

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEADS OF SOCIETIES MEET WITH THE PPC ON SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020 AFTER THE 8.30AM MASS AT THE OLD YOUTH ROOM.

BOOKSHOP COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 5:30PM AT THE PARISH OFFICE

YOU CAN GET YOUR CATHOLIC HYMNALS AND OTHER SACRAMENTALS AT THE CTK BOOKSHOP

THE ARRUPPE JESUIT INSTITUTE & THE CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS' GUILDS present

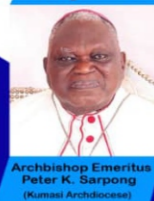


TOWARDS A THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONALS: PROVIDING SOME INDICATORS

Chairperson

Keynoter

Respondent



CHRIST THE KING PARISH HALL, CANTONMENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

5:30 PM PROMPT

All COVID-19 protocols will be observed



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THURSDAY	15,014.00	2ND
WEDNESDAY	11,398.00	3RD
SUNDAY	8,735.50	4TH
FRIDAY	8,237.90	5TH
TUESDAY	6,628.50	6TH
MONDAY	3,237.00	7TH

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A final declaration will be made on Sunday, 3rd January, 2021.

God bless you all abundantly.

Weekly Bulletin

Year 25, No. 36

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

Bulletin

SUNDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2020

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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

SUNDAYS

6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
Youth Mass : 8.30am

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Daily: 6.30am & 12:15pm;
Tues: 6.30am | 12:15pm | 6.30pm

HOLY HOUR & MASS

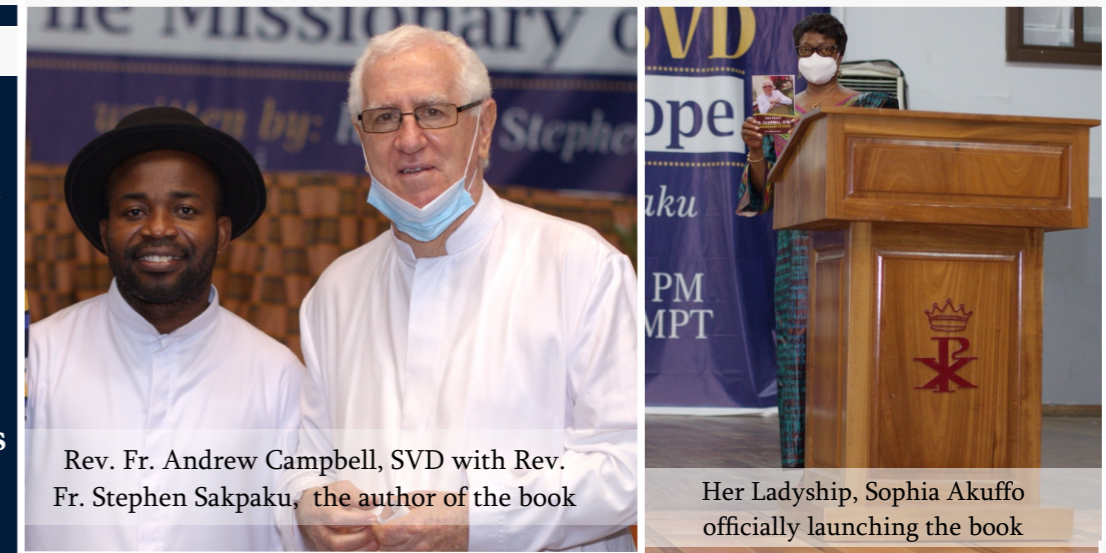
Thursday preceding the 1st Friday
& 1st Friday @ 6.00pm

CONFESSION

Saturdays : After Morning Mass & 5.00pm (Adoration Chapel)

APPRECIATION

Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell, SVD expresses profound gratitude to all who patronised and attended the book launch last Wednesday. God bless you all. Copies of the book are available at the bookshop.



Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell, SVD with Rev. Fr. Stephen Sakpaku, the author of the book

Her Ladyship, Sophia Akuffo officially launching the book

REV. FR. ANDREW CAMPBELL, SVD LAUNCHES BOOK

TITLE "THE PRIEST, FR. CAMPBELL, SVD : THE MISSIONARY OF HOPE"

SHOP ASSISTANT NEEDED

A meat/frozen food shop requires the services of a shop assistant. Applicant must have a minimum of JHS qualification. Applicants living in and around the following areas will be preferred- Taifa, Dome, Mile Seven, New Achimota etc. Interested applicant should please call 0244668494

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THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY

a Christmas Drama and Musical Concert

Sunday, December 13, 2020
6:30 PM - 9 PM
Forecourt of Christ the King Parish, Cantonment, Accra

Tickets
Single GHS 30 | Double GHS 50

A production by Priests of the Archdiocese of Accra

For info, Contact
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FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TUE. 8TH DECEMBER 2020

MASS SCHEDULES

6:30am
Mass at the main church

12:00noon
Hour of Grace

1:00pm
Mass at the main church

6:00pm
Rosary at the Grotto followed by Holy Mass at the Grotto

First Reading: The prophet reveals the mystery of God becoming Man and he foretells the people that the spiritual kingdom of God will arrive on earth starting from Jerusalem. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 85)

“ Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.”

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. **Res**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. **Res**

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. **Res**

Second Reading: Christ's Second Coming in judgment is known only to God who can call us at any time. Such understanding should motivate us all to live a life of holiness. (2 Peter 3:8-14)

Gospel: John the Baptist came to announce the coming of Christ. As John preached, the people began to transform their lives and became righteous as they prepared for the Lord.. (Mark 1:1-8)

**WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS
2ND WEEK OF ADVENT, YEAR B**

Monday	St. Ambrose Is 35:1-10 /Ps 85/ Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Gen 3:9-15.20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6. 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	St. Peter Fourier Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	St. Melchisedech Is 41:13-20/Ps 145/Mt 11:11-15
Friday	St. Damascus I Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/ Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Judith 13/LK 1:26-38

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

Is 61:1-2a. 10-11/ Lk 1/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

**UPCOMING
PARISH EVENTS**

Sun. 6th Dec. 2020 : 2nd Sunday of Advent
Usual Masses : 6:30am | 8:30am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Tues. 8th Dec. 2020 : Solemnity of Immaculate Conception
6:30am : Main Church
12:15pm: Main Church
6:00pm : Rosary at the Grotto
6:30pm : Holy Mass at the Grotto

Sat. 12th Dec. 2020 : Evening Vespers
6:00pm : Adoration Chapel
St. Cecilia Choir to sing

Sun. 13th Dec. 2020 : 3rd Sunday of Advent
Usual Masses : 6:30am | 8:30am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Sat. 19th Dec. 2020 : Evening Vespers
6:00pm : Adoration Chapel
Angelic Choir to sing

**Sun. 20th December 2020 :
3rd Sunday of Advent**
Usual Masses : 6:30am | 8:30am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Golden Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Andrew Campbell, SVD
10:30am Mass: Main Church

Concert in Aid of Cured Lepers
3:00pm : Parish Hall

Mon. 21st December 2020 : Advent Confession
6:00pm : Main Church

Tues. 22nd December 2020 : Family Carols
6:00pm : Main Church

**Thu. 24th December 2020 :
Nine Lessons and Carols Service - 7:00 pm**
Holy Mass - 8:00 pm

Fri. 25th December 2020 : Christmas Day
Mass Schedule : 7:00am | 9:00am | 6:00pm

Sun. 27th December 2020 : Feast of Holy Family
Usual Masses : 6:30am | 8:30am | 10:30am | 6:00pm

Thur. 31st December 2020 : New Year's Eve
Holy Hour - 9:00 pm
Holy Mass - 10:00 pm

Fri. 1st January 2021 : New Year Day
Feast of Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Mass at 9:00am : Main Church only

THE CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS GUILDS

The Catholic Professionals Guilds are Associations of the various professions that we have in the Church. For example, we have the Health Professionals Guild which brings together professionals working in the health sector, the Catholic Association of Media Practitioners - Ghana where you will find media people who belong to the Catholic Church.

These groupings have become necessary to help us network better and also make it easier to identify people with particular skills when they are needed in the Church.

WHY THE GUILDS?

“There is so much need today for mature Christian personalities, conscious of their baptismal identity, of their vocation and mission in the Church and in the world!” —St. John Paul II, May 30, 1998. Never before in the history of the Church has the absolutely essential role of the layperson been so dramatically emphasized as it is now. Particularly since Vatican II, the Church has called for a renewal in the life and role of the laity. Yet among the faithful, there remains a fundamental lack of understanding of the lay vocation and its role in the Church's mission. For many, there is a notion that the only real vocation in the Church is the ordained or vowed priesthood and religious. They believe “the Church” is the ordained office and only people in habits or collars are called to serve. Many think that the role of the laity is to help out around the parish, (THIS HAS BEEN BUTRESSED UNFORTUNATELY BY SOME CLERGY), and that they are not called to play an integral

THE ADVENT LECTURE

THE COLORS OF ADVENT

In the four weeks of Advent the third Sunday came to be a time of rejoicing that the fasting was almost over (in some traditions it is called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word for "rejoice"). The shift from the purple of the Season to pink or rose for the third Sunday Advent candles reflected this lessening emphasis on penitence as attention turned more to celebration of the season.

