should contact **Mrs. Janet Mansa Amonoo Otchere** on **0277041516/0501328252**

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HEALTH CORNER

HEPATITIS B

Hepatitis means inflammation of the liver. The inflammation can be caused by a virus, alcohol or drugs. The liver may suffer damage and lose its ability to perform many important functions such as storing energy for the body, removing poisons from the blood, producing bile for digestion, and breaking down protein, fats, and carbohydrates. There are several viruses that can cause hepatitis – types A, B, C,D and E. Hepatitis B is caused by the type B virus and is generally the most serious form of the disease. In some patients, Hepatitis B infection can develop into cirrhosis (scarring of liver) or cancer of the liver.

How is Hepatitis B transmitted?

The virus is present in the blood and body fluids (semen, vaginal secretions, saliva, sweat, tears, and breast milk) of the infected person. It can only be spread by contact with the infected blood or body fluids in the following ways:

- * Sexual contact, Mother to baby during delivery
- * Open wounds or breaks in skin
- * Use of unsterilized needles and blades (barbering shop, tattooing, ear-piercing, and I.V drug abuse)
- * Sharing of razors, toothbrushes, nail files/ clippers, scissors, or other personal items that are contaminated with infected blood

What are the symptoms of Hepatitis B?

Symptoms may be mild or absent. They may appear several weeks to months after exposure. Common symptoms include: Fatigue, Loss of appetite, Mild fever, Abdominal pain, Diarrhoea, Muscle or joint pains, Nausea, Dark urine, Vomiting, Skin rashes , Jaundice (yellowish skin and eyes)

Treatment for Hepatitis B

Chronic hepatitis B has no cure but can be managed to prolong life .Several medications are available to treat persons with chronic Hepatitis B. They are given as pills or injections. Avoid alcohol and certain drugs that may be harmful to your liver.

Prevention of Hepatitis B

Avoid contact with infected blood or body fluids:

- * Wash hands thoroughly after contact with contaminated items
- * Abstinence from premarital sex.
- * Do not share razors, toothbrushes, needles, scissors, nail files, or contaminated personal items. Be vaccinated against Hepatitis B. This is recommended for all newborns, children, and persons who are at risk. Vaccination is safe; you cannot get Hepatitis B from the vaccine. Possible side effects from vaccination include soreness at the injection site and mild fever.

Who should be vaccinated?

- * Persons in close contact with a chronic carrier
- * All newborns, Health care workers
- * All sexually active adults and teenagers.
- * Patients receiving kidney dialysis, treatment for blood clotting disorders, or acupuncture treatments

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mornings (6:00am):
Monday, Wednesday Thurs-
day and Saturday.

Evenings (6:30pm):

Tuesday & Friday

SUNDAY MASSES

1st Mass 7:00AM
2nd Mass 9:30am
Youth Mass 7:30am
French Mass 9:30am

OFFICE HOURS / CONTACTS

Monday-Saturday: 8am-8pm
Sunday: 9am-2pm

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 15, 2015



1ST READING:

Because the Jews disobeyed God he punished them by sending them into Babylonian exile. But in his own time, God used a pagan king to set his people free.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED, IF I EVER FORGET YOU!

2ND READING:

Paul states that the salvation which the repentant sinner is hoping for is not our own doing. It is God's gift which we should accept in faith.

GOSPEL:

Salvation can be found only in Jesus Christ and only those who look upon in him in faith will be saved.

PRIESTS

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CONFESSION: SATURDAY 5:00 PM—7:00PM // INFANT BAPTISM: 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

BASIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (BCC): Every Thursday at 6:30pm

HOLY HOUR: Every Thursday preceding first Friday of the month at 6:30 pm

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION: Every first Friday of the month from 6:00am—6:00pm

GROTTO DEVOTION: First Saturday of every month at OLA, New Achimota at 2:30PM

ARE YOU SICK OR BEREAVED? CONTACT THE FOLLOWING: 0302227027/0208159454
New Parishioners: You are warmly welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church, please see a Priest or call the Parish office on 0302227027

JUST AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE BRONZE SERPENT

In the desert on their way to the Promised Land, some of the chosen people were bitten by serpents and many of them died. At God's command, Moses made a bronze serpent and all who looked at it, recovered.

The Lenten season invites us to be aware of how alienated sinful humankind is. Return is possible through Christ our Lord, who was lifted up on the cross, died and rose again, that all who believe may have eternal life in him.

Looking to Christ means of course, looking with faith and repentance. Those who love darkness rather than light cannot be saved. Do you have a crucifix in your home and do you ever look at it with faith and repentance?



