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CREDIT UNION CORNER

Our Vision

To assist Members achieve financial independence and success in their personal and business endeavours.

Our Mission

To have a positive financial impact on our Members with our services; and "make a positive difference in the lives of our Members".

HOUSE NEEDED TO BUY

A parishioner is in need of a three (3) or Four (4) bedroom to buy in Dzorwulu, Westlands, and Cantonments areas. Kindly contact the parish office for further details.

PARISH AUDIOVISUAL TEAM **CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The Parish invites youth parishioners who are interested in helping in the projection of songs, live streaming, photography, operation of PA system, audio and video editing, and graphic designing to kindly contact Norbert (0264888513) or Noel (0248955087). Technical training will be provided.

Weekly Year 27, No. 07



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

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OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 8:00am-5.00pm

Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm

Sundays 8:00am-2.00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

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)

PASTORAL STAFF

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

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



PENTECOST NOVENA

27TH MAY - 4TH JUNE, 2022

DATE	ASSIGNED DAY BORN
Fri., 27th May 2022	Friday Borns
Sat., 28th May, 2022	Family Devotion
Sun. 29th May, 2022	After all Masses
Mon. 30th May, 2022	Mon. & Sat. Borns
Tues. 31st May, 2022	Tues. & Sun. Borns
Wed. 1st June, 2022	Wednesday Borns
Thu. 2nd June, 2022	Thursday Borns
Fri. 3rd June, 2022	All Day Borns
Sat. 4th June, 2022	Family Devotion

Day Borns are encouraged to fast and pray with Pslams 46 & 54 on their assigned days

CHANGE INTIME OF MASS

FROM 5TH JUNE, 2022, THE 8:30AM MASS WILL BEGIN AT 8:00AM

ROSARY MONTH

GROUPS & SOCIETAL SCHEDULE

6:00PM | EACH DAY

WEEK 4
Mon. 23rd May 2022 24th May 2022

25th May 2022

26th May 2022 Fri. 27th May 2022

- Christian Mothers

St. Peter the Apostle Dagaaba Union

Catholic Men Association

Catechists/Sunday School

Mon. 30th May 2022 - Marshallan Associatie. 31st May 2022 - Legion of Mary - Marshallan Association

Rosary Month Climax Mass follows at 6:30pm

on 31st May, 2022

CHOIRS TO LEAD IN SONGS

- Christ the King Choir Monday & Thursday Tuesday - St. Cecilia Choir

Wednesday - Marian Choir - Angelic Choir

Rosary Prayers will be at the Grotto

FEAST OF ASCENSION

(Holy Day of Obligation) Thursday, 26th May, 2022 **MASS SCHEDULE**

There will be Mass at 6:30am, 12:15pm and 6:30pm all in the main church. Kindly note that the 6:30pm Mass will be preceded with Rosary prayers at 6:00pm.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

First Reading: Paul and Barnabas converted many Gentiles to the Christian faith. A dispute arose when some men insisted that non-Jews must first submit to the Mosaic Law and its traditions. Sitting in Council at Jerusalem, the Apostles firmly decided that the Church shall not impose Judaism on Gentile converts. (Acts 15:1-2,22-29)

> **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 67)** "O God, let all the nations praise you!."

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. Res.

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide. Res.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him. Res.

Second Reading: The visionary John describes the splendor of the Church, seeing the earthly and the heavenly Church in one perspective, recognizing the oneness of the people under Christ. The Church has a particular brilliance because it is lit by the radiant glory of the light of Christ. (Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23)

Gospel: Jesus grants His peace to His apostles at the Last Supper. He assures them that in organizing the church the Holy Spirit will guide and remind them of all his teachings. His going away should be a reason for joy, not sorrow, because He will send the Holy Spirit after He departs. (John 14:23-29

WEEKDAY READINGS 6TH WEEK OF OF EASTER, YEAR C

Monday St. John Baptist De Rossi

Acts 16:11-15/ Ps 149/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Our Lady Help of Christian Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11

St. Venerable Bede/Gregory VII/ Wednesday

Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

Acts 17:15. 22-18:1/Ps 148/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Heb 9:24. 28; 10:19-23

or Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53

St. Augustine of Canterbury Friday

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47/Jn 16:20-23

St. Germanus Saturday

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47/Jn 16:23b-28

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97/Rev 22:12-14, 16-17. 20/ Jn 17:20-26

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him.

Very soon, the Easter season will be over. Till then, let the Alleluia continue to impress on our hearts the message of the resurrection of Jesus. The gospel begins with: Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him. These words convey the motivation for keeping the words of Jesus and the consequence of adhering to Jesus' message. Jesus emphasizes that our eagerness and willingness to do what He asks of us should be based on our love for Him. In other words, we will keep His words if – and only if – we love Him. Examine your heart and see if you consciously make a connection between your love for Jesus and obedience to his word?

Some tend to think that Jesus demands too much from us when His words challenge us to come out of our comfort zones or when they ask us to do what we find to be counterintuitive. For instance, why do I have to love my enemies and pray for those who persecute me? Others feel that Jesus takes away the freedom to do what one likes. What about being choosy? Some tend to engage in what is referred to as scriptural smorgasbord. They pick and choose what suits them. They take that part of God's word that they are comfortable with or which they find easy to obey and leave out those parts that challenge them to live above reproach.

