

## SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**Friday the 8th of June is the Solemnity of Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

Mass will be in the evening at **6.30pm**. In attendance will be the Mass Choir with Offertory and bidding prayers by Sacred Heart Confraternity Society.

The Sacred Heart Novena continues at 6pm each day and will end on Thursday 7th June.

## MASS PRIESTLY ORDINATION 2018

The **Mass Priestly Ordination** of the 125th Anniversary celebration comes of as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 25th August 2018.

**Venue:** Holy Spirit Cathedral Compound, Adabraka Accra

**Time:** 9:00am.

Let us continue praying for our yet to be ordained Priests.

## THERESIAN INTERNATIONAL CALLING

**Theresian International** has scheduled their meeting days to the 2nd Sunday of every month after 2nd Mass. This months meeting comes off next Sunday the 10th of June. All members who meet on Tuesdays should kindly take note.

## CIBT SPECIAL ADMISSION PACKAGE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Our Priests will be attending their yearly Retreat starting this afternoon to Friday the 8th of June, therefore they will not be available at the Parish during the week but we will still have our usual morning and evening Masses. Let us all take note.
- ◆ All Societies and Groups that have Representatives at the Parish Pastoral Council should nominate a representative each to the welfare committee. Please present the names at the Parish Office latest by next Sunday the 10th of June.

## 2018 FATHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

The **Empaul Foundation** invites all our beloved Fathers and their families to this years Fathers Day Celebration. The Theme for the event is “ **Restoring the Glory of our Fathers**”. The line up of events are as follows

**Saturday 16th June at 5.30am-10am: Activities:** Health Walk from Awudome Roundabout to Bubuashie to St. Theresa School, Free Prostrate Cancer Screening, NHIS registration & Renewal, Free Barbering, Manicure & Pedicure, Fruits Agape.

**Sunday 17th June at 5pm Fathers Day Celebration** at the Parish Hall. **Activities:** Drama, Comedy, It takes two, Family Dance Competition, Special Family Giveaway & Family Photo Shoot etc.

**Expected Resource Persons Include:** Mr. Kenneth Ashibgey, Rev. Owusu Ansah (Joy FM), Mr. Azumah Nelson, Uncle Ebo Whyte.

### Amazing Daddy Story Competition.

Write at most 500 words telling how amazing your father is to you and the family to win a special award, treat from Holiday Inn hotel and an honoree for you dad. Send your entries to [empaul.foundation@gmail.com](mailto:empaul.foundation@gmail.com) or post to NK 280, North-Kaneshie or watsup the letter in PDF to 0203300832.

*God bless our lovely fathers*

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O Almighty and Eternal God, Divine Architect and Cornerstone of our salvation, as we celebrate 125 years of the Catholic Mission in Accra, we give You thanks for the lives of all the early Missionaries, Priests and Lay faithful whose sacrifices have brought our Church this far.

We pray you look with favour upon our Community of Faith, now the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. Increase the gifts you have given to our Church so that we, your faithful People, Religious and Clergy, Women and Men, Youth and Children may grow in holiness of life and be truly ardent disciples of Your Son, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Inspire us anew with a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and fill us with renewed zeal for the universal Church's new evangelization mission here in our Archdiocese and beyond.

May the Holy and triune God be our pillar of strength, our inspiration and our guide in the years ahead, through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.**

