

Weekly Bulletin

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CHRIST THE KING CHURCH THEME FOR THE YEAR

LET US REJOICE, FOR NOW IS THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD - cf Is 61.2

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: 6:30am, 12:15pm & 6:30pm

GROTTO DEVOTIONS

Every 1st Saturday of the Month
at 4:00pm

HOLY HOUR & MASS
 Thursday preceding the 1st Friday
& 1st Friday 6:00pm

CONFESSION
 Saturdays : - After Morning Mass
 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Confession
 Room at Adoration Chapel

CATHOLIC BISHOPS ISSUE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CORONAVIRUS INFECTION

Peace! The Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference (GCBC) has issued the following recommendations for the Catholic Church in Ghana in view of the Coronavirus infection:

1. All are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in their hands.
 2. Communion Ministers should wash their hands or use sanitizers before and after distributing Holy Communion.
 3. Avoid handshakes and embracing one another during Kiss of Peace.
- NB: The above recommendations are to be observed in all Catholic Churches throughout the country.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

THEME:

"Called to Conversion: St. Paul as our model"

Wednesday, 11th - Fri. 13th March, 2020
6:00 pm Each Day

Retreat Master Rev. Fr. Nimorious Domazing, SMA

HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN YOUR HAND

When you are in a queue for Communion and it gets to your turn:

1. Put your left palm into your right palm and slightly raise it to the priest.
2. The priest will then put the Communion in your (left) palm.
3. Move away from the priest for the next person to step forward.
4. Remove your right palm from under your left palm which is containing the Communion.
5. Pick the Communion with your right hand and reverently place it in your mouth.
6. Look out for any particles of Communion that remain in your left palm and on your right hand you used to pick the Communion.
7. If there is any, then reverently lick them.
8. Go to your seat and offer your personal prayer after receiving Communion.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT FOR 2020

...continuing from last week

2. THE URGENCY OF CONVERSION

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face" relationship with the crucified and risen Lord "who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hos 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse's voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

3. GOD'S PASSIONATE WILL TO DIALOGUE WITH HIS CHILDREN

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, "turning of God against himself" (Deus Caritas Est, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new" (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

4. A RICHNESS TO BE SHARED, NOT KEPT FOR ONESELF

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

to be continued...

**Ladies!!
New Arrivals**

DESIGNER BRANDS

ANN TAYLOR J.CREW ADRIANNA PABELL NY & C TALBOTS DKNY
 BANANA REPUBLIC SANDRA DARREN dressbarn Jessica Howard KARIN STEVEN

Please call Theresa on 0243664412 or 0208137493. (US Sizes 4 to 18)
 Please come with this advert for special discount

EYE EXAMINATION EXERCISE

Marriset Vision Care will be at the church premises (Parish Hall) today & 8th March, 2020 for eye examination exercise. All types of designer frames and modern lenses are available at highly subsidised prices. Call 0243579621 / 0208129286

MURIEL SHITO

For bulk purchasing

CALL:

0244643375
 0208215700

A FIRM IN LABONE IS LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED DRIVER

CALL: 0302774112 / 0302767609

HOUSE NEEDED FOR RENT

A parishioner is looking for a 2 bedroom living accommodation including Boys Quarters in and around Labone, Nyaniba, South La, Kanda, & Dzorwulu.

NO AGENTS PLEASE
 Call: 0243958331

LAND FOR SALE

0.16 acres land with a scale of 1:2500 located at Plot No. 62, Nsakena Peace Village, Accra.

Call: Kingsley A. Bediako
 0504192416 / 0579231900

A parishioner is looking for a two bedroom accommodation at South La, Labone, Osu(Nyaniba), Kanda, East Legon and East Airport areas. No Agents. Call 0200784473 / 0576976956.

YOU CAN ALSO ADVERTISE IN THE PARISH BULLETIN

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR CALL 0302775645

ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE CHURCH?

You can check at Parish Office or send your details to 0264888513 via Whatsapp. If you are not registered you can pick a registration form for free at the Parish Office.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

COMMENTARY ON READINGS

First Reading: God tells Abraham to leave his family, home and country for an unknown destination. Abraham obeys without question and earns God's blessing for all the peoples of the earth. (**Gen. 12:1-4**)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 33)

“**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**”

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;

of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **Res.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine. **Res.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.

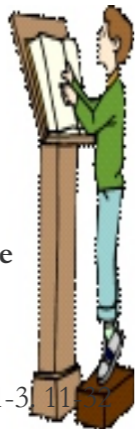
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you. **Res.**

Second Reading: Paul urges Christians to bear hardship for the sake of Christ who calls us to be holy and, by His grace, helps us to attain everlasting life. (**Timothy 1:8-10**)

Gospel: Jesus takes Peter, James and John up to Mount Tabor and gives them a glimpse of His infinite glory at His Transfiguration and to strengthen them in anticipation of His suffering and crucifixion later at Jerusalem. . (**Matthew 17:1-9**)

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 2ND WEEK OF LENT, YEAR A

Monday	St. Frances of Rome Dn 9:4b-10 /Ps 79/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Forty Martyrs Is 1:10. 16-20/Ps 50/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	St. Eulogius of Cordoba Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	St. Theophanes Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1/Lk 16:19-31
Friday	St. Euphrasia of Constantinople Gn 37:3-4. 12-13a/Ps 105/ Mt 21:33-43. 45-46
Saturday	St. Matilda / BVM Mi 7:14-15. 18-20/Ps 103/Lk 15:1-3



**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A**
Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95/Rom 5:1-2. 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42

REFLECTION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gospel, in the sober and concise style of St. Mark, introduces us into the atmosphere of this liturgical season: “The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan” (Mark 1:12).

