

**52ND PARISH FEAST CELEBRATION PROGRAM OUTLINE**

DATE	PROGRAMME	TIME	VENUE	SPEAKER/ FACILITATOR
SAT. 23 <sup>RD</sup> SEP	HEALTH WALK	6 AM	MC.CARTHYHILL, CONVERGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL AT UNOIN OIL	ALL PARISHIONERS
SUN. 24 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	TRADITIONAL SUNDAY	7:00 AM & 9.30 AM	ST. THERESA PARISH	ALL PARISHIONERS
MON. 25 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	FASTING AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	6 AM – 6 PM	ST. THERESA PARISH  WE WILL MEET AT THE PARISH TO BREAK THE FAST AT 6PM.	ALL PARISHIONERS
WED. 27 <sup>TH</sup> – FRI 29 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	RESTORATION RELOADED – FAN INTO FLAMES THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 1 TIMOTHY 2:6	MORNING MASS EACH DAY AT 6AM  6 PM DAILY	ST THERESA PARISH	REV. FR. EMMANUEL- TERESA CROSS OBENG CUDJOE
SAT. 30 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	EXTENSIVE CLEANING OF PARISH COMPOUND AFTER MORNING MASS	6 AM	ST. THERESA PARISH	ALL PARISHIONERS
SUN. 1 <sup>ST</sup> OCT	THANKSGIVING MASS & AGAPE	7:30AM- MASS CHAPEL AND HALL CONCURRENTLY	ST. THERESA PARISH	ALL PARISHIONERS

Let us continue to pray for our esteemed Mini Basilica as we prepare for this joyous occasion.

**MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY**

- ◆ COSRA will meet after 2nd Mass
- ◆ Knight & Ladies of Marshall will meet after 1st Mass
- ◆ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Confraternity will meet after 2nd mass.
- ◆ Catholic Women will meet after 1st Mass.

**USUAL MEETINGS**

- ◆ St. Anthony's Guild meets at 5:30pm on Tuesdays. The Lectors' Group meets every Wednesday at 6.30pm prompt. New members are welcome
- ◆ Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference room. *New members are invited.*
- ◆ St. Theresa Church Choir meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30pm in the Chapel.
- ◆ Adehyemma Sacred Choral Group meets every Saturday at 5:00pm
- ◆ EBIEMO Community meets every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- ◆ The Angelic Youth Choir meets every Saturday at 2pm.
- ◆ Ewe Union meets every 3rd Sunday of the month.
- ◆ Catholic Charismatic Renewal meets every Saturdays at 5:30pm for Prayer sessions & Mondays at 6:30pm for intercessory Prayer sessions.

**CATHEDRAL RESTORATION PROJECT LEVY**

In view of the Cathedral Restoration Project the Archdiocese have come up with a special contributions. Desk will be mounted and receipts will be issued out.  
**25 years and above- GH¢ 100.00**  
**All youth between 15-24 years- GH¢ 50.00**

ADDRESS	MASS SCHEDULE	SUNDAY MASSES	OFFICE HOURS / CONTACT
Nantu Link B872/7, Awudome Street P. O. Box 146, Kaneshie Accra. Website: www.minibasilica.com	<b>Mornings (6:00am):</b> Monday, Wednesday Thursday & Saturday.  <b>Evenings (6:30pm):</b> Tuesday & Friday	1st Mass 7:00am 2nd Mass 9:30am Youth Mass 7:30am French Mass 9:30am	Tuesday-Saturday: 8am-5pm Sunday: 9am-2pm  Office Lines: 030-2257357/050-0005252  E-mail: officesttheresa2014@gmail.com

**ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Purity & Love*  
**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

**COMMENTARY ON READINGS**  
**FIRST READING: SIRACH 27:30-28:7**  
 Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful towards others.  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12**  
 THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND RICH IN COMPASSION.  
**SECONDDREADING: ROMANS 14:7-9**  
 We belong to the Lord.  
**GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 18:21-35**  
 Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

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CONFESSION: SATURDAY 5:00 PM—7:00PM // INFANT BAPTISM: 1ST 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: 0302257357/050-0005252**  
**New Parishioners: You are warmly welcome to St. Theresa Catholic Church, please see a Priest or call the Parish office .**

**REFLECTION: FORGIVENESS IS GOLDEN: DO NOT HOLD GRUDGES**

The eighteenth (18) chapter of Matthews's gospel clearly spells out a series of instructions for the daily living of the Christian community. Today, our text focuses on *forgiveness* and how often we should forgive (v.21) Peter puts the question of how often we must forgive by asking Jesus whether it should be "Seventy-seven times" (v.22). The Lord beautifully answers this question by saying that *we must always forgive*, for there are no limits in forgiveness; love is not compatible with obligations that can be counted.

