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**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A** 

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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)

**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH** Sunday: 7:00am Daily Mass: Mon - Sat : 6.30am

**ADORATION/EXPOSITION:** Every 1st Sunday of the month - 5.45pm - 7.15pm **Every 3rd Fridays of the month** (Half-Night) - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

CONFESSION Saturdays : After Morning Mass

# Saturdays : 7.00am (Main Church) & 5.00pm (Adoration Chapel)

"...We can't help everyone but everyone can help someone.." SUPPORT THE CTK SOUP KITCHEN



# **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A**

## **COMMENTARY ON READINGS**

First Reading: God commands Samuel to anoint Jesse's youngest son, David, to become King of Israel. The Spirit of God settles on David and stays with him after the anointing. (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13)

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 23)**

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; He refreshes my soul. Res

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage. Res.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Res

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come." Res

Second Reading: Paul reminds the Christians at Ephesus about former times when they lived in darkness. Now they live in the light of Christ and should, therefore, live a life of goodness and truth. (Ephesians 5:8-14)

Gospel : Christ, the light of the world, gives sight to the physically blind, and the light of faith to the spiritually sightless who are humble enough to receive it. (St. John 9:1-41)

#### WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS **4TH WEEK OF LENT. YEAR A**

| Monday    | St. Rupert of Salzburg              |  |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|
|           | Is 65:17-21/Ps 30/Jn 4:43-54        |  |
| Tuesday   | St. Tutilo                          |  |
|           | Ez 47:1-9. 12/Ps 46/Jn 5:1-16       |  |
| Wednesday | St. Saturninus                      |  |
|           | Is 49:8-15/Ps 145/Jn 5:17-30        |  |
| Thursday  | St. John Climacus                   |  |
|           | Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106/Jn 5:31-47        |  |
| Friday    | St. Benjamin                        |  |
|           | Wis 2:1a. 12-22/Ps 34/              |  |
|           | Jn 7:1-2. 10. 25-30                 |  |
| Saturday  | ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD            |  |
|           | Is 7:10-14; 8:10 /Ps 40/Heb 10:4-10 |  |
|           | Lk 1:26-38                          |  |
|           |                                     |  |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

#### **ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS/2ND COLLECTIONS**

**BIDDING PRAYERS** 

| March | 26                   | St. Anthony's Guild  |
|-------|----------------------|--|
| April | 02<br>09<br>16<br>23 | Sacred Heart Confraternity<br>St. Vincent de Paul Society<br>Crusaders<br>Jesus, Mary & Joseph |
|       | SECOND COLLECTIONS   |  |
| March | 26                   | Communication (Arch)   |

02 Thanksgiving 09 Youth 16

Men vs Women

# MARRIAGE CORNER

April

**PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNS** 

1. Sylvester Mensah & Margaret Araba Van-Ess (3) 2. Francis Bruce & Bernadette Atosona (2)

3. Paa Kofi Boateng & Josephine Koranteng Edukuah (1)

4. Smilis Kojo Clegg & Sandra Doku (1)

# THANKSGIVING MASS

The Thanksgiving Mass of the late ACP Dr. Stephen Benneh comes off on Sunday, 2nd April, 2017 at Christ the King Catholic Church at 10.30am.

# APPRECIATION

The entire family of the late Mrs. Anna Amo-Korankye wishes to express their profound gratitude to the Parish community for their presence, prayers and support during the burial of their dear wife and mother.

#### God richly bless you all.

## CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CALLING

Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites all parishioners to a programme dubbed;

# **"ADORATION AND INNER** HEALING" With Fr. Prince Adelaavitar

**Date** : 29th March, 2017 | **Time** : 6.00pm **Venue :** Christ the King Church

#### 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 50 years 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.

# MEETINGS

#### **TODAY AFTER 8.00AM MASS**

\*Yefri Tete Kroye Kuo, at COCOBOD Club House. \*Social Committee, at the Youth Room. All societies are to nominate one person each to plan the Easter Monday Picnic. \*Vocation Committee, St. Bakhita Room.

# **AREA GROUP MEETING TODAY**

\*Spintex Bible Sharing Group, at No. 12 Regina Crescent, Golden Gate, Regimanuel Estate at 4.00pm.

# **MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK**

\*St. Vincent de Paul Society, on Mon. 27th March, 2017 at 6.30pm

**\*PPC Executives,** on Wed. 29th March, 2017 at 6.00pm. \*Finance Council, on Thurs. 30th March, 2017 at 6.00pm

# **MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, 2ND APRIL, 2017**

\*Sacred Heart Confraternity

\*PYC

\*Tarsicians

# 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 today at the Holy Spirit Cathedral at 2.00pm.

Come one....Come all to honour our Blessed Mother.

# ADORATION AND GROTTO DEVOTION

Sat. 1st April, 2017 - Grotto Devotions at 4.30pm Thu. 6th April, 2017 - Mass @ 6.00pm followed by Holy Hour Fri. 7th April, 2017 - Mass @ 6.00pm followed by Holy Hour

## PYC YOUTH WEEK PROGRAM OULINE

Sunday, 2nd April 2017: Launching of youth week at all masses Tuesday, 4th April 2017 : Talk on the Theme: FROM THE PRAETORIUM TO CALVARY @ 6:30pm Thursday, 7th April 2017 : Stations of the cross alongside music 6:00pm Saturday, 8th April 2017 : Retreat after morning mass Sunday, 9th April 2017 : Thanksgiving mass for all youth @ 8:00am(Youth Mass)

# **POPE FRANCIS LENTEN LETTER**

He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His as an outcast (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016). opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10:9) and kings (cf. Jg 8:26), while fine with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which be our neighbor or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favorable progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. pride (cf. Homily, 20 September 2013).

Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to the rich man. dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 55).

2. SIN BLINDS US

| DI                                     | VINE | MERCY CHURCH                   |  |  |  |  |
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| ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY |      |                                |  |  |  |  |
| March                                  | 26   | Choir                          |  |  |  |  |
| April                                  | 02   | Sacred Heart Confrater         |  |  |  |  |
| -                                      | 09   | Thursday Borns                 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 16   | Catholic Charismatic Renewal   |  |  |  |  |
|  | 23   | St. Theresa of the Child Jesus |  |  |  |  |
| SECOND COLLECTIONS                     |      |                                |  |  |  |  |
| March                                  | 26   | Communication (Arch)           |  |  |  |  |
| April                                  | 02   | Thanksgiving                   |  |  |  |  |
|  | 09   | Youth                          |  |  |  |  |
|  | 16   | Day Borns                      |  |  |  |  |

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, JAMASI **ANNIVERSARY CLIMAX**

The St. Michael Catholic Church in Jamasi is celeebrating 100yrs of evangelisation in Jamasi. The climax of the celebration is on Sat. 22nd April, 2017 with thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, 23rd April, 2017. CTK parishioners from Jamasi are all invited.

# WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

The World Youth Day Celebration (Ghana) comes off from 31st March - 1st April, 2017 at Dodowa (Old Ghanata Park). T-Shirts for the celebration will be launched and auctioned today at all Masses.

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