**St. Peter Claver, Pray for us**

**St. Martin de Porres, Pray for us.**

**All you Holy Martyrs of Uganda, Pray for us.**

**All you Angels and Saints of God, Pray for us.**



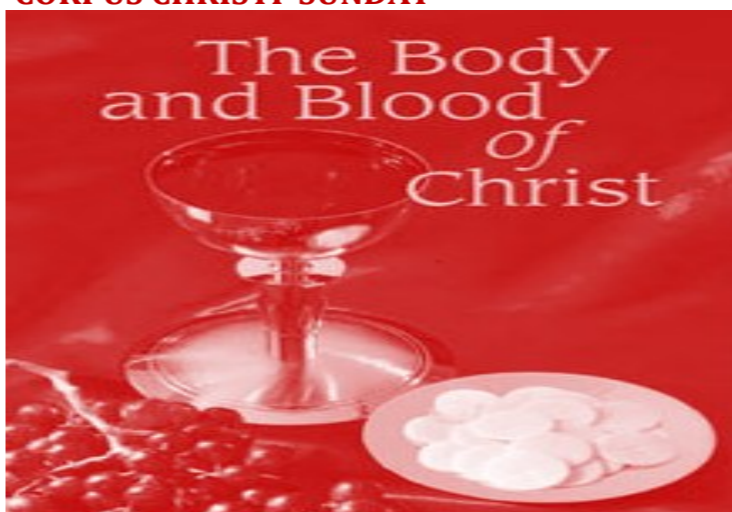
# ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Purity & Love*

WEEKLY BULLETIN

## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

3RD JUNE, 2018.



### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2018.

**“UNIVERSAL – SOCIAL NETWORKS”**

*THAT SOCIAL NETWORKS MAY WORK TOWARDS THAT INCLUSIVENESS WHICH RESPECTS OTHER FOR THEIR DIFFERENCES.*

#### PARISH PRIEST

Rev. Fr. Michael Owusu-Ofori  
0302 257 357

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Rev. Fr. Winfred Charles Lwanga Tawiah Jr  
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Rev. Fr. Pascal Ankamah  
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#### SUNDAY MASS

1st Mass: 7.00am  
Youth Mass: 7.30am  
2nd Mass: 9.30am  
French Mass: 10.00am

#### WEEK DAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday  
Thursday 6 am  
Saturday 6.30 am  
Tuesday & Friday 6.30 pm

#### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday: 8am-5pm, Sunday: 9am-2pm  
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### REFLECTION: THE POWER OF THE EUCHARIST: WE BECOME WHAT WE EAT

**D**earest beloved in Christ, today we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**, also known as Corpus Christi by many. As we celebrate today that great gift from Christ to us, it is my fervent prayer that all who partake worthily in it receive the grace that comes with it. Amen. The celebration of this great event in our lives as Catholics brings to mind a lot of fond memories to many of us, while we were growing up. A couple of days back, I had announced in my parish that for very good reasons we were not going to process through town with the Blessed Sacrament. After Mass, an old lady came to me and shared with me her fond memories of Corpus Christi as she grew up. I want to share with you her memories; She said while she was growing up as a young child in her village, they were delighted whenever it was Corpus Christi. They enjoyed the procession after Mass with the Blessed Sacrament and the rains that came but did not last for long.

She recounted that during her young life, on every Corpus Christi Day, it rained. As young Sunday school children, they sang and asked God to stop the rains so they could enjoy the procession. The rains stopped after their singing, and this went on all through her youthful days in her village. For her, the hand of God is always at work and she sees in the Blessed Sacrament power that is beyond all others. Truly, our God is a powerful God whose strength is non-comparable to any other persons. The power of the Eucharist according to this old lady brings to an end the rains even before they set out of the Church building to process through the village. For this old lady, many of the village folks became Catholic after their encounter with the Blessed Sacrament, many supposed barren women who showed reverence to the Blessed Sacrament as it was being carried away became pregnant and gave birth.

Dearly beloved in Christ, the Body and Blood of Christ is very much efficacious and it works miracles in the lives of many who put their trust in Christ. There are numerous stories of great miracles that had happened all over the world in relation with the Eucharist.

## CONTINUATION OF REFLECTION

The story is told of a young warrior by name Attila the Hun, who had decided to invade Italy in the year 452. Attila the Hun, had caused so much havoc in Asia and had now turned his eyes towards Europe in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. The Huns were savage and barbaric in their way of life, they killed men, women and children, and destroyed a lot of things. Attila the Hun was particularly a very cruel person, he did not only kill his victims but also drank their blood. Such terror was terrifying and kept many people in the web of fear. So was Rome, which at that time was going through some difficulties with its political system.

Pope Leo, decided to meet him and negotiate with him a way forward towards peace. On the day of their scheduled meeting, Pope Leo celebrated the Eucharist. He thought to himself: if Attila were to rip me apart and drink my blood, then he would be drinking the blood of Christ and that might convert him. He set off to meet the merciless young destroyer who only would kill and plunder. When Pope Leo met Attila the Hun, he pleaded with him to stop the bloodshed and spare Rome and the innocent people.

