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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- ◆ This year's **World Youth Day Ghana Version** will be held from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of August at the University of Ghana Legon.

**The fee is Ghc 80 per person.** This covers accommodation and souvenirs

Interested Participants are to register at the Parish Office. Minors are to be accompanied by Parents or Guardian for the registration.

All Youth are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and be part of these celebrations.

- ◆ Also as part of the **World Youth Day Celebrations**, we will have some pilgrims travelling in to join in Accra for the climax of the celebrations. They will be hosted by us.

For the Kaneshie Deanery, our Pilgrims will be hosted at Sowutuom. We are pleading with all of us here who are able, to support these families with **100 Ghc** or more. We are also encouraged to support in kind with non-perishable food items, toiletries etc.

Pay at the Parish and you will be issued with a receipt. You can also drop your items there.

## 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.**

## 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**”.

**Date:** Sunday 17th June, 2018.

**Time:** 5pm

**Venue:** St. Theresa 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.

*God bless our lovely fathers*

## 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 200.00**

**1 yard : Ghc 17.00**

**Please make payment at the Parish Office for your order.**

**NB.** The cloth will not be sold out to individuals at the Bursars office.

## 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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH JUNE, 2018.

May all you wonderful

Dads enjoy a  
Happy Father's Day



**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

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Rev. Fr. Winfred Charles Lwanga Tawiah Jr  
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### GA ODUMASE RECTORATE

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 KINGDOM OF GOD

**M**y dear family of God, Israel's quest, like that of humanity, for a leader-King and an enduring Kingdom that will satisfy their very nature, to fight their battles, to promote peace and freedom could not be effectuated by a finite being. This failure on the path of the finite being purports that, only an infinite being or personality can bring into full force and realize this aspiring dream.

The Prophet Ezekiel, my dear family of God, gives us a glimpse of this hope, when God makes a promise to the weary hearts of the Israelites and us, despite our disloyalty to Him, to give a perfect king from the house of David. The Prophet Ezekiel, the mouth piece of God, reassures the Israelites, in exile through His allegorical works that God will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar tree. He will plant it on the top of the mountain, where it will grow into a huge tree, bringing benefits to birds and animals of all kinds. This metaphor of a tree, indicates God's choice to pick from the "Davidic cedar" (fulfilling an ancient prophecy) a Messiah- a Kingly Messiah who being the ideal King will effect the will of Yahweh and through him establish an everlasting kingdom. The reign of God will endure forever and the Kingdom of God will be for the benefit of all humanity.

This hope of promise, which the Lord has spoken off and says He will do, my dear friends has been fulfilled in His Son Jesus Christ, who on the cross of Calvary makes a living reality, the planting of a sprig and its subsequent growth on the mountain height of Israel. This cross, the tree of life mounted on the highest plains of the world, has grown to bear enormous fruits of salvation and redemption for both Israelites and Gentiles, for every child of God.

## CONTINUATION OF REFLECTION

In this cross, and in Jesus, we Christians have a share in the fruits and benefits of this kingdom that is of new life, access to God, a companion, a protector, a defender, a loving father and above all, the gift of grace to live out effectively the demands and will of God in His kingdom as truly sons and daughters of His.

Jesus, our hope, in the gospel relates to us two parables that teach us about this Kingdom that He has come to establish for my good and the good of Humanity. In the first parable Jesus teaches that, the Kingdom of God, the reign of God will be done as perfectly on earth as it is in Heaven and we humans like the farmer do not know how it will grow. We are helpless in this regard, we do not create the kingdom of God but the Kingdom is God's. He is behind all things and His power and will, will be done. This reign of God is constant and its growth is inevitable. For us Christians, the scattered seed is for us the word of God and all who receive it with an open heart and in the right disposition will experience the reign of God, the mysterious capacity of growth to righteous living.

This growth will be the result of God's secret working in our hearts and the word will come alive in us. In the second parable, Jesus shows how the Kingdom of God like a mustard seed has a humble beginning yet develops to greater heights. The kingdom of God is established and finds its expression in the Church, hence the prominence of it as a church which began with a handful of members in its work of mercy and love will grow to unite all nations and people will find shelter within it. Thereby fulfilling dream of salvation and eternal freedom. Every Christian has possession of this mustard seed, that is the gift received from the word of God. It has the capacity to transform within us and grow from small beginnings to greater heights especially those who cooperate with the grace of God.

Their faith will grow to become the greatest of shrubs providing fruits of love, goodness, care for the sick, generosity among others. We should never doubt the capacity of our faith to achieve great things. It may seem that at the moment, our faith can produce only a very small effect but if that small effect is repeated and repeated it will become very great. This is the greater heights the Kingdom of God is all about. Whenever we allow the grace of God to work in us to produce fruits for the good of society, we make a reality the Kingdom of God. But the kingdom of God which we desire, will attain its full stature and we shall see it as it is in Heaven when we are united with God. However in the interim, St. Paul encourages us to put the seed of faith into action. Our manifestation of the fruits and how people benefit from it will be the criterion for our judgement into the eternal kingdom of God.

