### **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



## **THANKSGIVING 2020**

**CONTRIBUTION STANDINGS** 

As at 24th December 2020

#### MEN VS WOMEN

**MEN** = 93,675.80WOMEN = 90,927.75

#### DAY BORNS

DAY	AMOUNT (GHC)	POS.
SUNDAY	208,735.50	1ST
FRIDAY	28,237.90	2ND
SATURDAY	21,432.60	3RD
THURSDAY	15,364.00	4TH
WEDNESDAY	11,498.00	5TH
TUESDAY	6,880.50	6TH
MONDAY	3,237.00	7TH

Contributions are still open. Kindly send your contributions to the Parish Office or via any of the channels below. Kindly indicate purpose (Men/Women or Day) when making payments.

#### **Mobile Money**

MTN: 0245-276-017 MoMo Pay ID: 283-701 Vodafone: 0207-566-410

#### **Bank Transfer or Cheques**

Bankers: Standard Chartered Account: 0100113350000 Branch: Liberia Road

A final declaration will be made on Sunday, 3rd January, 2021. God bless you all abundantly.

#### DO YOU NEED A SOIL SCIENTIST

Do you want to analyse your soil? Do you want to reduce wastage on your farm? Contact the Soil Scientist on 0246809665



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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

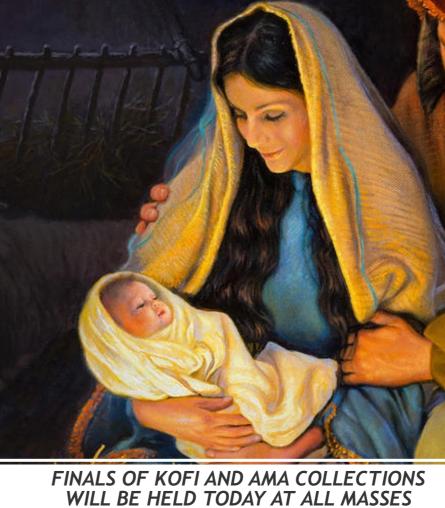
**OFFICE HOURS** Weekdays 8:00am-5.00pm **Saturdays** 

#### **MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAYS** 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm Youth Mass : 8.30am

8:00am-12:00pm

**Sundays** 8:00am-2.00pm WEEKDAY SCHEDULE Daily: 6.30am & 12:15pm; Tues: 6.30am | 12:15pm | 6.30pm





For all your support, gifts and prayers during my 50th Priestly Ordination Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass and Concert. God richly bless you.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

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

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



REV FR ANDREW CAMPBELL, SVD

#### FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY, YEAR B

**First Reading:** God makes a promise to Abraham, that he will become the father of many nations. His descendants will uncountable. though he had lost hope, Abraham believes in the God's promise; a promise He fulfilled. **(Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3)** 

#### **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, YEAR B

Monday	Holy Innocents
	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	St. Thomas Becker
	1Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	St. Sabinus
	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	St. Sylvester I
	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18
Friday	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

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

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS -

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

#### **PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNS**

1. Kanyoke Rogers Benjamin & Georgina Agoay (2)

2. Kwesi Buaben Yankson & Setornam Ayite-Aggor (2)

3. Michael Hammond & Mary Rose Maaweremuo (2)

### **CONFESSIONS RESUMED**

Confessions are held every Saturday from 5:00pm - 6:00pm in the Confession room in the Adoration chapel.

#### **ADULT CATECHISM**

Adult catechism comes off every Monday at 6:00 pm in St. Maria Goretti Room (Old Youth Room)

#### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The has been announced of Mr Lawrence Tobias Kofi Quist, father of Mrs Gloria Avumegah, a parishioner. Funeral arrangements will be announced soon.



### 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.

In the past 10 months of this year, the society has 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"

# **TODAY'S** REFLECTION

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, Nunc Dimitis, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.