

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

♦ **Monday, 24th December: Carol Service and Vigil Mass at 7pm.** Offertory and bidding prayers by: Catholic Men Association, Catholic Women Association, Marshallan Association and St. John International. In attendance will be Harp of David and Mass Choir.

♦ **Tuesday, 25th December: The Nativity of the Lord.** Christmas Day there will be One Mass Concurrently in the Parish Hall and Chapel at **7.30 am.**

Parish Hall: COSRA, STHEYA, Children of Mary CASU, In attendance is AYC and Francophone. Offertory and Bidding Prayers: same groups above.

Chapel: All other Parishioners, **Offertory and bidding prayers by:** Ewe Union, Northern Society, Akan Kuo, Ebiemo & Nigerian Community. In attendance is Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir and St. Theresa choir.

♦ **Sunday, 30th December: Holy Family Feast.** Usual Three Masses. There will be no French Mass.

♦ **Monday, 31st December: New Year's Eve.** Vigil Mass starts at **8pm.** Bidding Prayers by Lectors & Communicators. Offertory by All Societies. In attendance will be Harp of David and Mass Choir.

Parking Space will be made available at the Carpet land Mall and P.N.T.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2019

Do you desire to grow to the full stature of our Lord Jesus Christ as Stated in Ephesians 4.

Do you desire a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

If your answer is yes, pick a form and sign up for the 2019 life in the spirit Seminars here in St. Theresa Parish, Kaneshie.

Contact 0244-430497 / 0244143986
God bless you

RESTORATION !!! RESTORATION !!!

RESTORATION 2019 !!!

**FROM WEDNESDAY, 23RD TO FRIDAY, 25TH
JANUARY, 2019.**

WATCH THIS SPACE !!!

ACTIVITIES FROM 1ST TO 12TH JANUARY 2019

♦ **Tuesday 1st January: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God,** New Year Mass (Special intentions for Widows, Widowers, Founding Members & New Joiners 2018) at **9 am.**

Offertory and bidding prayers by **Christian Mothers Association.** In attendance will be the **Mass Choir.**

♦ **Wednesday, 2nd January: Mass** will be in the morning at **7am not 6am.**

♦ **Thursday, 3rd January: Mass - 7am**

- St. Theresa Parish Kaneshie Presents **Adoration!! Adoration!! Adoration!!!**

The Lord has been good to us, as we begin the new year we want to thank Him and abandon ourselves into His Loving Care. Join us as we adore the Lord under the Theme **"What shall I render unto the lord"** at **6.30 pm.**

Come and begin the new year with the Lord.

- **Infant Baptism Instructions at 5pm .**

♦ **Friday, 4th January:** There will be exposition of the blessed Sacrament from 6am to 6pm for private Adoration followed by Mass at **6.30 pm.** **Infant Baptism instructions at 5pm.**

♦ **Saturday, 5th January:** Infant Baptism and Mass at 6.30am. Grotto devotion at OLA at 2.30pm.

♦ **Sunday, 6th January: Is the Epiphany of the Lord,** we will have our usual four Masses.

♦ **From Monday 7th to Saturday 12th January, 2019** we revert to our usual Mass times.

COMMERCIALS

♦ 3 Bed room house for rent at North Kaneshie Point 4. Contact: 0204232030 / 0288232030

♦ Property for sale (residential) at Adisadel, Cape Coast. Plot size 0.208 Acre (0.084 Hectare). **Please contact: 0279-366956.**

♦ Registered properties for sale at: McCarthy Hill, Spintex, Tema Community 2 & 5, Kasoa, blue cross and Michael Camp. **Contact: 0546-332775**

Need Door step services of Commissioner for Oath, **Contact :0546-332775**

FRENCH ACADEMY

Do you want to Read, Speak, Write and Understand basic French in no time for both adults and children then contact: 0557-916595/ 0571-124080



ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Purity & Love

WEEKLY BULLETIN

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

23RD DECEMBER, 2018.

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

EVANGELIZATION- IN THE SERVICE AND TRANSMISSION OF FAITH THAT PEOPLE, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE SERVICE AND TRANSMISSION OF FAITH, MAY FIND, IN THEIR DIALOGUE WITH CULTURE, A LANGUAGE SUITED TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE PRESENT TIME.

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Rev. Fr. Michael Owusu-Ofori
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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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WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



**REFLECTION:
SHARING AND CELEBRATING OUR FAITH**

Each year the gospel passage for this Sunday is a story of Mary's pregnancy, and for this year it is the visitation. We meditate on this story as the second joyful mystery of the rosary, so that this could be an opportunity to go into it deeper than we usually can in saying the rosary, and this would give depth to the way we say that prayer which plays an important part in the lives of many people.

It is the story of two pregnant women and, therefore, an opportunity to enter into the symbolism of that experience, especially for those who have gone through it, *seeing it as a symbol of how waiting can be a creative time*, one when we express our love and one also when we can unmask all the self-centeredness that is latent within us and blocks our ability to give ourselves wholeheartedly to others. Of course, it could also be a meditation on the sacredness of pregnancy itself.

Mary should be the main focus of our attention, symbol at this moment of her life of the person of faith, and indeed of the church. Particularly significant is the expression "*blessed*" that is attributed to her by Elizabeth; we must give the word its full biblical meaning, indicating that a person has a great gift from God and also that he or she has brought blessings to others. Mary's blessedness in this passage is simply that *she has faith, no great achievements or visible signs of God's favour*.

