

Weekly -Year 26, No. 40 Christ The King Catholic Church | P.O.Box CT 2110 Cantonments-Accra, Ghana Tel. 233-302-775645 www.christthekingaccra.net | Email: info@christthekingaccra.net

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OFFICE HOURS MASS SCHEDULE HOLY HOUR & MASS **Weekdays** Thursday preceding the 1st Friday **SUNDAYS** 8:00am-5.00pm & 1st Friday @ 6.00pm 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm Youth Mass : 8.30am Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm **CONFESSION** WEEKDAY SCHEDULE Saturdays : After Morning Mass & Daily: 6.30am & 12:15pm; 5.00pm (Adoration Chapel) Tues: 6.30am | 12:15pm | 6.30pm **Sundays** 8:00am-2.00pm

PASTORAL STAFF

Very Rev. Fr. Ebenezer Akesseh - Parish Priest (0244727276) Rev. Fr. Donatus Pallu - Parochial Vicar (024 988 1284)



FEAST OF EPIPHANY YEAR C SUNDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 2022

Rev. Fr. Wisdom Dordunu - Priest in Residence (0244109037)

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM FROM OF THE LORD, YEAR C

First Reading: Isaiah's central message is an announcement of salvation for the people of God. He reveals God as Shepherd-King inviting and ever caring for His people Israel. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 29) "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire. Res.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic. Res.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever. Res.

Second Reading: God's grace has appeared in Christ and set us on the road to salvation by giving us the great gifts of God, especially Baptism, and by calling us to lead lives dedicated to Christ. (Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7)

Gospel: John the Baptist foretells, that the Sacrament of Baptism which Jesus will establish will have the purifying and sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

WEEKDAY READINGS & MEMORIALS 1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

St. Agatho Thaumaturgus Monday 1 Sam 1:1-8/Ps 115/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday St. Theodosius 1 Sam 1:9-20/Ps 1/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday St. Benedict Biscop 1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 39/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday St. Hillary, bishop, doctor of the Church 1 Sam 4:1-11/Ps 43/Mk 1:40-45 St. Felix of Nola Friday 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 88/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday St. Arnold Janssen

1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Ps 20/Mk 2:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C Is 62:1-5/Ps 96/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased.

The season of Christmas comes to a close today with the celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the public revelation of all Three Persons in the Holy Trinity and the affirmation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father.

In our gospel reading, Luke transitions from the end of John's preaching mission to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry by narrating the baptism of Jesus. While his audience wondered if John were the Christ, John stipulates that one more powerful is coming. Then Jesus comes and is baptized by John. Many Fathers of the Church explain that Jesus received baptism to identify himself with his people. As an act of solidarity with broken humanity who were in need of God, the baptism of Jesus reminds us that, like Jesus, the Church must always stand with the wounded people of our age.

Luke adds a detail that we need to pay attention to; namely, Jesus prays after his baptism, and as he prayed, the Holy Spirit descended on Him in a bodily form like a dove. It is worth noting that Jesus would not begin his public ministry without praying. Jesus signifies that he will not undertake his public teaching and healing ministry in his own power and abilities. Jesus shows that the source of his strength will be beyond himself. Note that Luke makes prayer a vital part of the ministry of Jesus. Jesus prays before he chooses his disciples (6:12), before asking them who he is (9:18), at the time of his transfiguration (9:29), before teaching his disciples how to pray (11:1), on the night of his arrest (22:41), and at his death (23:46). Thus prayer was a mark of his connection with God. Just as Jesus prayed at the beginning of his public ministry and throughout his ministry, let us, like Jesus commit everything we do to prayer as we journey through this year. In prayer, we show our dependence upon the Holy Spirit and our connection to God for the spiritual graces and stamina to go into the world and accomplish our God-given tasks.

At his baptism, Jesus got this approval of himself as the Father's "beloved Son." By descending on Jesus in the form of a dove, the Holy Spirit equipped Jesus with the power of preaching the good news that saves us. God. Also, through the voice coming from heaven, God confirms Jesus' identity as the chosen one in whom God has found favour. By finding favour with God, Jesus becomes the one through whom God would act decisively in human history.

