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5TH 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)

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays
8:00am-5:00pm

Saturdays
8:00am-12:00pm

Sundays
8:00am-2:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAYS
6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
Youth Mass : 8:00am

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE
Daily: 6.30am & 12:15pm; Tues: 6.30pm

HOLY HOUR & MASS
Thursday preceding the 1st Friday
& 1st Friday 6.00pm

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

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
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CONFESSION
Saturdays : After Morning Mass

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Launching of 2017



Annual Thanksgiving harvest

- SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL, 2017 AT ALL MASSES -

NEW WASH ROOM PROJECT FOR CTK SCHOOL TO BE COMMISSIONED ON TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 2017 AT 7.00AM.

PYC YOUTH WEEK PROGRAM OUTLINE

- 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)

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

COMMENTARY ON READINGS

First Reading: The prophet describes the exile of the people of Israel to Babylon in terms of spiritual death and their eventual return to the soil of Israel as spiritual renewal and resurrection.. (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 130)

“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption”

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication. **Res**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered. **Res**

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD. **Res**

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities. **Res**

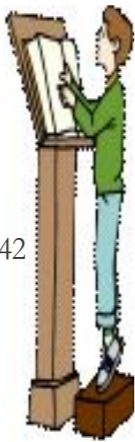
Second Reading: We are required to open ourselves to Christ's life giving Spirit and pray for those who are to be given new life of the Spirit in baptism this Easter. (Romans 8:8-11)

Gospel : Martha believes without doubt that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. Also, Jesus makes it abundantly clear that He is Lord of life and death when He raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:1-45)

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS

5TH WEEK OF LENT, YEAR A

Monday	St. Richard Is Dn 13:1-9 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 or 13:41-62/Ps 23/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	St. Isidore of Seville Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	St. Vincent Ferrer Dn 3:14-20. 19-21. 95/Dn 3/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	St. Celestine I Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105/Jn 8:51-59
Friday	St. John the Baptist de la Salle Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	St. Julie Billiart Ez 37:21-28 /Jer 31/Jn 11:45-56



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY, YEAR A

Procession : Mt 21:1-11

Mass: Is 50:4-7/Ps 22/Ph 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS/2ND COLLECTIONS

BIDDING PRAYERS

April	02	Sacred Heart Confraternity
	09	St. Vincent de Paul Society
	16	Crusaders
	23	Jesus, Mary & Joseph

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April	02	Thanksgiving
	09	Youth
	16	Men vs Women
	30	Poor & Needy

MARRIAGE CORNER

PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNES

1. Francis Bruce & Bernadette Atosona (3)
2. Paa Kofi Boateng & Josephine Koranteng Edukuah (2)
3. Smilis Kojo Clegg & Sandra Doku (2)
4. Jeremiah Essuman & Natale Bijoux Hukportie (1)
5. Samuel Adjei-Affum & Philippine Gifty A. Sedziafe (1)

TRAINING OF MARRIAGE COUNSELORS

There will be a training on Marriage and Family Life for Parishioners who may 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.

CRITERIA

1. Good Marriage life
2. Passionate /Dedicated
3. Amiable and a Team Player
4. Minimum Educational Background : Read, write and comprehend (SHS). Counselling and psychology background is an advantage.
5. Age - Not below 35yrs
6. Practicing Catholic

MONTHLY PARISH ADORATION

Thu. 6th April, 2017 - Mass @ 6.00pm followed by Holy Hour
Fri. 7th April, 2017 - Mass @ 6.00pm followed by Holy Hour

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.

MEETINGS

TODAY AFTER 8.00AM MASS

- *Sacred Heart Confraternity
- *PYC
- *Tarsicians
- *Kanda, 441, Ruga,37,Flagstaff House Area, at Mrs. Quachey's residence at 4.00pm. Call 0277493268
- *All Societal Heads, with Parish Priest in the Youth room
- *Stress Management Committee, in St Anne's Room.
- *Executives of Catholic Lawyers Guild of Ghana, at St. Damian's Room.

MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

- *DMCC PPC, on Monday, 3rd April, 2017 at 6.00pm
- *CTK PPC, on Wednesday, 5th April, 2017 at 6.00pm

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL, 2017

- *Christian Mothers' Association
- *Catholic Men Association
- *St. Michael Ewe Union - Executives
- *Teshie-Nungua Area Group
- *Kassena Nankana

DIVINE MERCY CHURCH



ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

April	02	Sacred Heart Conf.
	09	Thursday Borns
	16	Catholic Charismatic Renewal
	23	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April	02	Thanksgiving
	09	Youth
	16	Day Borns
	30	Poor & Needy

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, JAMASI ANNIVERSARY CLIMAX

The St. Michael Catholic Church in Jamasi is celebrating 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.

POPE FRANCIS LENTEN LETTER

Continuing from last week....

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 55).

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence (cf. ibid., 62).

The lowest rung of this moral degradation is pride. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door.

Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: "No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (Mt 6:24).

3. THE WORD IS A GIFT

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing

into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim 6:7).

We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls "father" (Lk 16:24.27), as a sign that he belongs to God's people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did. Abraham tells him: "During your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony" (v. 25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life's evils are balanced by good.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

From the Vatican,
POPE FRANCIS