



Announcements! Announcements!! Announcements!!!

DATE	ACTIVITY	IN ATTENDANCE	TIME
24 TH DEC. 2014 CHRISTMAS EVE	? NATIVITY PLAY ? MASS	MASS CHOIR PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: KNOLTA	7PM
25 TH DEC. 2014 NATIVITY OF THE LORD	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS	PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: CHILDREN OF MARY IN ATTENDANCE: MASS CHOIR	8.30AM
26 TH DEC 2014 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, MARTYR	MORNING MASS	IN ATTENDANCE: HARP OF DAVID MUSIC MINISTRY	7PM
SUN 28 TH DEC 2014 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	? BLESSING OF FAMILIES ? RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS		USUAL SUNDAY MASSES
31 ST DEC 2014 NEW YEAR'S EVE	? WATCH NIGHT SERVICE ? TIME OF PRAISE/WORSHIP & ADORATION ? HOLY MASS	IN ATTENDANCE: MASS CHOIR AND HARP OF DAVID MUSIC MINISTRY PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL	8PM
1 ST JANUARY 2015 SOL. OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	NEW YEAR DAY MASS	IN ATTENDANCE: MASS CHOIR PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL & OFFERTORY: CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION	8.30AM
2 ND JANUARY 2015	MORNING MASS		6PM
4 TH JANUARY 2015	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY		USUAL SUNDAY MASSES

► 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.

The **fourth and last purple** candle, oftentimes called the "Angels Candle," represents **peace** and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

► CHRISTMAS SEASON

All too soon, the season of Advent draws to a close. Let us pray for the faith that opens our lives to the Spirit of God that Christ will truly come into our hearts.

The **Christmas Season** properly begins with **Christmas Eve**, i.e. the evening of **24th December**, and lasts till the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. Christmas day, liturgically called **Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**, technically includes both Christmas Eve (December 24) and Christmas Day (December 25) itself.

Christmas is the annual feast commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. For Christians, it is not just a single day (December 25), but an extended liturgical season of joy and celebration, involving many different symbols and traditions, special music and activities.

The official liturgical colour for the season is **WHITE OR GOLD**.

► INFANT BAPTISM

There will be Infant Baptism on 25th December. Parents who want to baptise their children should pick a form from the Parish Office and return them latest by Tuesday 23rd December. Instructions: Tuesday 23rd December and Wednesday 24th December at 5pm each day.



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

► THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

During the Christmas season, the manger scene is set up, depicting the baby Jesus surrounded by Mary, Joseph, angels and shepherds, sheep and other animals and also possibly the wise men. The gospel of Luke says, "**While they were there the time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:6-7.)**

The tradition of displaying a crib during the Season is attributed to **St. Francis of Assisi**, who wanted to emphasize the poor and humble circumstances in which Jesus was born.

► OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY : DECEMBER 14, 2014

Main Collection	GHC4,388.00
Fence Wall Collection	GHC1,752.00
Total	GHC6,140.00

ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

Slogans Purity & Love

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

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**

4th Sunday of ADVENT 21ST DECEMBER, 2014

"The favours of the Lord I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim
Your faithfulness." —Ps 89:2

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 21ST DECEMBER, 2014

I am the Handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done unto me as you say.

When a mother is expecting a baby, in a way the whole family is expecting with her. There is always joy and excitement. Christmas is such an event to come. It is God revealing 'the mystery hidden for many ages.' He wants to be present with us. He wants to give us an image of himself in Jesus Christ. Christmas is great every year, but only for those who are expecting 'Emmanuel-God with us,' in faith.

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

David, full of goodwill, wants to build a temple for God. But instead of David building a temple for God, God promises to build a house, an everlasting dynasty for David.

RESPONSORY — PSALM 89:2-5, 27, 29

FOREVER I WILL SING THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

SECOND READING — ROMANS 16:25-27

Salvation, coming to us through Jesus Christ, is for all. We should pray that all may see the real light of Christmas.

GOSPEL — LUKE 1:26-38

Luke brings out the role the promised child will play in salvation history. The Lord God will give Him the throne of David, his father.

READINGS OF THE WEEK: DECEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 27, 2014

Monday Dec. 22, 2014

1 Sam. 1:24-28/Ps 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8/Lk. 1:46-56

Tuesday Dec. 23, 2014

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 /Ps. 24:4-5, 8-10/Lk. 1:57-66

Wednesday Dec. 24, 2014

2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 /Ps. 88:2-5, 27, 29/Lk. 1:67-79 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

Thursday Dec. 25, 2014

Is. 52:7-10/Ps. 97:1-6/Heb. 1:1-6/Jn. 1:1-18 (CHRISTMAS DAY- NATIVITY OF THE LORD)

Friday Dec. 26, 2014

Acts. 6:8-10 ; 7:54-59/Ps. 30:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt. 10:17-22 (ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR)

Saturday Dec. 27, 2014

1 Jn. 1:1-4/Ps96:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:2-8 (ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST)

**NEXT SUNDAY:
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

FIRST READING SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14

RESPONSORY PSALM 128: 1-5

SECOND READING COLOSSIANS 3: 12-21

GOSPEL LUKE 2: 22-40

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.

