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# Weekly Bulletin Year 22, No. 39

FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY, YEAR B

#### 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

8:00am-12:00pm

**Sundays** 8:00am-2.00pm

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm **Youth Mass: 8.00am** 

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE** 

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

**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH** 

Sunday: 7:00am

Daily Mass: Mon - Sat: 6.30am

#### **ADORATION/EXPOSITION:**

#### CONFESSION

**Saturdays: After Morning Mass** 





#### FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

#### **COMMENTARY ON READINGS**

First Reading: Abraham believed God's promise by which Sarah had their son, Isaac, in their old age. Through God's love and faithfulness, the family becomes the sign of the faith of human beings and the love of God. (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS Lk 105)

"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. Res

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table. Res

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Res

Second Reading: Abraham was quite old and Sarah herself was past child-bearing and was childless, yet they were enabled to become parents because Abraham believed that God who had made the promise will be faithful to His word. (Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19)

Gospel: Mary and Joseph present the Child Jesus to God in the Temple. They meet Simeon who thanks God for seeing the Messiah and he foretells the sufferings Mary will endure as Mother of the Redeemer. (Luke 2:22-40)

#### WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS **OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

Monday MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday Ss. Basil the Great/

Gregory Nazianzen

1Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Thursday

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42

St. John Neumann

Friday

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday Bld. Andre Bessette

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a. 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS/2ND COLLECTIONS

#### **BIDDING PRAYERS**

Sacred Heart of Jesus January

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving January 14

#### MARRIAGE CORNER

#### **PUBLICATION OF BANNS**

- 1. Dennis Twum Boateng & Judith A. A. Acheampong (3)
- 2. Michael Danso Darkwah & Christine Asare (2)
- 3. Justin Soglo & Naa Ama Ayao Brenu (2)
- 4. Richard Baffour & Caroline Wireko-Brobby (2)

#### **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.

# VENDOR AT THE PARISH HALL CAFE

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-

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.



#### **MEETINGS**

#### **MEETINGS AFTER 8.AM MASS**

\* Kanda Area Group at Mrs. Quachey's residence at Kanda Estate

#### MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 2018

- \* Sacred Heart of Jesus Confraternity
- \*Tarcisians

#### 125TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ACCRA

O Almighty and Eternal God, Divine Architect and Cornerstone of our Salvation, as we celebrate 125 years of the Catholic Mission in Accra, we give you thanks for the lives of all the early Missionaries, Priests and Lay faithful whose sacrifices have brought our Church this far.

We pray You to look with favour upon our Community of Faith, now the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. Increase the gifts you have given to our Church so that we, your faithful People, Religious and Clergy, Women and Men, Youth and Children, may grow in holiness of life and be truly ardent disciples of Your Son, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Inspire us anew with a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and fill us with renewed zeal for the universal Church's New Evangelization mission here in our Archdiocese and beyond.

May the Holy and Triune God be our Pillar of strength, our inspiration and our guide in the years ahead! Through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! St. Peter Claver, pray for us! St. Martin de Porres, pray for us! All you Holy Martyrs of Uganda pray for us! All you Angels and Saints of God, pray for us!

#### **DIVINE MERCY CHURCH**

#### ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

#### **BIDDING PRAYERS**

December 24 Choir

> 25 Congregation

Catholic Charismatic Renewa

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 24 Poor and Needy

January Thanksgiving

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMME 2017

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 for prior discussion before 30th Dec) 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 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God @ 8.00am

#### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CALLING

Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Christ the King Church invites parishioners to join them share the word of God and pray together.

Meeting Days:

Wednesdays (6.00pm - 8.00pm) in the main church. Fridays (Intercessory prayers) from 6.30pm - 8.00pm at the Grotto.

Contact: 0546096226/0249494414

## **FAMILY CONNECTION**

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.