One of Mary's first recorded journeys was after the announcement to her that she was to be the mother of God. It was a journey of service, a visit to her cousin who needed help. When dealing with such challenges as pregnancy bereavement redundancy a son in prison or a daughter on drugs – we want to talk and we want support.

Mary and Elizabeth had something else to share – *their faith*. The prayers they said have been said ever since. The stage was small but the audience has been millions ever since. They were not shy about their faith in their God. In a time like ours we need to externalize our faith – *to go to Church, send a card with a Christmas greeting, not just a season's wish – not to parade, but to make present our faith*.

The meaning this week is – *Jesus is born*, and we celebrate that together, with thanks, music, socializing, prayer and Mass. We need to find God again, and let ourselves be open to him in the deepest areas of life, just like the husbands of both these women, Joseph and Zechariah, as well as their wives, were open to God. Nothing need keep us from God or from the crib at Christmas. All are welcome. The real meaning of Christmas is to meet with God and to help our neighbour.

Come Lord Jesus and bring joy and laughter among us. Come with, the music of eternity and the songs of the earth. Come among us and make us truly grateful for your birth and your love.



**READINGS FOR TODAY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 23, 2018.**

1ST READING: MICAH 5:1-4
The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem.

RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED

2ND READING : HEBREWS 10:5-10
Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-45
Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2018.

MAIN COLLECTION	GH¢ 4,398.30
WELFARE	GH¢ 2,234.00
TITHES	GH¢ 1,505.00
TOTAL	GH¢ 8,137.00

COMPOUND CLEANING SCHEDULE

DATE	SOCIETY
Sat. 29th Dec.	COSRA
Sat. 5th Jan, 2019.	AYC & Francophone
Sat. 12th Jan. 2019	STHEYA
Sat. 19th Jan. 2019	St. John International

OFFERTORY & BIDDING PRAYER SCHEDULE

DATE	1ST MASS	2ND MASS
SUN. 23rd Dec.	Anchor of Hope Society	Knights & Ladies of Marshall
SUN. 30th Dec.	PPC, PYC, Laity Council, Catholic Women Council	Perpetual Help Confraternity.
SUN. 6th Jan. 2019	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus	Ga-Dangme Community
SUN. 13th Jan. 2019	STHEYA	Akan Community

MARRIAGE CORNER

3RD TIME

Groom: John Doni Kofie **Bride: Juliet Sungdumba**
Father: Kofie Sange John **Father: Edward Sungdumba**
Mother: Dora Afi **Mother: Theresa Bukari**

Groom: Shali Akwetey **Bride: Frances Amonoo**
Otoo-Kati **McCarthy**
Father: Giles Kati **Father: Peter McCarthy**
Mother: Sharon Otoo **Mother: Agnes McCarthy**

Let us keep them in our prayers

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEASED: Mrs. Christiana Vierrah, a Parishioner. Funeral Arrangements are as follows:

Wake-Keeping: Thursday, 3rd January, 2019 at the Residence, Manye lane near the Prince of Prince School, Kaneshie.

Burial Mass: Friday, 4th January, 2019 at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kaneshie at 8am.

Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 6th January, 2019 at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kaneshie at 9.30am.

DECEASED: Madam Justine Amoah-Larbi, a Parishioner. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Requiem Mass: Friday, 18th January, 2019 at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kaneshie at 7pm, followed by wake keeping. Attire is black.

Burial: Saturday, 19th January, 2019 at Kpando in the Volta Region. Funeral rites continues at St. Theresa Parish grounds at 12pm. Attire is Black.

Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday, 20th January, 2019 at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Kaneshie at 9.30am. Attire Black and White.

DECEASED: Madam Felicia Komlatse, a Parishioner and member of Christian Mothers Association. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Wake Keeping: Friday, 25th January 2019 at Mafi-Dekpoe

Burial Mass: Saturday, 26th January, 2019 at Battor Roman Catholic Church. Followed by internment.

Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday, 27th January, 2019 at Battor Roman Catholic Church Battor.

Let us keep the bereaved families in prayers

END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING

MEGA KOFI AND AMA THANKSGIVING.

Are you ready for the end of year Kofi and Ama competition? 7 Days to Go!!!!

Can you believe it is December already? Where did the year go? How great is our God?

The Theme for this years Kofi & Ama Thanksgiving is "**NOT UNTO US O LORD, NOT UNTO US, BUT TO YOUR NAME GIVE GLORY**" Psalm 115:1

Who will the champions be? Come prepared to win on Sunday the 30th of December, 2018.

ADEHYEMMA CHOIR COMPETITION

The Catholic Adehyemma Sacred Choral Group is participating in an on-going Musical competition organized by Atinka T.V. entitled "**KRONKRON REALITY BAND SHOW**"

The Programme is currently on-going and is being telecast with evictions on every Sunday at 4 pm. The group needs our support both financial and moral to keep them in the competition.

Please let us all support the **Catholic Adehyemma** by texting **ADM** to the short code **1762** via all networks.

God bless you all for your support

PILGRIMAGE

The Knights of St. John International and Ladies Auxiliary are embarking on a pilgrimage to Israel, Portugal, France and Italy. All Parishioners are invited to join the pilgrimage.

All interested Parishioners can contact: 0202-967181 / 0244- 275558.

Registration is still on-going till 11th February, 2019.

MARRIAGE SCHOOL COUNSELLING

All Parishioners are being reminded that the next session of **Marriage counselling (January—June)** is open for registration.

Kindly contact the Parish Office for forms.

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