

THE AFRICAN REGENT HOTEL ACCRA, GHANA

# Afelyia Pa!

Cheers to the New Year and another chance for us to be of service to you. As we helped you reach your goals in the past year, we too traversed several milestones. This New Year let us raise a toast to those wonderful journeys, and be hopeful about many more to come.

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

# Weekly Bulletin

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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> Weekdays 8:00am-5:00pm Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm Sundays 8:00am-2:00pm</p>	<p><b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> SUNDAYS 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm Youth Mass : 8.00am <b>WEEKDAY SCHEDULE</b> Daily: 6.30am &amp; 12:15pm; Tues: 6.30pm <b>HOLY HOUR &amp; MASS</b> Thursday preceding the 1st Friday &amp; 1st Friday 6.00pm <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 <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 <b>CONFESSION</b> Saturdays : After Morning Mass</p>
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**TRIANGULAR PILGRIMAGE**  
Israel Venice Rome

Organizers: BESPOKE TRAVEL CONSULT, Accra-Gh.  
ITINERARY 12th to 25th APRIL

<p><b>ISRAEL PACKAGE 8 DAYS</b> Wed 12: Flight From Accra Thur 13: Arrival in Tel Aviv - Bethlehem Fri 14: Jerusalem City (part 1) Sat 15: Jerusalem City (part 2) Sun 16: Capernaum; Sea Of Galilee; River Jordan Mon 17: Mt. Carmel - Nazareth Tue 18: Cana - Jericho - Dead Sea Wed 19: Ein Karim - Ela Valley - Jaffa - Bethlehem Thurs 20: Flight From Tel Aviv To Venice</p>	<p><b>VENICE PACKAGE 3 DAYS</b> Thurs. 20: PADUA CITY TOUR - St. Anthony's Shrine, St. Justin Basilica (to see the mortal remains of St. Luke). See the Prato della Vale (2nd largest Piazza in Europe) Orto Botanico (Unique Botanical Garden) FRI 21: - VENICE CITY TOUR - St. Marks Basilica and Piazza (to see the mortal remains of St. Mark) Visit Murano Island - to see how glass artifacts are made Visit Burano Island - Venetian Lace fabric Extensive Boat ride on the vast canals of Venice and its islands. <b>ROME PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE 3 DAYS</b> Sat 22: - Vatican - St. Peters &amp; Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museum, Shopping Sun 23: - Divine Mercy Sunday - Mass in Vatican Mon 24: - Free Morning; Return Flight To Accra Via Addis Ababa. Tue 25: Arrival in Accra.</p>
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• Punctuality  
• Etiquette in Mobile Telephone, Please & Thank-You, Public Spaces

**Part II - Children & Parents (Second 90 mins)**  
• The Art of the Family Meal:  
• Napkin Folding & Table Settings  
• Glassware/China/Flatware Demonstrations  
• Polite Dining - Do's & Don'ts  
• Eating Difficult Foods  
• Tea Etiquette

**Part III - 60 mins (Final - Strictly Parents)**  
• Alcoholic Beverages 101  
• Wines  
• Beers  
• Spirits & Cocktails  
• Glassware Demonstrations for Alcoholic Beverages  
• Wine & Champagne Basics for life  
• Blood Alcohol Content & Responsible Drinking

**Fees**  
Family of three - GH¢650  
Additional family member - GH¢150 each (Complimentary for 8th family member)  
Maximum Number: 8 per session

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- WASSCE/SSSCE Applicants from the West African Sub-region
- IGCSE/GCE (Cambridge) - 'O' and 'A' Levels
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Graduate Entry

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CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

From left : Very Rev. Emmanuel Aryee (Methodist) | Rev. Osei Bediako Akoto (Presbyterian) | Rev. Canon Antonio Nelson (Anglican) | Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell (CTK) | Rev. Fr. Joseph Ocran (CTK)

**CELEBRATING WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Venue : Allied and Surgical Ward, 37 Military Hospital  
Date : Saturday, 11th February, 2017 | Time : 1.00pm  
All parishioners are invited.  
NB : SOCIETIES ARE TO NOMINATE 4 REPRESENTATIVES EACH TO ATTEND.