As he pleaded with Attila to stop the bloodshed, Pope was also thinking about when he was going to lose his life. After a while something spectacular happened, Attila the Hun immediately ordered his army to stop attacking and return to their base. His soldiers were surprised at his sudden change in attitude and asked him why he had asked them to retreat to their base. He told them, while he was speaking with the Pope, two figures appeared above the head of the Pope. They held in their hands drawn swords and threatened him to give in to what the Pope was asking of him, those two are St's Peter and Paul.

Dearly beloved, Attila and his soldiers turned back and Rome was spared after Pope Leo engaged him in a peace talk. Although, Pope Leo knew that he could lose his life, he also believed in the power of the Eucharist, and that is what saved him. He trusted that Christ was in him and the blood of Christ flowed in his veins. Exactly what St Augustine teaches us when he said *"the Eucharist is the only food that changes us to become like what we eat. We partake of Christ's Body and Blood, and we become like Christ"*. All who eat and drink his body and blood become like Him in every aspect of life. Jesus gives us His Body and Blood so that He can live in us and us in Him. He wants us to be another 'Christ' to our world.

Today what we celebrate is not only about bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ after it is consecrated, it is also about how we receive the Body and Blood of Christ at communion time. What we receive is called **HOLY COMMUNION**, something which is very sacred and must be given that reverence. How do we prepare ourselves for an encounter with the Lord in the Holy Communion? How well do we avail ourselves for the sacrament of penance and reconciliation before receiving the Holy Communion?

In 1 Corinthians 11: 29, St Paul teaches us to receive the Lord Jesus worthily, otherwise we eat and drink to our own judgment. To receive the Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin is desecration, the person who does this desecrates the Holy Communion. This is a serious sin upon another serious sin. We should know that that which is HOLY cannot co-exist with sin in us. Let us then make the **conscious effort to go for confession always**.

Whenever we receive Holy Communion worthily, Christ abides in us and we become His Body and His Blood flows within our veins giving us life eternal. The power and efficacy of the Eucharist will be manifested in our lives, if we receive the Eucharist worthily.



## READINGS FOR TODAY SUNDAY 3RD JUNE, 2018.

**1ST READING: EXODUS 24: 3-8.**  
The covenant is established between God and the people

**RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 115:12-13,15-16,17-18**

**I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION, AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.**

**2ND READING : HEBREW 9:11-15**  
Christ is the mediator of the new covenant

**GOSPEL MARK 14:12-16,22-26**  
Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

### COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY MAY 27, 2018

MAIN COLLECTION	GHC 3,858.80
KOFI & AMA	GHC 3,458.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>GHC 7,316.80</b>

### COMPOUND CLEANING SCHEDULE

DATE	SOCIETY
<b>Sat. 9th June</b>	CASU & WELCOMERS
<b>Sat. 16th June</b>	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
<b>Sat. 23rd June</b>	Knights & Ladies of Marshall
<b>Sat. 30th June</b>	St. Francis of Assisi Nigerian Comm.

### OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS SCHEDULE

DATE	1ST MASS	2ND MASS
<b>SUN. 3rd June</b>	COSRA, STHEYA, AYC, CASU, Welcomers, Francophone Comm Children of Mary.	By Ewe Union, Northern Society, Akan kuo, Ebiemo Comm, Nigerian Comm.
<b>SUN. 10th June</b>	Anchor of Hope Society	Welcomers' Ministry
<b>SUN. 17th June</b>	Christian Mothers Association	St. Anthony's Guild
<b>SUN. 24th June</b>	STHEYA	Knights & Ladies of Marshall

### 125TH ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULE-UPCOMING

Date	Activity	Schedule
<b>4th-10th June 125th Ann.</b>	Abhor Week	Sanitation & Care for the Environment.

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DECEASED:** Mrs. Veronica Lartey , a Parishioner and member of Christian Mothers Association, Lectors, Ushers, St. Anthony's Guild & St. Gabriel's Guild.