Let us join the Psalmist to give thanks and praise to God for making the greatest desire of man a reality, thus giving His only son as our true King and establishing a kingdom of our dreams and in accordance with His will. We should not sit back, we must know that our seed of faith given to us by God is His gift to us and what we do with it is our gift to Him and humanity. **AMEN.**



## READINGS FOR TODAY SUNDAY JUNE 17, 2018.

### 1ST READING: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.

### RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 92:2-3,13-14

**LORD, IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU.**

### 2ND READING : 2 CORINTHIANS 56-10

The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.

### GOSPEL : MARK 4:26-34.

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

## COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY JUNE 10, 2018

MAIN COLLECTION	GH¢ 5,394.10
CATHOLIC WOMEN	GH¢ 2,622.00
THANKSGIVING/ TITHES	GH¢ 3,215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>GH¢ 11,231.10</b>

## COMPOUND CLEANING SCHEDULE

DATE	SOCIETY
Sat. 23rd June	Knights & Ladies of Marshall
Sat. 30th June	St. Francis of Assisi Nigerian Comm.
Sat. 7th July	Trinity Northern Catholic Society

## OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS SCHEDULE

DATE	1ST MASS	2ND MASS
SUN. 17th June	Christian Mothers Association	St. Anthony's Guild
SUN. 24th June	STHEYA	Knights & Ladies of Marshall
SUN. 1st July	St. Francis of Assisi Nigerian Community	Perpetual Help Confraternity

## 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.**

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Wake Keeping:** Friday, 22nd June, 2018 at Denu Fiafeme Torgbui Baku's Palace, Denu.

**Burial & Thanksgiving Mass:** Saturday 23rd June, 2018, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Denu at **9.00am**. Interment at Denu Public Cemetery. Final funeral Rites continuous at Torgbui Baku's Palace, Denu.

**DECEASED: Mr. Samuel Atentebe** father of Madam Mercy Aburiyaile Atentebe.

Final funeral rites will be held on Wednesday 27th June, 2018 at Sandema.

**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 interment at Awudome Cemetery.

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

**DECEASED: Madam Elizabeth Arthur** who passed away on the 1st of April, 2018. She is the mother of Mrs. Monica Appiah-Thompson. Funeral Arrangements are as follows:

**Burial Mass:** Saturday 7th July, 2018 at Star of the sea Catholic Church, Takoradi. Attire is Black and White.

**Thanksgiving:** Sunday 8th July, 2018 at Star of the sea Catholic Church, Takoradi. Attire is All White.

**THERE WILL BE PPC GENERAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY THE 24TH OF JUNE, 2018 AT 10:00AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. ALL COUNCILLORS ARE TO TAKE NOTE.**

## PUBLICATION OF BANNS

### 2ND TIME

**Groom: Augustine**

**Addai-Boateng**

**Father:** Christopher A. Boateng

**Mother:** Elizabeth A. Boateng

**Bride: Maame Yaa**

**Ampaben-Kyereme**

**Father:** Kwame A. Kyereme

**Mother:** Theresa Owusua

### 3RD TIME

**Groom: Jonathan Nyonfam Faah**

**Father:** Robert Faah

**Mother:** Martha Faah

**Bride: Gertrude Quagraine**

**Father:** Joseph Quagraine

**Mother:** Elizabeth Desbordes

### 3RD TIME

**Groom: Kpakpo Tounou-Akue**

**Father:** Aduayi Tounou-Akue

**Mother:** Koko Akakpo

**Bride: Clemence Perpetue**

**Vignile Gougbenou**

**Father:** Gougbenou Joseph

**Mother:** Atchovi Josephine

*Lets keep praying for them.*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

♦ **Next Sunday the 24th of June** is the **Nativity of John the Baptist (Solemnity).**

We will have our usual three Masses (First, Second and Youth) there will be no French Mass.

♦ **Friday the 29th of June** is the **Solemnity of Peter and Paul the Apostles.**

Mass will be in the Evening at **6.30 with the Mass Choir in attendance**

Offertory and bidding prayers by Catholic Men Association.

## CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

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.

Catechism for Parishioners ready to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is opened.

All parents are to take note.

## CATECHISM CLASSES

**Children who wants to receive the sacrament of Baptism and First Holy Communion** meets this and every Saturday at 8am.

**Adults interested to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation** (Sacrament of Christian Initiation) meets this and every **Sunday at 3:00pm** at the Parish hall.

**Children preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation** also meets this and every Sunday at 3pm at the Parish hall at **3:00 pm.**