

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the last seven days of Lent. It begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. It is the most solemn week of the liturgical year, when we commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus's life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, and the greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (when Jesus made his final entrance into Jerusalem) and culminates with Easter Sunday.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the Easter Triduum, also known as the Sacred Triduum, or Paschal Triduum.

The Paschal Mystery is God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the Passion, death, and resurrection of God-man, Jesus Christ. It is one liturgical celebration stretched out over three days. Beginning from Holy Thursday, the Church observes a silence, called the **Magnum Silentium**.

HOLY THURSDAY

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as **The Mass of the Lords Supper**.

This is a very joyful Mass, as the Church relives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood (Holy Orders), which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. Also known as Maundy Thursday, it is the day Jesus instituted a new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you". The priests wear white vestments, the altar is filled with flowers, the Gloria is sung and the bells are rung. After the Gloria, we shall not hear organ music and the bells until the Easter Vigil. Because of its connection to the Last Supper, where the twelve Apostles first received Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (Take, eat, this is my body .), Holy Thursday is a day especially given to adoration of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. After the Mass, we recall the Agony in the Garden, and the arrest and imprisonment of Jesus. The altar is stripped bare, crosses are removed or covered. The Eucharist has been placed in an altar of repose, and most churches are open for silent adoration, to answer Christ's invitation (Could you not, then, watch one hour with me? Matt 26:40)

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world.

Mass cannot be celebrated on Good Friday nor Holy Saturday, since these are days of mourning the death of Christ.

The Parish Altar looks very different on Good Friday, it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the Tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the altar of repose to signify Jesus's death. The candle by the Tabernacle is blown out, and the Tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. This is quite dramatic, highlighting that Good Friday is a solemn day of prayer and mourning. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass, but rather a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. It often takes place at 3pm, the hour that Jesus breathed his last on the cross.

Veneration of the Cross also takes place at this service, processing to kneel before a cross and either touching it or kissing it. Often the priest will begin the service prostrate in front of the altar to signify the nothingness of man.

HOLY SATURDAY

On this day Christ is in the tomb. There is no daytime Mass on Holy Saturday. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow, the final one before the Easter Vigil begins that evening.

We remember, with Mary and the disciples, that Jesus died and was separated from them for the first time as he lay in the tomb.

EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY

A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil, the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church.

ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019.

UNIVERSAL:

FOR DOCTORS AND THEIR HUMANITARIAN COLLABORATORS IN WAR ZONES, WHO RISK THEIR LIVES TO SAVE THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

PASSION SUNDAY

14TH APRIL, 2019.

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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

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Lord, we pray for all who are preparing to celebrate the Easter sacraments, that they may enter more deeply into the mystery of God's unconditional love through the celebrations of Holy Week.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Palm Sunday
Hosanna To The King of Kings

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HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

PALM SUNDAY 14 TH APRIL



Procession before Mass at **7am** starting from the St. Theresa's School.

There will be one Mass concurrently (Chapel and Parish Hall).

ROUTE:

From St. Theresa school through Dans bar to the Azumah Nelson Sports Complex through Bongo Bar to Papaye then to the Parish.

PARISH HALL: All youth and Youth Groups (COSRA, STHEYA, AYC, KNOLTA, Welcomers, Francophone, Junior Marshall, Junior Auxiliary, Christian Daughters & Children of Mary)

Offertory & Bidding Prayers by All Youth.

CHAPEL: All other Parishioners, Offertory & Bidding Prayers by: Ewe Union, Ebiemo. Akan Kuo, Trinity Northern Society, St. Francis of Asissi Community.

PARISH DAY OF FASTING, 15TH APRIL

Monday is our last Parish day of fasting, we will meet here at the Parish at 6 pm to break our fast. Please come along with some fruits to share.

Prayer Intention

Praying for the Sick, Poor and Needy in our Society.
3 Peter 1:6 / Mark 1:12-15.

CHRISM MASS, WEDNESDAY 17 TH APRIL

Venue: Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka.

Time : 10 am.

HOLY THURSDAY, 18 TH APRIL

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of feet at 6.30 pm.

Offertory & Bidding Prayers by the Disciples.

Adoration will follow after Mass.

Please note that we are all expected to remain in the Chapel for adoration until the Blessed Sacrament is Reposed.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES CONTINUES

GOOD FRIDAY (CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION) 19 TH APRIL

Stations of the Cross from St. Theresa School at 7 am.

