



# Announcements! Announcements!! Announcements!!!

## WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

We three kings of orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain,  
Moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

[Melchior:]  
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

[Casper:]  
Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God most high.

[[Balthazar:]  
Myrrh is mine,  
Its bitter perfume breathes  
A life of gathering gloom.  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
Heaven to earth replies.

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Star with royal beauty bright.  
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## LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### SICK PARISHIONERS

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

## 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 classes.

## NEW YEAR WISHES FROM THE PPC

The Parish Priest and PPC wishes all Parishioners a Happy, Prosperous and Spirit filled New Year. May we continue to pray and stay together in Purity and Love!!!



## GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND RAISING 2015

"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

## OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY : DECEMBER 28, 2014

Main Collection	GHC6,550.00
Thanksgiving	GHC27,801.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>GHC34,351.00</b>

## SEASONS GREETINGS

The Priests and the Parish Pastoral Council wish all parishioners a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May God bless us all and grant us a fruitful New Year.



# 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 L3LO  
GA - HETSEM3 KE SU3MO3  
AKAN - AHOSAN NA 3DO

## 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. ALPHONSE BULLORO  
0208513145**



## Weekly Bulletin

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

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

## Feast of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 4TH JANUARY, 2015

"Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears His glory" (Is 60:1-2).

## 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 4TH JANUARY, 2015

They were overjoyed at seeing the star." —Matthew 2:10

For centuries, astronomers have tried to determine which celestial body was the star of Bethlehem. In the book of Numbers, it was prophesied that the star not only led the wise men to Jesus, but that the star was Jesus (Nm 24:17). Paul taught that not only was Jesus like a star, but also we, Jesus' disciples, are "like the stars in the sky while holding fast to the word of life" "in the midst of a twisted and depraved generation" (Phil 2:15, 16).

We are either Herods or stars, either in the kingdom of darkness or the kingdom of light (see Col 1:13). In the physical world there is twilight, but not in the spiritual world. The light is either on or off. There is no in-between.

Therefore, "Awake, O sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Eph 5:14). "You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14).

**FIRST READING** — ISAIAH 60: 1-6  
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you

**RESPONSORY** — PSALM 72: 1-2,7-13

**LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU**

**SECOND READING** — EPHESIANS 3:2-3,5-6 It has been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise

**GOSPEL** — MATTHEW 2:1-12  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage

### READINGS OF THE WEEK: January 5 - January 10, 2015

#### Monday Jan. 5, 2015

1 Jn. 3:22-4:6/Ps. 2:7-8, 10-12/Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25

#### Tuesday Jan. 6, 2015

1 Jn. 4:7-10/Ps. 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk. 6:34-44

#### Wednesday Jan. 7, 2015

1 Jn.4:11-14/Ps. 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk. 6:45-52

#### Thursday Jan. 8, 2015

1Jn. 4:19-5:4/Ps. 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Lk. 4:14-22

#### Friday Jan. 9, 2015

1 Jn. 5:5-13/Ps. 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk. 5:12-16

#### Saturday Jan. 10, 2015

1 Jn. 5:14-21/Ps. 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9/Jn.3:22-30

#### NEXT SUNDAY: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**FIRST READING** ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7  
**RESPONSORY** PSALM 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10  
**SECOND READING** ACTS 10:34-38  
**GOSPEL** MARK 1:7-11

### OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY JAN. 4, 2015

**1<sup>ST</sup> MASS:** CATHOLIC WOMEN ASSOCIATION/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SOCIETY/  
ST. ANTHONY'S GUILD/COSRA/LEGION OF MARY

**2<sup>ND</sup> MASS:** MARSHALLAN ASSOCIATION/SACRED HEART CONFRATERNITY/ST. THERESA OF  
THE CHILD JESUS SOCIETY/HOLY FAMILY SOCIETY/ OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
CONFRATERNITY

### OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY JAN. 11, 2015

**1<sup>ST</sup> MASS:** STHEYA  
**2<sup>ND</sup> MASS:** ST. GABRIEL'S GUILD

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The glory of God has shined upon us. For "the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same Body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." [Eph. 3:6] Welcome my brothers and sisters in Christ to today's celebration of the Holy Mass that commemorates Epiphany Sunday.

According to the New Catholic Dictionary of 1929, the word "Epiphany" had its origin from the Greek word "epiphaino." "Epi" signifies "upon," "phaino" signifying "show." Combined, these words means "to show upon." This Feast, usually celebrated on January 6th, commemorates the manifestation of the glory of Christ that was shown upon the Gentiles in the person of the Magi.

