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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A  
"His coming will bring justice and peace for all"

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## CHRIST THE KING CHURCH THEME FOR THE YEAR

### "MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER"

<p><b>OFFICE HOURS</b></p> <p><b>Weekdays</b> 8:00am-5:00pm</p> <p><b>Saturdays</b> 8:00am-12:00pm</p> <p><b>Sundays</b> 8:00am-2:00pm</p>	<p><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH</b></p> <p><b>SUNDAYS</b> 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm Youth Mass : 8.00am</p> <p><b>WEEKDAY SCHEDULE</b> Daily: 6.30am &amp; 12:15pm; Tues: 6.30pm</p> <p><b>HOLY HOUR &amp; MASS</b> Thursday preceding the 1st Friday &amp; 1st Friday 6.00pm</p>	<p><b>DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b></p> <p>Sunday: 7:00am Daily Mass: Mon - Sat : 6.30am</p> <p><b>ADORATION/EXPOSITION:</b> Every 1st Sunday of the month - 5.45pm - 7.15pm Every 3rd Fridays of the month (Half-Night) - 7.30pm - 10.00pm</p>
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# LEPERS AID COMMITTEE


Presents


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2016

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Founder





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- \*Pan African 441 Choir
- \*Genius Hives

**Chairperson**  
Her Lordship Justice Georgina Wood

**Special Guest of Honour**  
H.E Mrs. Matilda Amissah-Arthur

FRI. 16TH DECEMBER, 2016 | CHRIST THE KING PARISH HALL | 6.00PM

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

### COMMENTARY ON READINGS

**First Reading:** The Prophet foretells that the Spirit of God shall rest on Jesse's descendant; an ideal king, who will establish a kingdom of integrity, justice and peace, love and unity among peoples of all nations. (Isaiah 11:1-10)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 72)

“Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.”

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. **Res**

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **Res**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **Res**

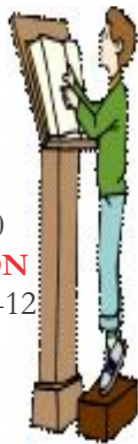
May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **Res**

**Second Reading:** Scripture was written for our instruction so that we might derive hope from it. It is in Christ that the yearning of all peoples is fulfilled. (Romans 15:4-9)

**Gospel :** John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and speaks in clear language to all the people to repent without delay (Matthew 3:1-12)

### MEMORIALS AND READINGS 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT, YEAR A

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Sabas</b> Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Nicholas of Bari</b> Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Ambrose</b> Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> Gn 3:9-15/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6. 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Peter Fourier</b> Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Melchisedech</b> Sir 48:1-4. 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9. 10-13



### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A**  
Is 35:1-6. 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

## ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS

December	04	Sacred Heart Confraternity
	11	Theresian International
	18	Crusaders
<b>SECOND COLLECTIONS</b>		
December	04	Thanksgiving
	11	Catechetical
	18	Men vs Women

### MARRIAGE CORNER

#### PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNES

1. Seth Dzakpasu & Emelia Sitsafe Antonio (2)
2. Abraham Nyuah & Sophia Nkrumah (2)
3. Ernest Y. Loamenya & Cecilia A. Assan (1)

### MARRIAGE COUNSELLING REGISTRATION

Registration for the next session of the Marriage Counselling (January - June 2017) has begun. Interested Parishioners should register at the Parish Office.

### TUESDAY TEACHING CORNER

What do you really know about Contraception?  
Are there side effects?  
What does the Church say about it?

Join Tuesday Teaching as we bring to you  
“**CONTRACEPTION: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW**”  
with our Professional Panelists.

Tuesday, 6th December, 2016 | Christ the King Church |  
6.30pm

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - CTK

- Thurs. 8th December, 2016**  
- Feast of Immaculate Conception  
Mass @ 6.30am, 12:15pm & 6.00pm at Grotto
- Sat. 10th December, 2016**  
- 1st Vespers of 3rd Sunday of Advent @ 6pm  
Songs to be led by CTK Choir
- Fri. 16th December, 2016**  
- Christmas Novena begins  
- Lepers Concert @ Parish Hall @ 6pm
- Sat 17th December, 2016**  
- 1st Vespers of 4th Sunday of Advent @ 6pm  
Songs to be led by Marian Choir
- Sun. 18th December, 2016**  
- Christmas Party for Lepers @ 12noon at the Parish Hall
- Tuesday 20th December, 2016**  
- 46th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Campbell
- Wed. 21st December, 2016**  
- Family Carol Night @ 6.00pm at the Main Church
- Sat. 24th December, 2016**  
- Nine Lessons & Carols @ 6.30pm  
- Holy Mass @ 7.30pm
- Sun 25th December, 2016**  
- Christmas Mass (Normal Sunday Schedule)
- Thur. 29th December, 2016**  
- Holy Hour for all Married Couples @ 6.30pm
- Fri. 30th December, 2016**  
- Feast of Holy Family @ 6.30am, 12:15pm & 6.30 pm  
- Renewal of Marriage Vows for all couples at all Masses
- Sat. 31st December, 2016**  
- Holy Hour for Peace @ 9 – 10pm  
- Holy Mass @ 10pm