NB: Same route used on Palm Sunday.

Novena to Divine Mercy at 2.30 pm

Veneration of the Cross at 3 pm concurrently in the Chapel and at the Parish Hall. In attendance will be the Mass Choir.

Please remember to come along with your hymnal and Liturgical Calendar.

HOLY SATURDAY, 20 TH APRIL

Vigil Mass at **7 pm**. Offertory by All Liturgical Ministries & Bidding Prayers by Catechumens.

Note: All should come along with Candles and candle support. Candles are available at the Parish Office. Baptism for Adults and Children.

Novena to Divine Mercy will be done individually.

EASTER SUNDAY, 21 ST APRIL

There will be no Youth nor French Mass.

1st Mass: offertory All Parishioners & Bidding prayers by Christian Mothers Association

2nd Mass: Offertory - Catechumens, Bidding Prayers Ewe Community.

Novena to divine Mercy will be after all Masses.

EASTER MONDAY, 22 ND APRIL

◆ There will be morning Mass at 7 am, followed by Novena to divine Mercy

◆ Easter Picnic at 10 am at the St. Theresa's School Grounds.

TUESDAY 23RD TO FRIDAY 26TH, APRIL

Novena to Divine Mercy at 6 pm followed by Mass at 6.30 pm.



READINGS FOR TODAY SUNDAY,

14TH APRIL 2019.

AT THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS : LUKE 19:28-40

1ST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL: PSALM 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

2ND READING : PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

GOSPEL: LUKE 22:14-23:56

OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1- MEMORIAL OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Mass will be in the morning at 7am. All should come along with their working tools for God's blessing.

SEND-OFF MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP PALMER-BUCKLE

We wish to remind all that the Archdiocese will have a Send-Off/Farewell Mass for Archbishop Charles Gabriel Palmer-Buckle, Metropolitan Archbishop of Cape Coast (and former Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Accra), are as follows:

Date: **Friday, 26th April 2019**

Venue: Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka - Accra

Time: 10:00 am

All are invited.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

St. Anthony 13 Tuesday's prayer has began. we are all encouraged to pray more frequently by the statue in the church.

COMMERCIALS

◆ A driver and sales person is needed for immediate employment. Interested persons should reside around Kaneshie, Awudome, Bubushie, Tesano and its environs, contact 0246-326132

◆ A parishioner is in need of a Chamber and Hall self Contain around Kaneshie, Awudome, Swanlake, Tesano and its Environs. Contact 0249-060526.

MARRIAGE CORNER

2ND TIME

Groom: Matthew Amevor

Bride: Dorothy Doe Ehlah

Father: Godfred Amevor

Father: Bernard Ehlah

Mother: Mary Anipayere

Mother: Awusi Abletor

2ND TIME

**Groom: Leonard Yaganuma
Napogbong**

**Bride: Miriam Boateng
Kumah**

Father: Philip Napogbong

Father: Thomas Kumah

Mother: Grace Vuurifaa

Mother: Elizabeth Amuzu

Lets remember them in prayers

CATECHUMENS PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, 17TH APRIL- 6.30PM

Confessions for all catechumens who had infant baptism and about to receive first communion.

SATURDAY, 20TH APRIL 8 AM - ALL CATECHUMENS

Church Compound Clean-up

First anointing

Rehearsal

Baptism of Candidates at 7pm.

SUNDAY, 21ST APRIL - 9.30 AM

First Holy Communion

2019 EASTER PICNIC

The 2019 Easter Picnic brings all of us together as one family in prayer and love. Thus, to commemorate our salvation as sons and daughters of God, we wish to gather to share that unity and joy together.

This year's celebration will come off at the St. Theresa's school and will start with a morning mass @ 7am.

The following games and activities will be available for all individuals and societies to participate in:

◆ Football , Volleyball , Eating Competition , Ampe , Penalty Shootout , Thug of Love , Lime and Spoon , Sack Race , Musical Chairs , Chess, Scrabble , Ludo , Playing Cards, Oware, Draft

Note of the following:

Registration and balloting for games/activities will take place immediately after mass, therefore all societal heads/representatives are to visit the Picnic Desk manned by the PYC for the necessary action to be taken. Also canopy/sitting allocations will be participatory done, kindly visit the Picnic Desk and get all the necessary information you need.