In the succinct account, angels, luminous and mysterious figures, appear almost fleetingly before this dark, obscure figure who dares to tempt the Lord. Angels, the Gospel says, “ministered” to Jesus (Mark 1:13); they are the antithesis of Satan. “Angel” means “messenger.” Throughout the Old Testament we find these figures who help and guide human beings on God's behalf. It suffices to remember the Book of Tobit, in which the figure of the angel, Raphael, appears and assists the protagonist in every situation.

The reassuring presence of the angel of the Lord accompanies the people of Israel in all of their experiences, good and bad. On the threshold of the New Testament, Gabriel is dispatched to announce to Zechariah and to Mary the joyful events at the beginning of our salvation; and an angel (we are not told his name) warns Joseph, guiding him in that moment of uncertainty. A choir of angels brings the shepherds the good news of the Savior's birth; and it was also to be angels who announced the joyful news of his resurrection to the women. At the end of time, angels will accompany Jesus when he comes in his glory. (cf. Matt. 25:31).

LENTEN CONFESSIONS COMES OFF 24TH MARCH, 2020

MARRIAGE CORNER

MARRIAGE BANNS

1. Isaac Klutse Mudor & Rosemary Tsikudo (3)

TUESDAY TEACHING CORNER

TOPIC FOR NEXT SESSION

PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE

Tues. 10th March 2020 | 6.30pm
Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ROSTER

6:00PM EACH DAY

WEEK 3 : 13TH MARCH 2020

Stations 1 - 4	Christian Mothers
Stations 5 - 9	Catholic Men Association
Stations 10 - 14	Charismatic Renewal
Songs led by	Marian Choir

MEETINGS

AFTER 8.00AM MASS TODAY

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

MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

*Padre Pio Prayer Group, Wednesday 11th March at 6.00pm at the Adoration Chapel.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, 15TH MARCH, 2020

- *Young Christian Workers Movement
- *St. Peter the Apostle Dagaaba Union
- *St. Matthew Society
- *St. Michael Ewe Union - General
- *East Legon, Haatso, Madina, Adenta Area Group will meet at the Forsons'. Rev. Fr. Charles Safo will be in attendance.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

21st March 2020

Seminar for all Lectors at the Catholic Institute of Business and Technology (CIBT)

27th - 28th March 2020

World Youth Day Celebration

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020

The Department of Pastoral Ministry & Evangelisation of the National Catholic Secretariat invites interested participants to the International Eucharistic Congress 2020 (IEC2020) scheduled for 13th - 20th September 2020 in Budapest, Hungary. The IEC 2020 is themed “**All my springs are in you**” - Psalm 87:7.

The price packages for the trip is as follows:

Early Bird	= USD2,700.00 (till 31st March 2020)
Standard	= USD3,000.00 (till 30th June 2020)
Late - Comer	= USD3,500.00 (till 31st July 2020)

Interested Catholics may request for a Registration Form by sending a mail to gc2017nec@gmail.com upon payment of a non-refundable fee of GH¢100.00 to the MTN Mobile number: 0547864012 (Sr. Juliana Omudu). For further enquiries, kindly call 0547864012 / 0504229911 / 0208921654.

ACIES! ACIES! ACIES!!

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary invites parishioners especially Marian Devotees to the Holy Spirit Cathedral on 22nd March 2020 at 2:00pm to renew our promise to God and Mother Mary. Come and experience this spirit filled service.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The burial Mass of the late **Liesel Wilson**, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, a parishioner. will take place at the Anagkazo Bible and Ministry Training at Mampon, Ashanti Region on 14th March, 2020 at 9:00am.

ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS / 2ND COLLECTIONS

BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

8th March 2020

6:30am	Padre Pio
8:00am	Yefri Tete Kroye Kuo
10:30am	St. Andrew Dagaaba Union
6:00pm	Catechist
Youth	CYO

15th March 2020

6:30am	St. Cecilia Choir
8:00am	St. Anthony's Guild
10:30am	Marian Choir
6:00pm	Y.C.W
Youth	KNOLTA

22nd March 2020

6:30am	C.C.R
8:00am	Catholic Men Association
10:30am	Knights & Ladies of Marshall
6:00pm	Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Youth	Wednesday Borns

SECOND COLLECTIONS

8th March 2020	- Vitus Dery
15th March 2020	- Men vs Women
22nd March 2020	- Communication (Arch)
29th March 2020	- Poor and Needy

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The CTK Parish Church, Accra intends to deploy a surveillance system of cameras around the premises. Professional installers interested in undertaking the project are invited to register their interest by submitting the following:

- Company registration
- A list of qualified personnel to undertake the project
- List of previous projects undertaken by the Company

Qualifies shortlisted companies will be invited to submit their proposals after a survey of the premises.

NOTE: Companies may call to arrange for survey of the premises.

SILVER AND RUBY JUBILEE CELEBRATION - HDR

The Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra, Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie CSSp, the Superior General of the entire congregation of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer cordially invites parishioners to the

Silver Jubilee Celebration of vows of

Sr. Mary Ruth Iphigenia Afful, HDR | Sr. Mary Margaret Rose Baah, HDR | Sr. Gertrude Lucy Kwaku, HDR | Sr. Mary Paulina Osei, HDR | Sr. Mary Diana Gyemfuah, HDR

and the Ruby Jubilee Celebration of vows of

Sr. Mary Rita Teye, HDR | Sr. Veronica Amponsah, HDR | Sr. Cecilia Appiah, HDR

on

Wed. 25th March 2020 | 9:30 a.m
at Mary Mother of Good Counsel Church