

ANNOUNCEMENTS / MEETINGS

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE

The Committee will meet on Tuesday, 2nd February 2021 at 6:00pm at the Parish Office.

PPC EMERGENCY MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will have an emergency meeting on Thu. 4th February 2021

TUESDAY TEACHING RESUMES

Join the Tuesday teaching this Tuesday, 2nd February, 2021 @ 6:30pm as we discuss the feast of the week;
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
We are all encouraged to attend.

RECYCLING OF OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

ALL NIGHT!! ALL NIGHT

Join the Sacred Heart Confraternity every last Friday of the month for an All-Night service in the Adoration Chapel.

HOUSE URGENTLY NEEDED TO RENT

A parishioner relocating to Accra needs a two (2) or three (3) bedroom self contained house to rent in the environs of Cantonments, East Legon or Tsaado.
Budget is between GHS800.00 - GHS900.00
Contact: 0244277201

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CALLING

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites parishioners to join them. The CCR meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the main church.

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"

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN

YOU CAN NOW PLACE YOUR ADVERT IN THE BULLETIN AT A REDUCED COST. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE THE FRONT DESK PERSONNEL AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR CALL: 0302775645. WHATSAPP (0264888513)

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| <p>OFFICE HOURS <u>Weekdays</u> 8:00am-5:00pm</p> <p><u>Saturdays</u> 8:00am-12:00pm</p> <p><u>Sundays</u> 8:00am-2:00pm</p> | <p>MASS SCHEDULE <u>SUNDAYS</u> 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm Youth Mass : 8.30am</p> <p><u>WEEKDAY SCHEDULE</u> Daily: 6.30am & 12:15pm; Tues: 6.30am 12:15pm 6.30pm</p> | <p>HOLY HOUR & MASS Thursday preceding the 1st Friday & 1st Friday @ 6.00pm</p> <p><u>CONFESSION</u> Saturdays : After Morning Mass & 5.00pm (Adoration Chapel)</p> |
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Rev. Fr. Campbell blessing H. E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akuffo Addo and his wife during their visit to Christ the King Church last Sunday, as they joined parishioners for the 8.30am Mass.



With the beneficiaries of CTK Soup Kitchen



With the CTK Parish Pastoral Council

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

CELEBRATING FEAST OF ST. BLAISE
WED. 3RD FEBRUARY 2021
There will be blessing of Throats at all Masses



4TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, YEAR B

First Reading: Moses foretold the people of Israel about God's promise to raise a Prophet who will be vested with God's own authority to speak in His name. The promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ who speaks with Divine authority. (Deut. 18:15-20)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps Lk 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: Paul tells believers to lead the life to which God has called them, whether as married persons or to a life of celibacy. (Corinthians 7:32-35)

Gospel: Jesus goes to the synagogue to teach the people on the Sabbath day. They are amazed by the authority of His teaching and by His power over demons. (Mark 1:21-28)

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY, YEAR B

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| Monday | St. Henry Morse Heb 11:32-40 /Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20 |
| Tuesday | PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Lk 2:22-40 |
| Wednesday | Ss. Blaise / Ansgar Heb 12:4-7. 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6 |
| Thursday | St. John de Britto Heb 12:18-19. 21-24/Ps 48/Mk 6:7-13 |
| Friday | St. Agartha Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29 |
| Saturday | St. Paul Miki & co., BVM Heb 13:15-17. 20-21/Lk 23/Mk 6:30-34 |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
Jb 7:1-4:6-7/Ps 147/1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC AND GROTTO DEVOTION

Thu. 4th Feb. 2020 - Holy Mass and Adoration @ 6:00pm
Fri. 6th Feb. 2020 - Holy Mass and Adoration @ 6:00pm
Sat. 6th Feb. 2020 - Holy Rosary @ 4:00pm
- Holy Mass @ 4:45pm

PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNS

1. Charles-Francis Kokor & Martha Y. W. Tufuor (3)
2. Lt. (GN) Solomon K. Yelbuor & Prospera A. Abugri (2)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The death has been announced of **Mrs Georgina Cudjoe**, mother of Mrs Ernestina Anna Britwum, a parishioner. The burial Mass comes off on **Sat. 6th February 2021** at St. Francis De Sales Cathedral, Cape Coast. Burial will take place at the Catholic Cemetery at Yamoransa, followed by funeral rites at the SIC office compound, Cape Coast.

The death has been announced of **Mrs Theresa Naana Mensah Bukari**, mother of Jennifer Bukari (Hall manageress), Sylvia Bukari and Theresa Bukari, all parishioners. The sad event occurred on 23rd January 2021 at the Ridge Hospital after a short illness. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

The death has been announced of **Mr Damian Zaato**, husband of Mrs Felicia Zaato, both parishioners. The sad event occurred on 26th January 2021 after a short illness. He was the Board Chairman of the Credit Union, and a member of the Parish Finance Council. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

The death is reported of **Mrs Georgette Esinam Dugan**. She was the wife Hon. Daniel Christian Dugan, and a parishioner. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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 or request for a soft copy via Whatsapp with the same number provided.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2nd

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after

childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.