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# Weekly Bulletin

Year 21, No. 50

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

19TH MARCH, 2017

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**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH THEME FOR THE YEAR**

**"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME" (Phil 4:13)**

<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> SUNDAYS 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>CONFESSION</b> Saturdays : 7.00am (Main Church) &amp; 5.00pm (Adoration Chapel)</p>	<p><b>DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 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> <p><b>CONFESSION</b> Saturdays : After Morning Mass</p>
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### GENERAL LENTEN CONFESSION

There will be a General Lenten Confession on Monday, 20th March, 2017 at 6.00pm. Fifteen (15) Priests from various Parishes in the Deanery will assist in hearing Confessions.

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

### COMMENTARY ON READINGS

**First Reading:** The people of Israel were ungrateful to God who had only recently freed them from slavery in Egypt. In spite of their conduct, God cared for them and provided water to quench their thirst in the dry desert. (Exodus 17:3-7)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95)

“ If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.”

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him. **Res**

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For He is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **Res**

Oh, that today you would hear His voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." **Res**

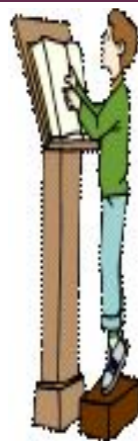
**Second Reading:** God proved His extraordinary love for humanity by the fact that Christ died for our sins even while we were still helpless sinners. (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

**Gospel :**At Jacob's well, Jesus teaches the Samaritan woman about God's gift of the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit who gives us eternal life through the living waters of baptism.. (John 4:5-42)

### WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS

#### 3RD WEEK OF LENT, YEAR A

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Joseph, husband of BVM</b> 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 14-14a. 16/Ps 89/ Rom 4:13. 16-18. 22/Mt 1:16. 18-21. 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Enda</b> Dn 3:25. 34-43/Ps 25/Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ss. Simon of Trent &amp; William of Norwich</b> Dt 4:1. 5-9/Ps 147/Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Toribio de Mogrovejo</b> Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95/Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Catherine of Sweden</b> Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81/Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b> Is 7:10-14; 8:10 /Ps 40/Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38



#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

1 Sm 16:1b. 6-7. 10-13a/Ps 23/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

## ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS/2ND COLLECTIONS

### BIDDING PRAYERS

<b>March</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Catholic Men</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>St. Anthony's Guild</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Confraternity</b>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

<b>March</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Men vs Women</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Communication (Arch)</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>09</b>	<b>Youth</b>

### MARRIAGE CORNER

#### PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNES

1. Sylvester Mensah & Margaret Araba Van-Ess (2)
2. Francis Bruce & Bernadette Atosona (1)

#### TRAINING OF MARRIAGE COUNSELORS

There will be a training on Marriage and Family Life for parishioners who want to be Counselors on Friday, 21st - Sunday 23rd April, 2017. Interested persons should register at the Parish office. For further information please call 0208195683 / 0502698387.

### LEGION OF MARY CALLING

The Legion of Mary Junior Presidium (Children) meets every Friday at the St. Maria Goretti room at 5.00pm whilst the Senior Presidium (Adults) meets on Sundays at the St. Vincent de Paul's room at 10.20am all at the Adoration Chapel Complex.

### APPRECIATION

The widow, children and entire family of the late **Mr. Joshua M.K Kpakpah**, beloved husband and father, wish to convey their sincere thanks and appreciation for each kind expression of sympathy - be it a word of prayer, a thoughtful gesture or your presence during our recent sorrow. Whatever was done, individually or collectively, we say thank you so much and may God richly bless you. We only ask that you continue to remember the soul of our departed in your prayers.

### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The death has been reported of **Madam Helena Addor**, a parishioner which sad event occurred on **25th February, 2017**. Funeral arrangements will be announced soon.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Kantuwine family regret to announce the death of **Mr. Roland Kantuwine**, a parishioner.. Funeral arrangements are as follows:  
**Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017** - Pre-Burial Service at Christ the King Church, Accra at 8.00am.  
**Friday, 31st March, 2017** - Wake Keeping at Doba, Navrongo, Upper East Region.  
**Saturday 1st April, 2017** - Laying in state at Doba, Navrongo at 7.00am, followed by Burial Mass at 9.00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Navrongo, Upper East Region.  
**Sunday, 2nd April, 2017** - Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Navrongo at 9.00am.  
**Sunday, 30th April, 2017** - Final Funeral rites at Christ the King Catholic Church at 10.30am.

## MEETINGS

### TODAY AFTER 8.00AM MASS

\*YCWM  
 \*SLOPSAN  
 \*Welfare Committee  
 \*St. Matthew Akan Society  
 \*St. Michael Ewe Union - General  
 \*Liturgical committee, at the Parish Office  
**AREA GROUP MEETING TODAY**  
 \*Other Areas - Tesano, Dansoman, Darkuman, North Kaneshie, Odorkor etc, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Warmann at Pokuase at 3.00pm. Please call 0202617866 for directions.  
 \*East Legon, Haatso, Adenta, Madina Area Group, at Alkapulco, opposite ATRACO at 4.30pm. Fr. Destiny Amenuvor will be present. Please come in your numbers. Call 0275760417.

### MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, 26TH MARCH, 2017

\*Yefri Tete Kroye Kuo, at COCOBOD Club House.  
 \*Social Committee, after the 8.00am Mass at the Youth Room. All societies are to nominate one person each to plan the Easter Monday Picnic.  
 \*Spintex Bible Sharing Group, at No. 12 Regina Crescent, Golden Gate, Regimanuel Estate at 4.00pm.

### OTHER MEETINGS

\*Finance Council, on Thurs. 30th March, 2017 at 6.00pm.

### HEADS OF AREA GROUPS MEETING

All Heads of Area groups will meet at the Youth room today after the 8.00am Mass..

### CATHOLIC MEN ASSOC. INAUGURATION

The Catholic Men Association (CMA) will be inaugurated today during the 8.00am. New members are cordially invited.

### ACIES! ACIES!! ACIES!!!

The Legion of Mary is inviting all its members, Marian devotees and auxiliary members to this year's Acies which comes off on Sunday, 26th March, 2017 at the Holy Spirit Cathedral at 2.00pm. Come one...Come all to honour our Blessed Mother.

## POPE FRANCIS LENTEN LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
 Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goals of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, He patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us His readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

## DIVINE MERCY CHURCH

### ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

<b>March</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Youth</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Confraternity</b>
	<b>09</b>	<b>Thursday Borns</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>Catholic Charismatic Renewal</b>
	<b>23</b>	<b>St. Theresa of the Child Jesus</b>



### SECOND COLLECTIONS

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## THE 2017 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING HARVEST WILL BE LAUNCHED AT ALL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY.

### NOMINATION FOR MOTHER & FATHER OF THE YEAR 2017 OPEN

All Societies /Groups are to nominate one person each to be Mother of the Year and Father of the Year 2017. Nomination deadlines are 30th April for Mother of the Year and 30th May for Father of the Year.

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing
2. Must be happily married or single with tangible reasons.
3. Age must be 50years and above
4. Must belong to at least one (1) society at CTK Church
5. Must have good qualities of leadership skills that could mentor the youth
6. Must show outstanding commitment to the Catholic faith
7. His/her activities in the Church must be exemplary

### 1. The other person is a gift

The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.

The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means "God helps". This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

..to be continued