

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR VOCATION

Lord, we thank you for the gift of the early missionaries who brought the faith to us. We thank you for the gift of many men and women around the globe who generously answered your call to spread the Gospel in different parts of the world.

Indeed the harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few. Lord, grant us ever more increase in vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Awaken in us a generous heart in contributing to the support of the Mission. May we share generously what we have from one end of the earth to the other.

Through the Gospel, may all men and women come to the knowledge of the truth and salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Our Lady Queen of Mission, pray for us
Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles, Pray for us
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Pray for us
St. Mary John Vianney, Pray for us
Martyrs of Uganda, Pray for us*

RECYCLING OF OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

Parishioners who wish to dispose of old Christmas cards can drop them at the Parish office.

TUESDAY TEACHING RESUMES

Join the Tuesday teaching this Tuesday, 26th January, 2021 @ 6:30pm for **Bible Discussion Session**. We are all encouraged to come along with our Bibles.

LOGO COMPETITION

The CTK @ 70 Anniversary Committee is inviting all youth of Christ the King Parish to partake in the CTK@70 logo competition. All you have to do is to design a logo for the anniversary and send by whatsapp to 026 488 8513 latest by Sunday, 31st January 2021. Prizes will be awarded to the youth with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best designs.
NB: All designs must be In a digital format

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Matthew 25:35...

For I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat....

St. Vincent De Paul Society ministers to the needs of the disadvantaged in and beyond our parish by providing them with essentials such as food, clothes and medical aid.

The activities of the society are financed by monthly donation from the Parish, contributions from members of the society and donations from a few patrons.

Last year, the society spent about GHS 64,371 representing 52.1% over the amount spent in 2019. This is as a result of the increase in the number of people in need due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the needs of the poor and needy increasing, the society's funding has declined, threatening to hinder the church's effort to take care of the poor and the needy.

The society is therefore, among other initiatives, launching a special Patrons Appeal so that it can continue its important work.

As you plan and budget towards the coming year, remember the poor and the needy and become a Patron of the St Vincent De Paul Society.

Your donations, which is entirely up to you, can be made via the society's MTN Mobile Money account number 0594815591 or dropped off at the parish office.

And as you generously remember the poor and the needy, our Heavenly Father would remember you and your family as He did Cornelius in Acts 10:31.

...the angel said "Cornelius your prayer has been heard and your gifts to the poor have been remembered before God"

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION (CMA) RESUMES MEETING

Christian Mothers' Association resumes meeting today Sunday, 24th January, 2021.

The CMA meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month after the 8:30am Mass in St. Anthony's Room.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, YEAR B

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SUNDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 2021

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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)



CTK SOUP KITCHEN MARKS 5TH ANNIVERSARY

As Fr. Campbell launches the Mother Teresa Soup Kitchen, Osu

MARRIAGE COUNSELLING SESSION BEGINS SOON

The next session of marriage counselling begins soon.
A general meeting for all registered couples comes off next Sunday, 31st January 2021 at 1:00 pm at the St. Maria Goretti room (Old youth room).

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

"A Day of Awakening"

24TH JANUARY 2021



3RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, YEAR B

First Reading: The prophet Jonah was sent to preach repentance to the sinful people of Nineveh. The people turned away from their evil ways, and gained God's forgiveness. (Jonah 3:1-5, 10)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 25)
"Teach me your ways, O Lord."

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior. **Res**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. **Res**

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way. **Res**

Second Reading: St. Paul reminds us of our Christian calling to live a life of the Spirit. He warns Christians not to attach any importance to things of this world because they have no lasting value. (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

Gospel: Jesus begins His ministry by commanding all people to repent and believe in His Good News. Peter, Andrew, James and John left all things to answer Jesus' call to a lifetime of service in His ministry. (Mark 1:14-20)

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY, YEAR B

Monday	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117/ Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday	Ss. Timothy / Titus 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	St. Angela Merici Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	St. Thomas Aquinas Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24/Mk 4:21-25
Friday	St. Joseph Freinademetz Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Ss. Martina / Bathildis, / BVM Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1/Mk 4:35-41

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
Deut 18:15-20/Ps 95/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
(24TH JANUARY, 2021)

ORIENTATION FOR ALL CATECHISTS
(30TH JANUARY, 2021 @ SHAI HILLS)

HOLY CHILDHOOD (CHILDREN'S WEEK)
(7TH - 14TH FEBRUARY, 2021)

PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNES

1. Charles-Francis Kokor & Martha Y. W. Tufuor (2)
2. Lt. (GN) Solomon K. Yelbuor & Prospera A. Abugri (1)

THE FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus called his first disciples and the immediacy with which these men dropped everything to follow him. We can only begin to imagine what Jesus' presence must have been like to invoke such a response in these first disciples. While a few of us might relate to such a radical conversion, many of us would find such a sudden change in ourselves or in another person unsettling. There are few things for which we would willingly drop everything. And yet this is the immediacy with which these first disciples responded to Jesus. These first disciples were willing to drop everything in order to make Jesus and the Kingdom of God the most important things in their lives.

Gather as a family and talk about circumstances in which you have had to "drop everything." (the call to pick up a sick child from school, the cry of a hurt or angry child) How did you feel about having to change your plans in each of these situations? How do we feel when someone asks us to drop everything to help him or her? For many of us, it is not easy to drop everything to respond to the needs of another.

Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:14-20. Invite your family to imagine what Jesus' presence and invitation to these first followers must have been like that they responded by leaving their livelihood to become his disciples. How might our life change if we understood the Kingdom of God to be as important and immediate in our lives? Ask God to help you experience the Kingdom of God with such immediacy. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL, APOSTLE

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes

exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Funeral arrangements of the late **Theresa Dovi**, mother of Mr Emmanuel Prempeh Banahene, a parishioner are as follows:

29th-30th January, 2021: Burial activities and funeral rites at Kete-Krachi, Oti Region.

31st January, 2021: Thanksgiving Service at Kete - Krachi, Oti Region.

The death has been announced of **Mrs. Gladys Gerrar**, wife of Mr. Joseph Gerrar, both parishioners. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.