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

### COMMENTARY ON READINGS

**First Reading:** The Prophet tells the people of Israel the true worship of God is shown in the practice of justice and by genuine concern for the poor and the needy. (Is 58:7-10)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 146)

“The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.”

Light shines through the darkness for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. **Res**

He shall never be moved; the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. **Res**

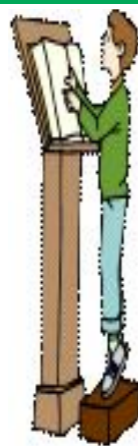
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor; His justice shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory. **Res**

**Second Reading:** Paul tells those who oppose his mission that the only knowledge he claims to have is about Christ crucified and the Christian faith does not depend on human wisdom but solely on the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

**Gospel:** Christ commands His disciple to be the salt of the earth and a beacon of light to the nations of the world, if His followers are to be truly Christ-like. (Matthew 5:13-16)

### WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Monday	<b>St. Paul Miki, &amp; co.</b> Gen 1:1-19/Ps 104/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	<b>Bl. Giles Mary</b> Gen 1:20-2:4/Ps 8/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	<b>St. Jerome Emiliani &amp; Josephine Bakhita</b> Gen 2:4-9. 15:17/Ps 104/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	<b>St. Miguel Febres Cordero</b> Gen 2:18-25/Ps 128/Lk 7:24-30
Friday	<b>St. Scholastica</b> Gen 3:1-8/Ps 32/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	<b>BVM/Our Lady of Lourdes</b> Gen 3:9-24/Ps 90/Mk 8:1-10



### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A  
Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

## ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS/2ND COLLECTIONS

### BIDDING PRAYERS

February	05	St. Matthew Society
	12	Kassena Nankana
	19	St. Michael Society
	26	Yefri Tete Kroye Kuo

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

February	05	Thanksgiving
	12	Holy Child
	19	Men vs Women
	26	Poor & Needy

## MARRIAGE CORNER

### PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNIS

1. Victor Okoe Lokko & Leticia Hagan (3)
2. Judious Tanson Gbal & Florence Delle (3)
3. Frank Yawson & Eunice Atawurah (2)

### TRAINING OF MARRIAGE COUNSELORS

There will be a training on Marriage and Family Life for parishioners who want to be Counselors on Monday, 13th March, 2017. Interested persons should register at the Parish office. For further information please call 0208195683 / 0502698387.

### CONFERENCE GALA DINNER

The Community of Holy Spirit's Friends (CASE), a Catholic Charismatic Francophone Community invites all parishioners to a Bilingual Conference Gala Dinner. Theme : “And the twain shall be one flesh”  
Ticket: GHS 60.00 for singles & GHS 100.00 for double  
Venue : Korkdam Hotel, New Achimota  
Date : Saturday, 11th February, 2017  
Please call 0540788450 for more info

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The death has been reported of **Joshua M.K. Kpakpah**, husband of Mrs. Josephine Kpakpah, a parishioner. The sad event occurred on 3rd December, 2016. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

**Thu. 16th February, 2017** - Vigil Service at his residence, 15 Templesi Lane, Airport Residential Area from 6.00pm - 10.00pm

**Fri. 17th February, 2017** - Pre-Burial Service & Burial Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church at 7.00am.

**Sat. 18th February, 2017** - Burial Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Klave, Volta Region at 9.00am. Interment at private cemetery, Klave, Volta Region. Funeral rights follow immediately at Klave School Park.

**Sun. 19th February, 2017** - Thanksgiving and Memorial Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Accra at 10.30am. Final funeral rites and Family Gathering at Kpakpah's residence, 15 Templesi Lane, Airport Residential Area.

