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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B "Joyful witnesses of God's coming in us!"

17TH DECEMBER, 2017

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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

SISTERS HOSPITATLITIES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B <u>COMMENTARY ON READINGS</u>

First Reading: The prophet foretells the mission of the Messiah, who brings the Good News that the invisible kingdom of God is about to be established on earth as it is in Heaven. **(Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS Lk 1)

" My soul rejoices in my God.."

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: **Res**.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and Holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. **Res.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, **Res**

Second Reading: While we wait for the Lord Jesus at Christmas, we must pray always, in order that God will perfect in us, such holiness, as He will make worthy in us to greet His Son.. **(Thessalonians 5:16-24)**

Gospel: God sends John the Baptist in advance to prepare the world for the coming of Christ our Saviour who is the Light of the world. **(John 1:6-8, 19-28)**

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT, YEAR B



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Ps 89 /1 Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS/2ND COLLECTIONS

BIDDING PRAYERSDecember17YCWM

Sunday School

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Men vs Women Poor & Needy

MARRIAGE CORNER PUBLICATION OF BANNS

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December 17

Francis Segbedzi Katahena & Gifty Etornam Kemevor (3)
Leonard L. Kakuunaa & Patricia Otuwaa Akyeampong (3)
Aalangdon Gilbert Donbeinaa & Sarah Dakurah (2)
Patrick K. K. Akakpo & Eunice Taalaar Dery (2)
Dennis Twum Boateng & Judith A. A. Acheampong (1)

MARRIAGE COUNSELLING REGISTRATION

Registration for January - June, 2018 Session has began. Interested parishioners should please register at the Parish office. Rate : GHS 50.00 per person. Classes would begin on Sunday 14th January, 2018.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ANIMATORS/TEACHERS WANTED

Parishioners who want to help or volunteer as Sunday School Animators or Teachers are requested to register at the Parish Office.

HARVEST CORNER

PLEDGES AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

We respectfully encourage all those who have pledged to redeem their pledges at the Parish office. Contributions towards the Harvest are still welcome.

Call: 0302775645 or 0244402473 for further information

Men vs Women for today will be led by the Harvest Planning Committee Chairman at all Masses.

VENDOR AT THE PARISH HALL CAFE WANTED!!!

The Parish is looking for a single vendor (preferably a parishioner) to manage the Hall Café

The vendor must be able to operate 5 days a week OR (Mon -Fri.) The selected vendor will be given a yearly operational lease for the space around the café and Fatima Gardens.

The vendor will be responsible for the proper maintenance and upkeep of the café and Fatima Gardens during the contracted term of the operational lease. Proposals must reach the Parish Office by 31st January, 2018.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ASSOCIATION!!!

Under the auspices of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell, all past and present Mothers are invited to our Annual get together after the 8.00am Mass on Sunday, 24th December, 2017 at the usual meeting venue.

MEETINGS

MEETINGS AFTER 8.AM MASS

- *Y.C.W.M *St. Michael General
- *St. Andrews Dagaaba Union (Urgent)
- *Other Area Meeting has been canceled
- * Vocation Committee

MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

* St. Vincent de Paul Society, on Monday, 18th December, 2017 at 6.30pm at St. Anthony's room.

MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 2017

* Christian Mothers' Association

*St. Michael General

*Yefri Tete Kroye Kuo, after 8.00am Mass at COCOBOD Club House.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF P.P.C MEETING HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2017

1. Organization of Sunday school and catechetical programmes to be improved by way of operations and guiding constitution.

2. All groups and societies to submit programmes for 2018 by 24th December, 2017. Any group/society that fails to provide their programmes will not be eligible for Parish support for their programmes in 2018.

3. Groups and societies that have not submitted annual report for 2016 should do so as soon as possible.

4. All groups and societies are requested to hold annual retreat before the end of the year. Retreat to include reflections, confessions and Mass.