Mon March 16	Is. 65:17-21/Ps. 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12 and 13/Jn. 4:43-54
Tues March 17	Ez. 47:1-9, 12/Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 /Jn. 5:1-16
Wed March 18	Is. 49:8-15/Ps. 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn. 5:17-30
Thurs March 19	(Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary) 2 Sam. 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/Ps. 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29/Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24
Fri March 20	Wis. 2:1, 12-22/Ps. 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23/Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat March 21	Jer. 11:18-20/Ps. 7:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Jn. 7:40-53

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (NEXT SUNDAY)

FIRST READING:
2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23

RESPONSORY:
PSALM 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

SECOND READING:
EPHESIANS 2:4-10

GOSPEL:
JOHN 3:14-21

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL & OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 15, 2015

* 1ST MASS: ST. ANTHONY'S GUILD

* 2ND MASS: CATHOLIC MEN ASSOCIATION

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 22, 2015

* 1ST MASS: ST. ANTHONY'S GUILD

* 2ND MASS: PERPETUAL HELP CONFRATERNITY

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Thursday 19th March, 2015 is the Solemnity of the St. Joseph husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be evening Mass at 6:30pm. **In attendance: Mass Choir**

CHURCH & COMPOUND CLEANING ON SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2015 IS BY FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY

Please visit www.minibasilica.com for snippets of Restoration 2015 messages and more. Full message on audio CD's are also available on request at the Parish Office.

THE PROPHECIES OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST

But the scriptures must be fulfilled." Mark 14: 49

The word prophecy refers to a God-given message of the prophet. Whatever the content, prophecy is a person of God speaking, proclaiming a message under the influence of God's inspiration. It is God's authoritative word to His people.

* Below are some of the prophecies that predicted the Passion of the Christ, hundreds of years before the Crucifixion.

THE CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

PROPHESED: ZECHARIAH 9:9
FULFILLED: MATTHEW 21: 1-11/MARK 1:1-11/ LUKE 19:28-49/JOHN 12:12-19
The prophet Zechariah called attention to the long-awaited King who rides on a donkey instead of a horse. All four gospel writers record Jesus formally entering into Jerusalem.

THE CHRIST WOULD BE BETRAYED BY A CLOSE FRIEND

PROPHESED: PSALM 41:9
FULFILLED: LUKE 22:47-48
Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus with a kiss of betrayal.

BETRAYED FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

PROHESED: ZECHARIAH 11:12-13
FULFILLED: MATTHEW 26: 14-15
Just as Zechariah foretold, Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus Christ for thirty pieces of silver.

THE CHRIST WOULD BE SCOURGED AND SPAT UPON

PROPHESED: ISAIAH 50:6
FULFILLED: MATTHEW 26: 67; 27: 26
Jesus Christ was spat upon, an act showing contempt and scorn.

THE BLOOD MONEY PAID FOR THE CHRIST WOULD BE USED TO BUY A POTTER'S FIELD

PROPHESED: ZECHARIAH 11:12-13
FULFILLED: MATTHEW 27: 9-10

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2015

The Accra Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Council (AADCYC) presents 30th World Youth Day Launch dubbed NEW EVANGELIZATION CRUSADE 2015 under the theme "**Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for they shall see God**" (Mt. 5:8)
Date: Friday 20th March— Saturday 21st March, 2015
Time: Friday 7:00pm —Saturday 2:00pm
Venue: St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, Ada Foah.

INFANT BAPTISM

There will be infant baptism this Saturday 21st March, 2015 at 6:00am. Instructions, Thursday March 19th and Friday March, 20 at 5:00pm. Godparents must be Catholic Communicants. Pick a form from the Parish

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross, this and every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm

OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY: MARCH 8, 2015

MAIN COLLECTION	GH 3,711.55
GA RURAL COLLECTION	GH 1,444.00
TOTAL	GH 5,155.55

PRAYER MEETING

The apostle Paul calls on us to, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). God bids us to come to Him. He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). Rest from a hard-day's work, sorrowful or troubling times or simply the stresses of everyday life.

The St. Theresa's Catholic Charismatic Renewal joyfully invites you to **prayer meeting** every Saturday evening at 5:30p.m (Venue: Parish Hall last floor). Come and experience uplifting, fellowship with spiritual hymns/music and in-depth Bible study, personal testimonies of fellow Christians. You can join us to learn how to pray effectively or improve your current prayer life. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1).

Kindly contact any of the numbers below: 0243289878/0246164917/0244089503/0202004283 or email cckaneshie@gmail.com with your prayer request or for guidance as to the ministries available. God bless you.

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BEREAVEMENT

Burial and funeral rites for the late **Madam Theresa Amma Pokua** are as follows:
Saturday March 21, 2015: Filing past at Krom Adwafo
Burial Service follows at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Krom Adwafo
Internment at Adwafo Roman Cemetery
Funeral rites follows at Krom Adwafo funeral grounds
Sunday March 22, 2015: Thanksgiving Service at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Krom Adwafo. She was the mother of **Mr. Anthony Adjei, a member of Legion of Mary, COSRA and an Usher.** All friends and sympathizers are cordially invited

YOUTH LENTEN MONDAYS PRAYER AND FASTING

Tomorrow Monday March 16, 2015, the prayer theme is Learning Perseverance through Christ. Ref: **1 Peter 2:1-25, James 1:2-4.** Evening prayers will be at the Parish Hall at 6:15pm. Come along with fruits for sharing.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

There will be a retreat for all women on Saturday March 21, 2015 at 8am at the Parish. All women must take note and be present.

RCIA - RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you an adult seeking to be baptised, receive Holy Communion or Confirmation? If your answer is yes, then kindly register at the Parish office for catechism