Have you ever wondered why the three magi offered gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus? Surely, they could have offered something more valuable such as diamonds, platinum and gold. Now that has value! Obviously, it was not the goal of the three magi to offer baby Jesus valuable items. Their goal was to offer symbolic items. Gold was a gift that was fit for a King. The magi did not perceive Jesus as their equal but rather as their King. Frankincense was a gift fit for a priest. The magi perceived Jesus to be a priest, one who is an advocate between God and man. Myrrh was used to embalm the dead. While the magi perceived that Jesus was their King and a priest, they also perceived that He would die for the salvation of mankind.

This reading highlights two important truths. First of all, it reveals the royal messiahship of Jesus to us. Secondly, it tells us that we as Gentiles are also called to adore the Lord Jesus as the magi have done.

As we enter the New Year, this provides us with a great opportunity to review our status before God. Are we faithful to God or do we have other gods? Are we preoccupied with pride, having elevated ourselves above God? Is there an obsession with food in our lives? Is there an obsession with wealth to the extent of having become uncharitable towards others?

Are some of us over-weighted and exposing ourselves to medical conditions that can affect our proper functioning in society? Is there an addiction to illegal drugs, prescribed medications or alcohol? All of these bad habits are detrimental to our spiritual growth, alienating us from the true God, the Lord Jesus.

As the Magi knew the true God, let us also remind ourselves of this truth. With the beginning of a new year, now is the time to make a resolution to overcome one of our bad habits. Naturally, we cannot do it alone. By the grace of the Heavenly Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, in the Most Holy Name of Jesus, we can overcome all ailments that impede our spiritual growth.

Today, yes today, not tomorrow, let us review our spiritual needs and commit ourselves to overcoming one of our weaknesses so the glory of God may shine through us more effectively. May the grace of God strengthen each and everyone of you in the days, the weeks and the months to come.



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### RESTORATION 2015

THEME: ENCOUNTER TO IMPACT (ACTS 1:8)  
SPEAKER: REV. FR. MAXWELL QUAYE OF ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH, MANKESSIM.  
DATE: WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY, 2015 -FRIDAY 30 JANUARY, 2015

#### OBJECTIVES OF RESTORATION:

- ? To Re-Assure Ourselves Of God's Love
- ? To Revive Our Relationship With God
- ? To Re-Energize Ourselves For The New Evangelization

Prayer Support: Fridays in January will be observed as Prayer & Fast days for the success of Restoration 2015.

### LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The Adadevoh and allied families wish to express their profound appreciation to the Parish Priest, PPC, and Parishioners who supported them during the death and burial of Francis Atsu Adadevoh. May the good Lord bless you all.

### MISSING ORGAN

The parish is reporting of a missing organ which belongs to the Harp of David Music Ministry on Friday December 5, 2014. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the organ should kindly contact the Parish Priest or the Parish Office. Thank you

### FROM THE PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

The Parish Youth Council wishes to express its deepest appreciation to all youth and families who made it to the family night programme which took place on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014. It was really a great moment and we look forward to another encounter during this year.

All SHS students should kindly send their name, house contact, school address, and form/level to the PYC today Sunday January 4, 2015. This is to enable us keep in touch with all SHS students whether they are at home or inschool. Contact: 0244816227/0202013133//0202004283 or email: [write2pyc@yahoo.com](mailto:write2pyc@yahoo.com)

**Church & Compound Cleaning on Saturday, January 10, 2015 is by CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

## 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 3 bedroom self contained accommodation around North Kaneshie, Swanlake, Awudome, Bubiashie and Tesano. Contact: 0244-975215.
- A Parishioner is in need of a Chamber and Hall self-contained accommodation around Tesano, North Kaneshie, Dansoman and Awudome. Contact: 0277183972
- An experienced graphic designer is urgently needed for immediate employment. Contact: 0208159454

## 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](mailto:ccrkaneshie@gmail.com)
- The Lectors' Group will have a general meeting next Sunday January 11 2015 after 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. All Lectors must endeavour to be present.
- ? • 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.
- ? • Our Lady of Perpetual Help Confraternity meets every Saturday at 5.45pm in the Robing Room and on last Sundays of the month after 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass.
- ? • St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after 1<sup>st</sup> Mass and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass at the Music Room.
- ? • The Catholic Women Association (CWA) meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month after 1<sup>st</sup> Mass.
- Members of Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet today after 2nd Mass.