5. All heads of groups and societies to meet Fr. Andrew Campbell and PPC after 8am Mass on December 17, 2017.

6. All Youth groups are to note that 2018 programme and budget should be submitted the Chairman of the Youth committee as soon as possible.

7. All Heads of groups and societies that have not yet visited poor and needy institutions assigned are to do so before the end of the year. The Parish office can be contacted for support to facilitate this charitable work.

8. Parishioners who have not already paid their levy for the Holy Spirit Cathedral project should please do so.

10. Children service to manage 8am Mass on December 24, 2017.

11.Interested Parishioners to provide names to join Justice and Peace committee and Local Organising Committee for 125th Anniversary celebrations.

12. A Youth Day is to be organized by the Youth committee under the auspices of the Parish Priest. All Executives of Youth groups are to contact the Parish Office for details.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & ARRANGEMENTS

The death has been announced of **Mr. Michael Dugan,** a parishioner. He was 84years. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Sun., 17th Dec. 2017 - One Week Celebration at 6.30am Mass followed by gathering at residence at Haatso, Accra..

Fri., 16th March 2018 - Wake Keeping at the residence of the deceased at Asamankama, Offinso, Ashanti.

Sat., 17th March 2018 - Requiem Mass at St. Agnes Cath. Church, Maase, Offinso, Ashanti. Funeral celebrations at the Methodist Park, Asamankama, Offinso, Ashanti from 1.00pm. Sun., 18th March 2018 - Memorial Mass at St. Agnes Cath. Church, Maase, Offinso, Ashanti.

DIVINE MERCY CHURCH
ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY
December 17 Youth
24 Choir
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SECOND COLLECTIONS
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24 Poor and Needy
DIVINE MERCY CHURCH
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMME 2017
Sun. 17th Dec, 2017 - Christmas Choral Concert in Aid of
Clinic for Lepers @ Kokofu, Ashanti Region @ Parish
Hall @ 4.00pm.
Thu. 21st Dec, 2017 - Penitential Service @ 6.00pm @
Main Church.
24th Dec, 2017 - 4th Sunday of Advent @ 7.00am
- Divine Mercy Family Carol & Lessons
Festival & Christmas Eve Mass
(7:30pm - 10.00pm)
25th Dec, 2017 - Christmas Day Mass @ 7.30am
Tues 26th & Thurs 28th - Mass & Christmas Party for Children
30th Dec, 2017 - Baptisms (Infant & Catechumens) @ 7.00am
- Carnival for Accra Archdiocese 125th
Anniversary El-Wak Stadium @ 8.00am
Holy Hour for all Married Couples @ 6.30pm
31st Dec, 2017 - Feast of Holy Family (Mass for Families)
- First Holy Communion
(Qualified Catechumens only)
NIGHT/NEW YEAR VIGIL)
7:30pm - Praise & Worship in His Presence
(Adoration context) led by Charismatic Renewal Singing
Ministry & Other Worship Leaders
8:15pm - 9:15pm - Message through Drama Ministration
Led by Drama Ministry & Church Choir
9:30pm - 10.00pm - Testimony Time (All who have a
testimony to share to strengthen our faith should see
(Fr. Destiny prior discussion before 30th Dec) 10:05 11 00mm Exhauttain & Down Dacked Browers
10:05 - 11.00pm - Exhortation & Power Packed Prayers
11:15pm - 1.00am - 1st Mass of The Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God 1st Jan 2018, 2nd Mass of The Solam nity of Mary Mother
1st Jan, 2018 - 2nd Mass of The Solemnity of Mary Mother
of God @ 8.00am

The death has been announced of **Mrs. Yvonne Marie Koranteng,** which occurred on 7th December, 2017 at the 37 Military Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

We regret to announce the death **Prof. F. K. A. Allotey.** Funeral arrangement are as follows:

Fri. 23rd February, 2018 - Laying in state at the fore court of the State House.

Sat. 24th February, 2018 -Burial Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Saltpond.

Sun. 25th February, 2018 - Memorial Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Saltpond.