

## RELAUNCH OF THE CATHOLIC MEN ASSOCIATION (CMA)

The Catholic Men Association aims significantly at developing a deeper awareness of dignity and responsibility of members as faithful Catholic Men, Husbands and Fathers.

The CMA brings together all practicing Catholic men (young and old) to take active role in the process of evangelization in the home, the church and the community in general.

Our vision is to enrich society by living gospel values in the family, the church and the community at large.

Our Patron is Saint Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Foster-Father of the Son of God. We have learnt in St Joseph many virtues including being men ready to Protect, Provide and Evangelize to our families and the society at large. We believe in the Litany of St. Joseph and as men we strive to be Humble, Just, Prudent, Strong, Obedient, Faithful and Patient.

We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 8.30AM Mass on top of the Adoration Chapel. We have a lot of good things in store for our Men to significantly enhance their spirituality and to some extent their social lives.

We call on all MEN (young and old) to join the Catholic Men Association NOW!!!

Message from the President of CMA  
DR RAZIEL OBENG-OKON



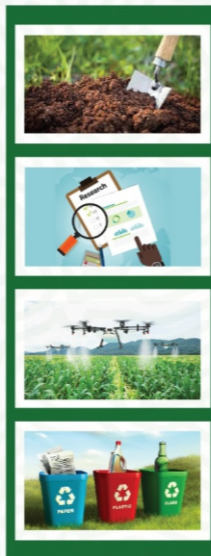
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Please call: 0596070800 if you can help.

## VACANCY FOR FEMALE WASHROOM ATTENDANT

Female washroom attendants are needed for immediate employment at the Parish Hall. Interested persons should submit application letter at the Parish Office.

**Vitus Dery Educational Fund (VDEF)**  
Christ the King Church, Accra

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We humbly seek your support for the church's Educational Scholarship/Sponsorship for children in need of education.

Send your support to:  
Standard Chartered Bank-Liberia Road  
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**MAY DAY GAMES '22 AND BUSINESS FAIR**

**MONDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2022**  
El Wak Stadium @ 8am

*Building Capacity, Creating Wealth...*

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## CTK PARISH HALL BOOKINGS

The Christ the King Parish Rental Facility is open to couples who want to use the Hall for their wedding receptions this year. Contact the Hall Manageress on 024 498 3507 for inquiries.

Individuals and societies who want to host events such as Thanksgiving receptions, birthday parties, etc at the venue are also welcome. Book in advance to avoid disappointments.

# Weekly Bulletin

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT  
TIME, YEAR C

SUNDAY, 27TH MARCH, 2022

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

Very Rev. Fr. Ebenezer Akesseh - Parish Priest (0244727276) | Rev. Fr. Wisdom Dordunu - Priest in Residence (0244109037)  
 Rev. Fr. Donatus Pallu - Parochial Vicar (024 988 1284)

Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments

# THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

....Coming Soon

**LAUNCHING OF HARVEST 2022**

This year's Thanksgiving Harvest will be launched on Sunday, 3rd April, 2022 at all Masses.

**TUESDAY MASS & TEACHING RESUMES ON 29TH MARCH, 2022**

**FORMATION OF DAY BORN GROUPS**

Parishioners who have not submitted their details for the formation of DAY BORN GROUPS should kindly send Name, Contact and Day Born to 0502439500.  
**NB: Please Whatsapp and SMS only.**

# 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

**First Reading:** Freed from slavery in Egypt, the people of Israel eventually arrived at the plains of Jericho where they celebrated Passover in thanksgiving to God and gratefully began to eat of the produce of the Promised Land. (Joshua 5:9-12)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 34)**  
 "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.."

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
 his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
 Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
 the lowly will hear me and be glad. **Res.**

Glorify the LORD with me,  
 let us together extol his name.  
 I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
 and delivered me from all my fears. **Res.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
 and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one  
 called out, the LORD heard,  
 and from all his distress he saved him. **Res.**

**Second Reading:** The whole purpose of Christ's mission on earth is to reconcile mankind to God; accordingly, through the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation, the Church continues to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

**Gospel:** The parable of "The Prodigal Son", also referred to as the parable of "The Merciful Father", shows God's great love for us; His infinite mercy towards us, His readiness to forgive and reconcile us to Himself when we repent of our sin. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

## WEEKDAY READINGS 4TH WEEK OF LENT, YEAR C

**Monday** St. Sixtus III  
 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday** St. Rupert  
 Ez 47:1-9/Ps 46/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday** St. John Climacus  
 Is 49:8-15/Ps 145/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday** St. Daniel of Murano  
 Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday** St. Hugh  
 Wis 2:1a,12-22/Ps 34/Jn 7:1-2. 10.25-30

**Saturday** St. Francis of Paola  
 Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7/Jn 7:40-53

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS  
 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C**  
 Is 43:16- 21/Ps 126/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

*Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.*

Once again, thank you for actively participating in the Lenten retreats we have had so far this season. Yesterday we had the Youth Lenten Retreat. I thank all parents who ensured their children took part in the retreat. This is a way of introducing our children to the riches and treasures of our Catholic faith. Not only will they develop the habit of valuing such practices, but they would also experience how such spiritual exercises nourish and refresh their souls and draw them closer to Christ Jesus, our savior.

Today's gospel reading presents the story we have been reflecting on for our Lenten retreats, namely the story of the prodigal son, also known as the story of the loving father. We have the younger son who leaves home and goes to spend his share of the father's property. Famine hits where he was after he finishes his resources on loose living. Not having anything to rely on, he remembers his father's generosity and decides to return home, willing to accept the status of an enslaved person.

