

## CIBT SPECIAL ADMISSION PACKAGE

CIBT is offering a special package of a **15% discount** on the fees for all Catholics who enroll for the 2018/19 academic year. Take advantage of this great offer to pursue the following programmes in a faith-enriched environment:

- ◆ Public Administration
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- ◆ HR Management
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- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Religious Studies & Church Administration.

Other benefits: day, evening and weekend sessions, hostel facilities, moderate fees with flexible payment plan, free counseling services, spiritual direction.

Pick a form from **EMS** Section of Ghana Post or visit us on CIBT campus next to the Teachers Hall, Adabraka. Call 0575033547/ 0307033547.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY GHANA VERSION

- ◆ 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**

## CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism for Parishioners ready to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation is opened. All parents are to take note.

**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**.

## 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

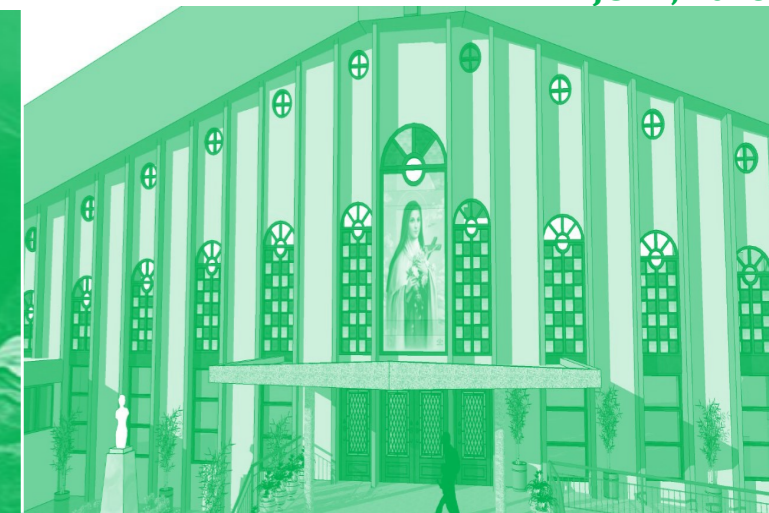
## NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

24TH JUNE, 2018.

SOLEMNITY of  
the NATIVITY  
of ST. JOHN  
the BAPTIST

*"He must increase,  
but I must decrease."*

St. John 3:30



## 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

### GA RURAL RECTORATE

Rev. Fr. Christopher Sackey  
0243-969866

### ASSISTANT PRIEST

Rev. Fr. Winfred Charles Lwanga Tawiah Jr  
0302 257 357

### GA ODUMASE RECTORATE

Rev. Fr. Pascal Ankamah  
0243-345240

### 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  
Telephone: 030-2257357/ 050-0005252  
E-mail: officesttheresa2014@gmail.com  
Facebook: St. Theresa's Catholic Church

## REFLECTION: JOHN THE BAPTIST: A PERSONALITY WORTH EMULATING

**M**y dearly beloved in Christ, today we celebrate the nativity of John the Baptist. In the Catholic Church, apart from our Blessed Lord and her Blessed mother, Mary, it is only John the Baptist's birth that is celebrated. It is celebrated because of His mission given by God to prepare the children of God for the coming of God's kingdom to be established by Jesus Christ and how he faithfully carried it out; How he bore great witness to the Light, the true light of the world, Jesus who dissipates darkness and being born in the grace of God, thus filled with the Holy Spirit even in the mother's womb by Christ himself.

This is the man we celebrate today and his personality is one marked by a great mystery, something unforeseen, yet revealing the power, choice and plan of God. Elizabeth a barren old woman, who was the taunt of people was shown great mercy by God who gifts unto her a son. Not just any ordinary son did she conceive, but one who Jesus himself attests to as the greatest born of all women. One that God himself had fashioned in order to lead back to himself his wayward children. Surprisingly, he does not pick the name of his father- Zechariah- which was to the norm or tradition of the time, so that the child which opened up the womb will continue the tradition and responsibilities of the family. But rather he was called **JOHN** a name which reveals the graciousness of God, for taking shame off Elizabeth and his gracious giving to reveal the salvation of the world to us. A name which was unarguably concurred by both parents.

## CONTINUATION OF REFLECTION

The mysterious birth and name, my dear people of God indicates his uniqueness and the change of responsibility for him, not to continue the tradition of his father but that of God himself. To herald the Son of God. John grew in the spirit of God, that which enabled him to prepare the way of the Lord, and to make known the salvation of the Lord to his people by the forgiveness of sin.

John was an excellent preacher, as a preacher, he was the voice crying out in the wilderness for God's people to repent from their sins and to return to the Lord. This task of calling to mind and leaving behind their disgusting lifestyle was tedious yet was and is the only way by which people will enter the kingdom of God. His forceful preaching led many people to a drastic change of heart, knowledge and believe in Christ through Him. Hence leading to their baptism.

One outstanding attribute ascribed to John the Baptist is that despite the mission of his which gained him prominence, he did not seek glory for himself. He fulfilled his mission by pointing people to Christ, the one whom he unrelentingly pointed to as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. So that others will come to encounter and be saved through him. His humility was never taunted. His simplistic yet humility comes to play in his lifestyle, a life lived not for himself but for others. He never considered himself as the Messiah, a clear sign of his humility, heightened to the point that he was not worthy to untie the thong of the Messiah's sandals.

