

# 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

**INVITATION TO TOWN HALL MEETING**

The La Dade-Kotopon Municipal Assembly is organising a Town Hall meeting to highlight the Assembly's performance for the year 2019.

The meeting will also seek to solicit inputs from all stakeholders as part of its efforts to improve citizen participation in the transparency in our service delivery.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 18th March 2020 at 9:30am at Light House Mega Church, La-Olympia.

**PARISH HALL CHAIRS NEEDED**

The Parish hall is sourcing for a supplier of 500 quality plastic chairs (Life time original brand). Parishioners/suppliers interested with stock/links to supply should submit a sealed Pro-forma Invoice to the Parish office.

**OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT**

Office spaces available for rent at the Jubilee Office Complex and the Book Store Building. Interested persons should kindly contact the front desk or call 0302775645

**PRAYER FOR AN END TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**

Almighty and merciful Father, who shows your love to all creation, we come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus. Amen

## LENTEN CONFESSION

Tuesday, 24th March, 2020 | 6:00pm

**ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE CHURCH?**

You can check at the 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.

**POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT FOR 2020**

...continuing from last week

**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.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

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 0504192416 / 0579231900

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### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

#### COMMENTARY ON READINGS

**First Reading:** The people of Israel were ungrateful to God who had only recently freed them from slavery in Egypt. In spite of their conduct, God cared for them and provided water to quench their thirst in the dry desert. (Exodus 17:3-7)

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 95)

“ If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **Res.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **Res.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.” **Res.**

**Second Reading:** God proved His extraordinary love for humanity by the fact that Christ died for our sins even while we were still helpless sinners. (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

**Gospel:** At Jacob's well, Jesus meets and teaches the Samaritan woman about the gift of 'Living Water' which quenches our spiritual thirst for the Word of God as well as the Holy Spirit who gives us everlasting life. (John 4:5-42)

#### WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 3RD WEEK OF LENT, YEAR A

**Monday** St. Heribert  
2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42/Lk 4:24-30

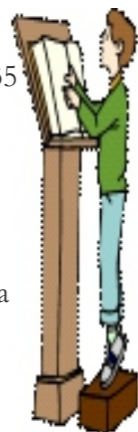
**Tuesday** St. Patrick  
Dn 3:25. 34-43/Ps 25/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
Dt 4:1. 5-9/Ps 147/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** St. Joseph, Husband of BVM  
2 Sm 7:4-5a. 12-14a. 16/Ps 89/  
Rom 4:13. 16-18,22 /  
Mt 1:16. 18-21. 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday** St. Cuthbert  
Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday** St. Nicholas De Flue / BVM  
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51/Lk 18:9-14



#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

1 Sm 16:1b. 10-13/Ps 23/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

### REFLECTION

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The liturgy again presents one of the most beautiful and profound passages of the Bible: the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman (cf. John 4:5-42).

St. Augustine, was justifiably fascinated by this narrative, and he made a memorable comment on it. It is impossible to give a brief explanation of the wealth of this Gospel passage. One must read and meditate on it personally, identifying oneself with that woman who, one day like so many other days, went to draw water from the well and found Jesus there, sitting next to it, “tired from the journey” in the midday heat. “Give me a drink,” he said, leaving her very surprised: it was in fact completely out of the ordinary that a Jew would speak to a Samaritan woman, and all the more so to a stranger.

But the woman's bewilderment was destined to increase. Jesus spoke of a “living water” able to quench her thirst and be- come in her “a spring of water welling up to eternal life”; in addition, he demonstrated that he knew her personal life; he revealed that the hour has come to adore the one true God in spirit and truth; and lastly, he entrusted her with something extremely rare: that he is the Messiah. All this began from the real and notable experience of thirst.

The theme of thirst runs throughout John's Gospel: from the meeting with the Samaritan woman to the great prophecy during the feast of Tabernacles (John 7:37-38), even to the Cross, when Jesus, before he dies, said in order to fulfill the Scriptures: “I thirst” (John 19:28). Christ's thirst is an entranceway to the mystery of God, who became thirsty to satisfy our thirst, just as he became poor to make us rich (cf. 2 Cor. 8:9). Yes, God thirsts for our faith and our love.

#### TUESDAY TEACHING CORNER

#### BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH - JOB

TOPIC FOR NEXT SESSION  
**THE HEALING POWERS  
OF THE  
HOLY  
EUCHARIST**

Tuesday, 17th March 2020 | 6:30pm  
Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS ROSTER

6:00PM EACH DAY

WEEK 4 : 20TH MARCH 2020

Stations 1 - 4	Legion of Mary
Stations 5 - 9	KNOLTA
Stations 10 - 14	Marshallan Association
Songs led by	CTK Choir

### MEETINGS

#### AFTER 8:00AM MASS TODAY

- \*Young Christian Workers Movement
- \*St. Peter the Apostle Dagaaba Union
- \*St. Matthew Society
- \*Soup Kitchen Committee
- \*St. Michael Ewe Union - General

#### AREA GROUP

\*East Legon, Haatso, Madina, Adenta Area Group will meet at the Forsons'. Rev. Fr. Charles Safo will be in attendance.

#### MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

\*Grandparents Association, on Thursday, 19th March 2020 after the midday Mass at St. Anthony's room of the Parish Hall.

#### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, 22ND MARCH, 2020

- \*Kanda Area Group
- \*Christian Mothers Association

#### 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)  
Later - Comer = USD3,500.00 (till 31st July 2020)

Interested Catholics may request for a Registration Form by sending a mail to gcbc2017nec@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 death has been reported of Mrs Lucy Essel, mother of Rev. Sr. Wilhemina Essel aka Sis. Mina.  
Burial Mass comes off on Saturday, 3rd April, 2020 at Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Dansoman Last stop at 9:00am.

#### FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Thursday 19th March, 2020

Masses: 6:30am | 12.15pm | 6:30pm

### ROSTER FOR BIDDING PRAYERS / 2ND COLLECTIONS

#### BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

#### 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

#### 29th March 2020

6:30am Christian Mothers  
8:00am CTK Choir  
10:30am March Borns  
6:00pm Theresian Int.  
Youth March Borns

#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The CTK Parish, 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

Qualified 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 Bonnaventure 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