Think about these words of Jesus: whoever does not love me does not keep my words. We could oscillate between the two camps: loving God and not loving Him. I know we love Jesus. I know we strive to please Him. Let us, therefore, demonstrate our love for him by striving to keep His words. We stand to benefit by developing the virtue of obedience to God's word. Jesus says that God will love us. In other words, our way to the Father's heart is through obedience to the Son.

The Gospel also talks about the Holy Spirit. The term used to refer to the Holy Spirit is Advocate. It is worth noting that the Advocate will first and foremost advocate for Jesus. As Jesus notes, the Spirit "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you" (v. 26). Thus, one of the functions of the Holy Spirit is to enable us to recollect the words of Jesus. Since Jesus says our love for him is tied to our obedience to His words, let us always pray that we will be docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit reminds us of the words of Jesus.

On Friday, we begin the Pentecost Novena, during which we shall prepare ourselves for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day. I encourage you to take an active part in the novena. Focus your attention on the Holy Spirit and pray that He will continue to warm your hearts to Jesus' words.

The Lord bless and keep you. Fr. Akesseh

SECOND COLLECTION

22 Poor and Needy May

BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

May 22 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

St. Vincent de Paul Society

05 St. Matthew Akan Society Tune

MARRIAGE BANNS

- 1. Bonaventure Folitse & Harriet Elikplim Morkeh (2)
 - 2. George Adade & Makafui Yevoo (2)
 - 3. Felix Korbieh & Flora A. Yelibora (2)

SOCIETAL / GROUP MEETINGS TODAY

- *Marshallan Association, after the 8:30am Mass at the St Maria Room (Parish Office).
- *Christian Mothers Association, after the 8:30am Mass at the St Anthony Room (Parish Hall).
- *Welfare Committee after the 8:30am Mass at the Parish

KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS - CTKIS -

Parents who have children born between 1st January and 31st December, 2017 are to pick admission forms from the

school from 6th - 8th June, 2022 between 8: 00am -10:00am. The processing fee is GHC 50 Parents are to bring along the original and photocopies of their ward's birth certificates, 7. Don't give up. A wise man said that "anything worth weighing cards, baptismal certificates and a recent passport picture not more than 3months old with their ward's name boldly written at the back.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The funeral arrangements of Mad. Anna Abirebase, mother of Mrs. Juliet Babilah and mother-in-law of Col (Rtd) Sampana Babilah, both parishioners are as follows:

Wake Keeping: Friday, 27th May, 2022 at the Family House at Bolga-Soe, Upper East Region. Burial Mass:

Saturday, 28th May, 2022: Burial Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bolga-Soe, Upper East Region at 9:00am. Attire is Black and White

The death has been announced of Mrs Eleanor Mary Arthur, mother of Jonathan, Yvonne, and Elfreda, all parishioners. Funeral arrangements will be announced soon.

FAITH CORNER

FIGHTING DISTRACTIONS WHEN PRAYING THE ROSARY (Pt. 2)

....continuing from last week

- 4. Decide what to meditate upon. Should you meditate on each mystery, on your prayer intentions, or the words of the prayers themselves? Each of these options is valid. Choose one, or slide gracefully among all three, as long as you maintain a spirit of prayer (take note of the next two points).
- 5. Still distracted? Redirect. "I have many distractions, but as soon as I am aware of them, I pray for those people, the thought of whom is diverting my attention," says St. Thérèse of Lisieux. "In this way, they reap the benefit of my distractions." If an individual comes to mind, offer that decade or Hail Mary for that person; if your distraction is some worry, pray for that intention. The trick is to not allow the distraction to carry you away but rather to "arrest" it and incorporate it into your rosary.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers another insight: "a distraction reveals to us what we are attached to" (#2729). If your distraction is a negative attachment, such as a temptation or evil thought, pray to overcome that inclination you might even find that it's God's way of calling you to repent of a bad habit or to ask forgiveness of someone you have wronged.

- **6.** Add something extra. Brief additional meditations might help you maintain or re-establish focus. Try a scriptural rosary, where an appropriate biblical verse is read before each Hail. You can also precede each Hail Mary with an intention. For example, for pregnant women I pray, HAIL MARY.... for the homeless I pray, HAIL MARY,
- doing is worth doing poorly." In other words, don't let the perfect get in the way of the good — just do the best you can. Consciously struggle with you distractions. It will be tough initially but with time, you will be an expert.

Even if you have to fight distractions all through your whole rosary, be sure to fight well, arms in hand: that is to say, do not stop saying your rosary even if it is difficult to

- Rev. Fr. Donatus Pallu

APPRECIATION

The entire family of the late Mrs Felicity Acquah is most grateful for your support and love and prayers during their time of loss. God bless you and replenish you abundantly.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN **ENVELOPES**

Parishioners who are still in possession of the Lenten Envelopes should kindly return them. Envelopes can be dropped at the Parish office.