In recent times, however, Advent has undergone a shift in emphasis, reflected in a change of colors used in many churches. Except in the Eastern churches, the penitential aspect of the Season has been almost totally replaced by an emphasis on hope and anticipation. This does not eliminate any sense of penitence from the Season. With the focus on the Advent or Coming of Jesus, especially in anticipating His Second Advent, there remains a need for preparation for that coming. Most liturgical churches incorporate confessional prayers into the services of Advent that relate to a sense of unworthiness as we anticipate His Coming. It is appropriate even in more traditional services of worship to incorporate confessional prayers as part of the anticipation and preparation of the Season.

With the shift to blue for Advent in most non-Catholic churches, some churches retain pink among the Advent colors, but use it on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It still remains associated with Joy, but is sometimes used as the climax of the Advent Season on the last Sunday before Christmas.

Red and Green are more secular colors of Christmas. They derive from older European practices of using evergreens and holly to symbolize ongoing life and hope that Christ's birth brings into a cold world. Although red and green are often used as part of the church decorations (see below), they are never used as liturgical colors during Advent since those colors have other uses in other parts of the church year.

part in the mission of the Church. But in fact, the actual teaching of the Church is that lay people have a distinct and very real role in the spreading of the Gospel, which the Church desperately needs them to carry out with the authority, creativity, and power that the Holy Spirit has given them in Baptism. The Church teaches that, in dignity, lay people are absolutely equal to those in ordained and religious life. In mission, the work of the laity is the crucial means by which the world is to encounter Christ.

Many lay Catholics would like to be more involved, but do not have a clear understanding of their role in the Church.

In the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, APOSTOLICAM ACTUOSITATEM, we are told “The apostolate of the laity derives from our Christian vocation and the Church can never be without it. Sacred Scripture clearly shows how spontaneous and fruitful such activity was at the very beginning of the Church (cf. Acts 11:19-21; 18:26; Rom. 16:1-16; Phil. 4:3).

Our own times require of the laity no less zeal. In fact, modern conditions demand that our apostolate be broadened and intensified. With a constantly increasing population, continual progress in science and technology, and closer interpersonal relationships, the areas for the lay apostolate have been immensely widened. These factors have also occasioned new problems which demand our expert attention and study. An indication of this manifold and pressing need is the unmistakable work being done today by the Holy Spirit in making us, the laity, ever more conscious of our own responsibility and encouraging us to serve Christ and the Church in all circumstances.

The sad reality these days is that most of us have become very *laissez-faire* and hence unresponsive to our duties in the Church. We are content with just breezing in out of Church without any real commitment beyond making the absolutely necessary contributions. Some of us can just not be bothered anymore by happenings in our Church even though we might have the capacity and wherewithal to make a difference.

It is for these reasons that we want to come together to form a strong solid force in order to build our Church and thus, our motto: “TOGETHER WE BUILD OUR CHURCH”.

Currently, 13 of these guilds have been identified and this number, it is hoped, will keep increasing as more professionals are identified and placed in specific groups.

The 13 groups that we have currently are:

TO BE CONTINUED

PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNERS

1. Rudolph Adom-Boafo & Sylvia Osei-Asibey (3)
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EVERGREENS AND THE ADVENT WREATH

The beginning of Advent is a time for the hanging of the green, decoration of the church with evergreen wreaths, boughs, or trees that help to symbolize the new and everlasting life brought through Jesus the Christ. Some churches have a special weekday service, or the first Sunday evening of Advent, or even the first Sunday morning of Advent, in which the church is decorated and the Advent wreath put in place. This service is most often primarily of music, especially choir and hand bells, and Scripture reading, along with an explanation of the various symbols as they are placed in the sanctuary. The Advent wreath is an increasingly popular symbol of the beginning of the Church year in many churches as well as homes. It is a circular evergreen wreath (real or artificial) with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the center. Since the wreath is symbolic and a vehicle to tell the Christmas story, there are various ways to understand the symbolism.

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