**Funeral arrangements will be announced later.**

**DECEASED:** Madam Susana Attah-Tetteh a Parishioner who passed away on Monday the 16th of April, 2018. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

**Burial Mass:** Saturday 16th June, 2018 at St. Theresa Catholic Church at 8am. File past begins at 7am. Interment at Senya Breku Catholic Cemetery.

**Thanksgiving Mass:** Sunday, 17th June, 2018. here at the Parish at 9.30am.

**DECEASED:** Mrs. Paulina Adotevi Akoe Nee Nkegbe. who passed away on the 4th of April, 2018.

**Wake Keeping:** Friday, 22nd June, 2018 at Denu Fiafeme ( The Chief's Palace).

**Burial & Thanksgiving Mass:** Saturday 23rd June, 2018, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Denu at **9.00am**. Interment at Denu Dzudzor Vava Borme. Final funeral Rites continuous at Denu Fiafeme (The Chief's Palace)

**DECEASED:** Mr. Daniel Antwi-Boasiako, a member of STHEYA and Ushers Ministry. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

**Laying in State:** Saturday 23rd June from 5am to 7am at his residence 1st Owusu Kofi Link Darkuman near Attu Clinic.

**Burial Mass:** Saturday 23rd June, 2018 at St. Theresa Catholic Church at 8.30am. File past begins at 7.30am. Funeral rites continues at the Church premises.

**Thanksgiving Mass:** Sunday, 24th June, 2018. here at the Parish at 9.30am. Final funeral rites continues at his residence 1st Owusu Kofi Link Darkuman near Attu Clinic.

**DECEASED:** Mrs. Monica Adwoa Ode-Poku, a Parishioner and member of the St. Theresa Choir. Funeral arrangements are as follows.

**Wake keeping:** Thursday 28th June at her residence opposite Lord's Hotel near TV Africa, Accra.

**Burial Mass:** Friday 29th June, 2018 at St. Theresa Catholic Church at 9am. File past begins at 8am followed by internment at Awudome Cemetery.

**Thanksgiving Mass:** Sunday, 1st July, 2018. here at the Parish at 9.30am.

*All are cordially invited to mourn with the families*

## PUBLICATION OF BANNS

**Groom:** Jonathan Nyonfam **Bride:** Gertrude Quagraine  
Faah  
Father: Robert Faah Father: Joseph Quagraine  
Mother: Martha Faah Mother: Elizabeth Desbordes  
*Lets keep praying for them.*

### ST. ANTHONY DAY

**Wednesday 13th June, 2018** is the Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua . Mass will be in the evening at **6.30pm**. Let us all take note.

### 125TH ANNIVERSARY CLOTH OUT FOR SALE

**The Cloth to be used for the 125th Anniversary celebration is ready.** It has no specific year embossed on it thus it would be used as an Archdiocesan cloth from now onwards.

Prices  
**Full Piece: Ghc 240.00**  
**Half Piece: Ghc 120.00**

**Please make payment at the Parish Office for your order.**  
**NB.** The cloth will not be sold out to individuals at the Bursars office.

### CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

As part of the Woman's month celebration, the Women Council in collaboration with the Health Committee of St. Theresa Parish is organizing a Cervical Cancer Screening for women who are 25years and above. Rate for Screening are as follows.

**25 to 45 years:** ghc 60.00 for VIA cervical Screening  
**45 years and above:** ghc 130.00 for Pap Smear.

Please register your name at the Parish Office, or with any of the Catholic Women Council Executives.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to inform all that **Most Rev. Charles G. Palmer-Buckle**, Metropolitan Archbishop of Cape Coast and Apostolic Administrator of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra, will take Canonical Possession of the Archdiocese of Cape Coast as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, 5th July 2018  
**Venue:** St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Cape Coast  
**Time:** 10:00am

**All are invited.**  
Please let us continue to pray for Archbishop Palmer-Buckle and for the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. May the maternal solicitude of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, be our help and guide in the days ahead. **Amen**

### MARRIAGE SCHOOL COUNSELLING

♦ All Parishioners are being reminded that the next session of **Marriage counselling (July—December)** is open for registration. Kindly contact the Parish Office for forms.

The cost is **25Ghc per person.**