## MEETINGS

### TODAY AFTER THE 8.00AM MASS

- \*Sacred Heart Confraternity
- \*PYC
- \*Tarcisians

### MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

\*DMCC PPC on Monday, 6th February, 2017 at 6.00pm

\*Liturgical Committee, on Tuesday, 7th February, 6.00pm

### MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, 12TH FEB. 2017

- \*Christian Mothers' Association
- \*Catholic Men's Association
- \*Welfare Committee
- \*Labone Area Group, at Mrs. Vanlare's residence at 4.00pm.

## CONFESSIONS



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

## ADULT CATECHISM

Adult Catechism Class comes off every Monday at 6.00pm at the Youth Room in the Adoration Chapel Complex.

## THE TUESDAY TEACHING CORNER

Join the Tuesday Session for a  
**-PRAYER SESSION -**  
Date : Tuesday, 7th February, 2017  
Venue : Christ the King Church  
Time : 6.00pm.

## VIRGINITY...BEAUTIFUL AND FREE

When marriage is mocked as it is today by divorce, adultery and fornication; when sex, reduced to self gratification, is separated from love/ life meaning; and when persons are treated as things to be used, then it follows that the VIRGIN will not be respected.

### WHO IS A VIRGIN?

The dictionary define a virgin as one who has not had sexual intercourse. This meaning however leaves the field wide open for indulgence in genital activity and including climax, with the maintenance - provided there is no intercourse - of technical virginity. A more accurate and honest definition is ONE WHO HAS NOT DELIBERATELY ENGAGED IN GENITAL AROUSAL BEHAVIOUR.



God does not play games. The teaching of the church on sexual morality is clear; GENITAL SEX ACTIVITY IS GOOD ONLY WITHIN MARRIAGE AND WITHIN MARRIAGE ONLY WHEN IT HONOURS THE LOVE AND LIFE-GIVING MEANING OF HUMAN SEXUALITY.

One can lose one's virginity all at once in an act of intercourse. Usually however it is lost a little at a time. An unmarried mother described the pattern.. “It just kind of went a little bit further each time we pattered until finally we couldn't stop and I wasn't a virgin anymore... then it was difficult to say NO the next time, and the next and then one day I was pregnant”. THOUSANDS OF OUR YOUTH CAN AND DO LOSE THEIR VIRGINITY BUT THOUSANDS DO NOT.  
to be continued....

## DIVINE MERCY CHURCH

### ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

February	05	Sacred Heart Conf.
	12	Tuesday Borns
	19	Lectors
	26	Christian Mothers

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

February	05	Thanksgiving
	12	Holy Child
	19	Day Borns
	26	Poor & Needy

### VAL'S DAY BASH

Divine Mercy Church presents St. Valentine Day Bash dubbed, “A NIGHT OF DIVINE LOVE”.

Featuring : Divine Mercy Youth in a drama titled, “Lies at the Altar in the Sanctuary”

Time : 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Other Activities : It Takes Two (2). Register now with the Church Security

Side Attraction : Live Band Music | Attire : A touch of red

## VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY!!!

Divine Mercy Catholic Church at Okponglo in East Legon is looking for an experienced Resident Organist. Interested persons should kindly contact Patricia Aikins on 024 432 9498 by 31 January 2017.

## PLEASE DONATE A LITTLE TO HELP A GOOD COURSE

**TARCISIANS CASTRA ET RECOLLIGO 2017**  
**CAMP & RALLY**

The Accra Archdiocesan League of Tarcisians of the Sacred of Jesus (AADLOT), is organizing a camp and rally for all Tarcisians in the Accra Archdiocese. Please look out for Tarcisians in their uniform and buy a wrist band or a sticker or give any amount to help them organize their Tarcisians Castra et Recolligo 2017 (Camp & Rally). Thanks you. Please contact any of the executives on; 0243635514/0204555188/0546779666.