## MEETINGS

### MEETINGS TODAY AFTER 8.00AM MASS

- \*Sacred Heart Confraternity
- \*Tarsicians
- \*PYC
- \*CASU General Meeting, at the Hall.
- \*Fr. Campbell, with Eucharistic Ministers, at 2.00pm at the Conference room of the Parish Office.

### MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

- \*DMCC PPC, on Monday, 5th December, 2016 at 6.00pm.

### MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2016

- \*Christian Mother
- \*Welfare Committee
- \*COSRA
- \*Teshie Nungua Area, at Cpt. Sam's residence at Teshie Nungua Estate at 4.00pm.
- \*St. Michael Society - Executives
- \*St. Monica Society
- \*Labone Area Group, at Mrs. Vanlare's residence at 4.00pm

### SOCIETAL HEADS MEET FR. CAMPBELL

Fr. Campbell meets all Presidents/Chairpersons of all societies/groups next Sunday, 11th December, 2016 at the Youth Room of the Adoration Chapel.

### FATHER OF THE YEAR 2016 PROJECT

We continue with our passionate appeal to parishioners to enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes and to also join the apostleship of the Sacred Heart through membership of the Sacred Heart Confraternity. Parishioners are nevertheless reminded that all Catholics are devotees of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and must therefore endeavour to attend the First Friday and the Thursday preceding the First Friday Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Catholic Men Association (CMA) is the preserve of adult male parishioners. Participation in CMA activities through registered membership is therefore encouraged and anticipated.

### SCHEDULE OF VISITS IN NOVEMBER

SOCIETY	DATE	TIME
Catholic Charismatic Renewal	7/12/16	7.30pm
KSJI	10/12/16	8.00am
Youth Ushers/Youth Lectors	11/12/13	10.30am

Similar visits will be paid to other societies in the coming months.

### CREDIT UNION CORNER

- The Board of Directors, Supervisory and Loans Committees wish to thank all Members who attended last Sunday's AGM.

- The Board wishes to urge all Co-operators to familiarise themselves with the new Bye-laws and Articles of the Association.

- Members are also strongly recommended to save regularly and borrow wisely.

## DIVINE MERCY CHURCH

### ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

December	04	Sacred Heart Conf.
	11	Friday Born
	18	Youth
	25	Choir



### SECOND COLLECTIONS

December	04	Thanksgiving
	18	Day Borns

### REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

In the first reading from Isaiah we have a beautiful poem of Messianic hope written in a time of war and hopelessness. Isaiah yearns for the coming of a just king of the house of David who will usher the longed-for change for his people. When this text of Isaiah was written during the eighth century BC, the lion symbolized fear; this animal was the scourge of Palestine. The lion's transformation to a peaceful bovine imaged the kingdom of God, a world totally gentled, a world in which a child can guide. The spirit-filled king has come, bringing justice to all creation.

We see coming from the desert one who will point the way to final glory. He is the one who marks the end of the time of waiting and the beginning of the new age of Jesus. He is the last of the great prophets. The long line of prophetic witness had been broken and the people lamented that the spirit had been silenced. In John the Baptist the people could see an end to God's silence. Through John they could hear the word of God. God's word came again through the wilderness, the traditional place associated with the growth of Israel's religion.

John is a voice speaking in the wilderness and the people came to the wilderness to hear God's word. His message is blunt and to the point. There is only one way to prepare the way: 'Repent!' John the Baptist envisions 'Metanoia' a conversion experience, a radical turning to God coupled with inner renewal. Those moved by his call confess their sins and are baptized by John. In their baptisms the people make a public profession to begin to change their lives. John calls everyone to change. John is blunt and forthright. Their pedigree, their good ancestry means nothing. Roots refer to the past, fruits speak of the health of the tree now. John calls the whole of Israel without exception to a change of heart. That call is addressed to us as well here and now. Hearing it and acting on it – this is the best preparation for the one who is to come.

### MOTY UPCOMING PROGRAM - 17TH DEC. 2016

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| - 7.00am - 8.00am  | - Keep Fit Exercise   |
| 8.00am - 9.00am    | - A Talk on Leadership and Preparedness to meet the corporate world |
| - 9.30am - 11.00am | - Games   |
| 12.30              | - Lunch   |