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY JAN 8, 2014

1ST MASS: ALL SOCIETIES

2ND MASS: ALL SOCIETIES

PASTOR'S CORNER

MARY BEARS THE COMING MESSIAH

Sometimes, God chooses to make Himself a beggar of our love or demand of us a deeper faith in a way that He has not asked the other neighbor. Were He to choose you for a difficult task or require absolute trust in our times of serious illness, a failed marriage, childlessness, loss of a job, or even death of a loved one, how would you take it, and how would you respond?

Many times, we remark, "How indeed can God work through me? I am nothing! I am inadequate; I am only human! These feelings of unworthiness should leave us to ponder on what the Almighty can do in and with us; rather, we by these means incapacitate ourselves.

We must so redirect our wills to that of God that our conviction (of the good to do) is no more what makes sense to us but what God has asked. If we allow God, He will use us and give us the joy, peace, hope and love we need for ourselves and for the world around us, even beyond our farthest imagination.

Every call from God comes with the grace to answer it; our yes to God's call and choice is never ours alone; it always has implications for others. Like Jesus and Mary, the hope of our world rests today on us - will we be like her and give birth to God in our actions and thoughts? If God should put the hopes of a congregation, a family, a group, a union, a nation a generation, or an individual in your care what would be your attitude and response?

In this period, there are expectations (and preparations for that matter) for great parties, music, gatherings, meals, reunion, gifts and promises. To do every one of these except to go to Church would be to have lost focus. While all these may be done, we must not forget, even now, to prepare a home in our hearts to house the real promise, Jesus Christ Himself.

May our every prayer, desire and expectation this season be sanctioned by the beautiful, yet simple prayer, "Let it be done unto me according to your word."



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INVITATIONS

HOPSANS will have their Carols Night today Sunday December 21, 2014 at La Palm Royal Beach Hotel at 6:00 pm, a ticket sells at GH¢ 50.00. For more information contact **0245147605**.

The Greater Accra Catholic Church Choirs Association (GACCCA) will have their Christmas Concert today Sunday 21st December, 2014 at Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Dansoman- Last Stop at 6:00 pm. All are cordially invited.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- SICK PARISHIONERS
 - o MADAM REGINA GAKPANUVOR
 - o MRS. CHRISTIANA VIERRAH
 - o MRS. ERBYNN
 - o MR. PETER AMPIAH-FORSON
- BEREAVED PARISHIONERS
 - o WIDOW, CHILDREN & FAMILY OF THE LATE PETER VANDERPALLEN
- COUPLES PREPARING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY
 - o FLORENTINA MERCY ADU & ELLIS GBEKU

A "MARY," MERRY CHRISTMAS

To have a true Christmas, to meet Christ at Mass in a new, glorious way during the Christmas season, we must have a "Mary" Christmas and love Jesus as Mary does. To have a "Mary" Christmas, we should:

- not fear (Lk 1:30),
- be filled with God's grace (Lk 1:30),
- have "the Holy Spirit...come upon" us (Lk 1:35),
- believe that "nothing is impossible with God" (Lk 1:37),
- rejoice in being the Lord's servants, that is, the slaves of the Lord (Lk 1:38),
- "let it be done" to us according to God's Word (Lk 1:38),
- trust "that the Lord's words" to us will "be fulfilled" (Lk 1:45),
- proclaim "the greatness of the Lord" and find "joy in God" our Savior (Lk 1:46-47),
- "be pierced with a sword" of sorrow (Lk 2:35),
- "do whatever [Jesus] tells" us and tell others to do the same (Jn 2:5),
- be at the foot of Jesus' cross (Jn 19:25), and
- together devote ourselves to constant prayer for a new Pentecost (Acts 1:14).

A "Mary" Christmas is a Christmas of faith, joy, self-sacrifice, obedience, evangelistic zeal, redemptive suffering, praise-filled worship, and constant prayer in the Holy Spirit.

"Mary" Christmas!

Church & Compound Cleaning on Saturday, December 27, 2014 is by

YOUTH

COMMERCIALS

- 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**

MEETINGS



- The Catholic Charismatic Renewal meets every Saturday at 5.30pm. Come along with a friend. Phone nos: **0242 -773360/020-7351164** Email: **cckaneshie@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.
- All Patrons and Patronesses of the Angelic Youth choir will meet today after 1st Mass.
- The Choirmaster of the Angelic Youth Choir will meet parents whose wards are members of the Angelic Choir on Friday December 26, 2014 after Mass. All must make it a point to be there.
- Christian Mothers' Association will meet today after 1st Mass.
- Catholic Men Association will meet today after 2nd Mass.
- The Lectors' Group will meet today for rehearsals and general meeting after 2nd Mass.