As we renew our baptismal promises today, let us take a moment to reflect on our baptism. St. Gregory of Nazianzus reminds us, "Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift." Today, let us ask our Lord to make us faithful to our baptismal promises.

The Lord bless and keep you. Fr. Akesseh

SECOND COLLECTIONS | HARVEST CORNER

January	09	Soup Kitchen
	16	Men vs Women
	30	Poor and Needy

MARRIAGE BANNS Richard Mfum and Joyce Asiamah Ansong (3)

GRANDPARENTS MEETING

All Grandparents will meet on the 23rd of January after the 8:30 Mass at the Grotto.

SUPPORT THE **SOUP KITCHEN**

We are all encouraged to support the Soup Kitchen. All donations should be sent to the Parish office. For further information please call : 0245276017 or 0547450693.

SOCIETAL / GROUP MEETING TODAY

*Kasena Nankana, after the 8:30am Mass at the Grotto. *Christian Mothers Association, after the 8:30am Mass at the St. Anthony room of the Parish Hall.

*Catholic Men Association, after the 8:30am Mass at St. Maria Goretti room of the Adoration Chapel building.

NEXT SUNDAY

***Y.C.W.M**, after the 8:30am Mass at the Parish Office.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The death is reported in Accra of Mr. Christopher Vanlare, aged ninety-five (95).

He was the husband of Dame Mrs. Josephine Vanlare, a parishioner. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.



Sat. 15th January 2022: Burial Mass at St. Theresa of Avila The death has been reported of Msgr Dr. Catholic Church, Berekum at 8:30 am. Interment follows Albert A. Kuuire. Burial Mass will be held at at the family cemetery at Dormaa Ahenkro, then to St. St. Francis Xavier Jnr. Seminary, Wa on Monica Catholic School Park for the funeral rites. Monday, 10th January, 2022 @ 8:00am. Sun. 16th January 2022: Memorial and Thanksgiving



The death is reported of Mr. Andrew Sun. 23rd January 2022: Memorial and Thanksgiving Bondzie Simpson, a parishioner, and father Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonements of Grace, Faustina and Josephine Simpson, all at 10:30 am. Final funeral rite follows at the Police Fitness parishioners, on Saturday, 25th December, & Social Centre, Cantonments. 2021. He was a member of the Holy Family

STANDINGS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

DAY BORN COMPETITION

DAYBORN	AMOUNT	POSITION
SATURDAY	GHS 60,395.00	1ST
THURSDAY	GHS 39,416.70	2ND
TUESDAY	GHS 25,629.40	3RD
FRIDAY	GHS 22,974.30	4TH
SUNDAY	GHS18,102.00	5TH
WEDNESDAY	GHS 16,804.70	6TH
MONDAY	GHS 16,139.20	7TH

MEN VS WOMEN

WOMEN - GHS 70,287.65 MEN - GHS 68,466.70

THE CREDIT UNION CORNER

NEW YEAR WISHES

To join the Credit Union, you only have to pay an entrance(registration) fee of GHS 20.00, pay up the minimum share of GHS 200.00 and deposit an initial Savings of GHS 50.00.

Please note that the official MOMO Number of the Credit Union is 024 525 6975The Board, Committees and Management of the Credit Union wishes all its Members and prospective Members a Happy, Prosperous and Productive New Year 2022.

"Credit Union; Happy Family"" Accra Christ the King Credit Union; it's all about the Member"

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT....CONT'D

Akan Kuo.Funeral Arrangements would be announced later.



We are sad to announce the death of Mrs. Constance Asamoah Senaya, wife of Mr Patrick Senaya, (both parishioners). Funeral arrangements are as follows;

Fri. 14th January 2022: Filing past and Pre-Burial Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments at 7:30 am.

Mass at St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church, Berekum at 9:15 am, followed by a gathering at the family house.