In verse 23 of today's gospel, Jesus talks about settling accounts; he talks about rendering accounts on what the Lord had entrusted to us. The inability of the servant to account for what was entrusted to him leads to the servant being shown a gratuitous love by the King. The servant requested the King's forgiveness after realizing he could not pay Ten Thousand talents owned the King. The "Ten Thousand Talents" (v.24) represents a huge amount that cannot be repaid by the servant, so he merely makes a vain promise to be given time to pay.

**CONTINUATION OF REFLECTION**

His appeal was to move the king to **have pity on him** (v.26). The king's forgiveness is totally gratuitous; he forgave him simply out of pity (v. 27), out of love, not because he expects that someday he would pay him what he owed him.

This is exactly what the Lord expects from us; **that just as he forgives us so must we forgive others**. Man has freely received the forgiveness of God and as such must freely forgive others who offend him irrespective of the gravity of the offence. **Forgiveness build up our community and draws us closer to God at all times.**

The parable in today's gospel has a lot to teach us as a Christian community. Matthew is drawing our attention to the basic things of our everyday lives and encouraging us to right our wrongs.

The conduct of the servant in our text today is contrary to what the King had shown him when he pleaded for forgiveness. This is a man who owned the King Ten Thousand talents, and was forgiven after he asked for time to settle his debts. His debts were written off, but he could not do same to a colleague who owned him a day's wage. This debt could easily be repaid him if he allows time to pass. The wicked servant (v.32) did not learn any lesson from his encounter with the King.

Dearly beloved, the love of God is the model of our conduct. As good Christians who have enjoyed God's gratuitous love must model our lives in the same way. God is ever ready to renew his covenant (Sir.28:7) which implies that we as Christians must open our hearts to others. It is not about **"how often should I forgive"** (mt.18:12) **but how often do I show God's love to all the living and the dead.**  
*God bless us all. Amen*

**125th ANNIVERSARY, ACCRA ARCHDIOCESE**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Accra is 125 years old.

Details of the launch are as follows;

Date: 21st September, 2017

Venue: Holy Spirit Cathedral

Time: 10:00am

Attendance is compulsory for the following; **All Priest & Religious, PPC members, PYC Executives & the entire Members of all Societies, Ministries, Associations and All Parishioners.**

**MEETINGS TODAY**

- ◆ **Christian Mothers Association** will meet today after 1st Mass
- ◆ **Catholic Men Association** will meet today after 1st Mass
- ◆ **St. Vincent De Paul Society** will meet today after 2nd Mass
- ◆ **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus** will meet today after 1st Mass



**DAILY READINGS FROM 18TH—23RD SEPTEMBER 2017.**

<b>Mon. Sep.18</b> 1Tm 2:1-8;	<b>St. Joseph of Cupertino</b> Ps. 28:2,7,8-9	<b>Lk.7:1-10</b>
<b>Tue. Sep. 19</b> 1Tm 3:1-13;	<b>St. Januarius</b> Ps.101:1-3,5,6;	<b>Lk.7:11-17</b>
<b>Wed. Sep20</b>	<b>St. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong &amp; Companions</b>	
1Tm.3:14-16;	Ps.111:1-4,5-6;	<b>Lk.7:31-35</b>
<b>Thu. Sep. 21</b> Eph.4:1-7,11-13;	<b>St. Matthew</b> Ps.19:2-3,4-5;	<b>Mt.9:9-13</b>
<b>Fri. Sep. 22</b> 1Tm 6:2-12;	<b>St. Maurice</b> Ps.49:6-7,8-10,17-20;	<b>Lk.8:1-3</b>
<b>Sat. Sep 23</b> 1Tm.6:13-16;	<b>St. Pio of Pietrelcina</b> Ps.100:1-2,3,4,5;	<b>Lk.8:4-15</b>



**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

FIRST READING:	ISAIAH 55:6-9
RESPONSORIAL:	PSALM 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
SECOND READING:	PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24,27
GOSPEL READING:	MATTHEW 20:1-16



**OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR TODAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

**1ST MASS: LEGION OF MARY**

**2ND MASS: ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS**



**OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

**1ST MASS: CATHOLIC WOMEN ASSOCIATION**

**2ND MASS: PERPETUAL HELP CONFRATERNITY**

**COMPOUND CLEANING FOR NEXT SATURDAY IS BY COSRA**

**OFFERTORY FOR LAST SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

MAIN COLLECTION	GH¢ 5,651.00
FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS	GH¢ 3,166.00
THANKSGIVING	GH¢ 3,540.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>GH¢ 12,357.00</b>

**2ND PUBLICATION OF BANNES**

**Groom:Raymond Kumi-Ansah**      **Bride:Dorcas Abena**  
Agyekum- Danquah  
**Father:** Anthony Koomson      **Father:** Richmond Agyekum- Danquah  
**Mother:** Beatrice Obeng      **Mother:**Mercy Ofosu-Appiah

**3RD PUBLICATION OF BANNES**

**Groom: Daniel Kwame**      **Bride: Gertrude Mawuena**  
**Assuah Armoooh**      **Mensah Amedson**  
**Father:** Michael N. Armoooh      **Father:** Kodjo Kotsanu  
**Mother:** Diana A. Armoooh      **Mother:** Valentina Kotsanu

*Remember them in prayer*

**BEREAVEMENTS**

◆ Final funeral rites for the **late Edward Aboagye** is as follows:

**Burial Mass: Friday the 22nd of September 2017** here at the St. Theresa Parish. Laying in state and file past will start from 7am to 8am. Interment will be at the Awudome Cemetery

**Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday the 24th of September 2017** here at the Parish at 9:30am.

*All are cordially invited*

◆ The death is reported of **Madam Augusta Asikuma Ankutse**, mother of Very Rev Fr. Ted Nelson-Adjakpey. Madam Augusta was called to rest on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2017. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

**BULLETIN PUBLICATION & MASS INTENTION**

◆ **Societies, Groups and Individuals** who would like to have announcements published in the bulletin should kindly present them to the Parish Office latest by close of business each Tuesday (5pm)

◆ All Parishioners are being reminded that all Mass intentions intended for Sunday Masses are to sent to the Parish Office latest by 3pm each Saturday (s)

**THERESIAN INTERNATIONAL CALLING!!!**

The **Theresian International** will have their meeting on Wednesday the 20th of September in front of the old Parish Office. New members are cordially invited.

**OUTREACH EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY**

**There will be a Re-launching of Basic Christian Community (BCC) at both masses on the 24th of September, 2017. WATCH OUT!!!!**

**2018 PARISH DIARY OF PROGRAMS**

**All Societies, Ministries and Councils** are being reminded to submit their Program of Activities for 2018 to the Parish Office, latest by **End of September, 2017** for inclusion into the **2018 Parish Diary**.

<i>Devotional Groups</i>	<i>Ministries</i>
St. Anthony's Guild	Lectors
Perpetual Help Confraternity	Knights and Ladies of the Altar
Sacred Heart Confraternity	Communication Team
St. Anthony's Guild	Ushers
Legion Of Mary	Welcomer's Team
Theresian International	Eucharistic Ministers
St Gabriel's Guild	Catechists
Catholic Charismatic Renewal	Children's Ministry ( Children of Mary/ Sunday School)
	Outreach & Evangelization
	Marriage and Family Life
<i>Societies</i>	<i>Choirs</i>
Knights & Ladies of Marshall	Angelic Youth
Knights Of St. John Int. & Ladies Aux	St Theresa
Christian Mothers' Association	Harp of David Music Ministry
St. Theresa Of The Child Jesus	Adehymma Sacred Choral Group
Non Society Group	Immaculate Heart of Mary
Catholic Students Union	
Catholic Organization for Social & Religious Advancement	<i>Committees</i>
St Vincent De Paul	Liturgy
St Theresa Youth Association	Projects
Catholic Women Association	Youth and Vocations
Catholic Men Association	Education & Professional Development
	Health
<i>Communities</i>	Works and Functions
Ewe Community	Welfare
St Francis of Assisi (Nigerian Community)	Harvest and Fundraising
Northern Catholic Society	Security
Holy Family ( Akan Kuo)	Finance Committee
Francophone Community	<i>Councils</i>
	Parish Youth
	Laity
	Catholic Women