My dearly beloved in Christ as we celebrate John the Baptist today, let us emulate his personality to become ardent preachers, the voice of God that leads people from their waywardness to the life of grace. Let us also heed his call to repentance and to be the light of the nations, pointing others to Christ and not to ourselves. Let us seek to live humbler lives on our earthly pilgrim. AMEN.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

◆ **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.

◆ **Youth Forum is on the 1st of July.**

## GOSPEL ALBUM LAUNCH & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Come **Saturday 30th June at 5pm** in the **Parish Hall**, we shall be celebrating our Son, Brother and Friend Emmanuel Paul Nimfah-Wilkinson(Empaul) 40th birthday with his live Gospel Album launch.

Kindly let us try and make time to be here to support him and experience the healing rains. God bless you and see you. RSVP **0203004283, 0204553535, 0204320020**



## READINGS FOR TODAY SUNDAY JUNE 24, 2018.

**1ST READING: ISAIAH 49:1-6**  
You are my servant, through whom I show my glory.

**RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 139 :1-3,13-15**  
**I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM WONDERFULLY MADE.**

**2ND READING : ACTS 13:22-26**  
John announced the coming of Jesus.

**GOSPEL: LUKE1: 57-66, 80**  
John the Baptist is born and all wonder what the child will be.

## COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY JUNE 17, 2018

MAIN COLLECTION	GHC 5,032.00
WELFARE	GHC 2,703.00
THANKSGIVING	GHC 3,134.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>GHC 10,869.00</b>

## COMPOUND CLEANING SCHEDULE

DATE	SOCIETY
<b>Sat. 30th June</b>	St. Francis of Assisi Nigerian Comm.
<b>Sat. 7th July</b>	Trinity Northern Catholic Society
<b>Sat. 14th July</b>	STHEYA
<b>Sat. 21st July</b>	Francophone Community

## OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYERS SCHEDULE

DATE	1ST MASS	2ND MASS
<b>SUN. 24th June</b>	STHEYA	Knights & Ladies of Marshall
<b>SUN. 1st July</b>	St. Francis of Assisi Nigerian Community	Perpetual Help Confraternity
<b>SUN. 8th July</b>	Northern Catholic Society	Legion of Mary Society
<b>SUN. 15th July</b>	St. Michael Ewe Union	Catholic Men Association

## 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.**

## PUBLICATION OF BANNES

**3RD TIME**  
**Groom: Augustine Addai-Boateng**      **Bride: Maame Yaa Ampaben-Kyereme**

**Father:**Christopher A.Boateng      **Father:** Kwame A.Kyereme  
**Mother:**Elizabeth A. Boateng      **Mother:** Theresa Owusua

*Lets keep praying for them.*

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 internment at Awudome Cemetery.

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

**DECEASED: Lawyer Dr. Kwaku Addeah,** member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

**One Week Celebration:** Saturday, 30th June at the St. Theresa School.

**DECEASED: Mrs. Veronica Lartey,** a Parishioner and member of Christian Mothers Association, St. Gabriel's Guild, Lectors and Ushering Ministry. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

**Wake keeping:** Thursday 5th July at her residence

**Burial Mass:** Saturday, 6th July, 2018 at St. Theresa Catholic Church. Interment at Gbawe Cemetery.

**DECEASED: Madam Elizabeth Arthur.** She is the mother of Mrs. Monica Appiah-Thompson member of holy family Akan Kuo. 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.

*All are cordially invited to mourn with the families*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

All Junior High School 3 students who selected **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN KOFORIDUA DIOCESE** are to please furnish the office with the following:

**NAME OF CANDIDATE**  
**INDEX NO.**  
**SCHOOL SELECTED**  
**COURSE CHOSEN**  
**PARISH WHERE YOU WORSHIP**  
**CONTACT OF PARENT(S)**  
**PHOTOCOPY OF BAPTISMAL CARD**

Deadline for the submission of data is **27th JUNE, 2018.** It is not automatic that once the person selects the school he/she will gain admission.

There will be an interview for all those who want to go to any of the Minor Seminaries in the country on Sunday 20th July, 2018 at the Catholic Youth Formation Centre, Lashibi at 2pm.

## 2019 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**All Societies, Devotional groups, Committees and Councils are to submit their Programme of activities for the year 2019 to be included in the Liturgical Calendar and a member each to represent them.**

## YOUTH MONTH ACTIVITIES

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Sun. 1st July	All Masses 9.30am	Inauguration of New PYC Council  Youth Forum at the Parish Hall. AYC & Francophone Ministering
Thur. 5th July	6:30pm	Adoration on the Theme "Oh Come let us Adore Him, Christ our Lord"
Sun. 8th July	All Masses	Launching & Sale of Youth Lacoste

Look out for full activities of the Youth month in the next bulletin.

## COMMERCIALS

A Parishioner is looking for a Chamber and Hall self contained around North Kaneshie, Tesano, Achimota, Mataheko and its environs. Contact **050-7192430.**

**THERE WILL BE PPC GENERAL MEETING TODAY AT 10:00AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. ALL COUNCILLORS ARE TO TAKE NOTE.**