There are many ways our own lives may reflect certain aspects of the younger son's life. We are told that he left for a far distant country. I suggest that "the far country" exists first in our hearts. The younger son dreamed of "enjoying" his freedom far from home and away from his father and older brother even before making the request. Thus the request was, first of all, lived in his heart and imagination. Like the younger son, the desire to journey away from God's presence begins in our hearts. That is why it is essential to pay attention to the desires that form in our hearts and how we nurture them. Depending on what the desires are, they may let us leave our Father's presence and travel far off. It is, therefore, important that the Church always calls us to examine our thoughts, and to confess the sins we commit in our thoughts.

The young man came to his senses *and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.* The father's love finds expression in his actions. This expression of love should propel us constantly to return home. We have a father who never deals with us according to our sin. He only deals with us according to his love and mercy. The Psalmist expresses this so well: *The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love ... He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us* (Psalm 103: 8-12).

Let us return to the mercy of God during this season of Lent.

The Lord bless and keep you.

Fr. Akeseh

## SECOND COLLECTION

March 27 Communication (Arch)

April 03 Thanksgiving  
 10 Youth Sunday (Arch)  
 17 Men vs Women  
 24 Poor and Needy

## BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

April 17 Christian Mothers Association  
 24 Marshallan Association

## SOCIETAL / GROUP MEETINGS

### TODAY

\***Christian Mothers Association**, after the 8:30am Mass at St. Anthony Room, Parish Hall.

### NEXT SUNDAY

\***Parish Youth Council**, after the 8:30am Mass at the Youth room.  
 \***Sacred Heart Confraternity**, after the 8:30am Mass at the St. Maria Room, Parish Hall.

## ACIES! ACIES!! ACIES!!!

This Year's Acies Comes Off At The Holy Spirit Cathedral At 2:00pm Today, Sunday 27th March 2022.

All Marian Devotees, Legionaries and other Parishioners are invited. Come Let Us Rededicate Ourselves To Our Mother Mary.

## APPRECIATION

The Yankson, Wood and Allied families wish to thank you all for the expression of love and sympathy in diverse ways during the period of our grief on the death of **Mrs Victoria Yankson**. May the almighty God bless you abundantly.

The Odoom, D'Mello, Adu and allied families would like to sincerely thank you for the immense support, encouragement and kindness you have shown us in our trying moments. God richly bless you.

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The death is reported in Accra of **Mrs. Marian Neena Kwofie (nèe Sumani)**, a parishioner, after a short illness. She was the wife of Mr. Fred Kwofie, a parishioner and the daughter of the late Mrs. Christine Abavana.

There will be a Memorial Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church at 9:00am on Monday, 28th March, 2022. Other funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

The funeral arrangements of the late **Col (Dr) Emmanuel Aderkotey Kodjo-Wayo(Rtd)** aka Dr. Wayo are as follows:  
**Friday, 1st April 2022:**

Pre-Burial Service and Burial Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments at 8:00am and 9:00am

respectively.  
 Interment will be private at the Military Cemetery, Burma Camp. Reception to be held at Christ the King Parish hall.

# FAITH CORNER

## THE GETHSAMANE EXPERIENCE

The final week in Jesus' life included especially great depths and heights: He faced a dark night of the soul in Gethsemane, a torturous cross and, ultimately, a glorious resurrection. Gethsemane for Jesus was a place of great stress, unprecedented stress. The weight of the world was on Him -- literally. His shoulders were not yet bearing the Roman-made cross, but His soul surely was. Public opinion had turned hard against Him. His closest friends were sleeping in the hour in which He needed them most. The surrounding community had one day called for His coronation. He knew they would soon call for His crucifixion.

Anxiety within Jesus' body was at a fever pitch -- His pulse was racing, His heart pounding, His mind reeling. He wasn't in the fight of His own life; He was in the fight for our lives, our souls.

So great was His stress that He said, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death" (Matthew 26:38). At Gethsamane, Jesus prays that "the cup should pass him by" but our Saviour is quick to add that, his Father's will and not his be done.

There is always a Gethsemane in the life of every man and woman. As believers at one time or the other we are going to come to our Gethsemane. How then do you face your Gethsemane?

You face your Gethsemane with boldness; You face your Gethsemane with courage; You face your Gethsemane with expectation of blessing.

When do you go to your Gethsemane and how long do you remain there?

Whether you like it or not your Gethsemane will come. It may come at an hour you do not expect. You need to be prepared for it. You remain there until you get answer to your problem. Jesus remained there until he received boldness. You remain there until you are strengthened from heaven.

- Rev. Fr. Donatus Pallu

The death has been reported of the late **Mrs. Henrietta Dokuyo Nanka-Bruce**, mother of Ms.OonaNanka-Bruce(treasurer of the St. Vincent de Paul Society) Burial and Thanksgiving Mass will be held on **2nd April, 2022** at St. Anthony of Padua Anglican Church, Abelenkpe ,Accra at 8:30am.

Interment will be private.

The death is reported of **Mr. Peter Addai**, formerly of 37 Military Hospital and a Parishioner.

**Saturday, 2nd April 2022:** Burial Mass at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Berekum at 9:00am.  
**Sunday, 3rd April 2022:** Thanksgiving Mass at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Berekum at 9:00am.