PENTECOST NOVENA2022

Theme: "Return to your first love" (Rev. 2:4-5)

DAY 4: Mon. 30th May, 2022

Topic: "The Holy Spirit reveals

God to us!"

DAY 5: Tue. 31st May, 2022

Topic: "The Holy Spirit - our

freedom!"

DAY 6: Wed. 1st June, 2022

TOPIC: You will keep my laws by

My Spirit!

DAY 7: Thur. 2nd June, 2022

TOPIC: The Holy Spirit, our seal of Redemption

DAY 8: Fri. 3rd June, 2022

TOPIC: The Lord will purify and

restore us

DAY 9: Sat. 4th June, 2022

Family Devotion

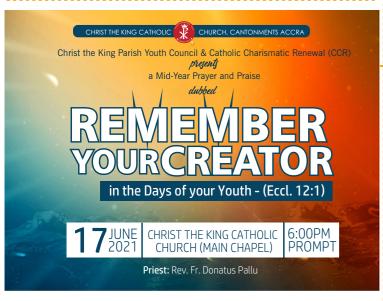


HOUSE NEEDED TO BUY

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

TWO (2) BEDROOM APARTMENT TO RENT

There is a Two (2) Bedroom apartment at Pobiman after the Amansama Toll Both to rent. Please contact - 0544334158





CREDIT UNION CORNER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Accra Christ the King Co-operative Credit Union wishes to invite all Parishioners who are not yet Members, to join "the Happy Family".

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.

The Credit Union has very rewarding financial products and sound financial counselling for both current and prospective Members. Please note that the official MOMO Number of the Credit Union is 024 525 6975.

The reference should be your first name, pass book number and product being paid for (savings, shares ,etc)

DAY-BORNS T-SHIRTS DESIGN COMPETITION

The 2022 Youth Harvest Committee is inviting all youth of Christ the King Parish, 12 years and below to partake in the Dayborn T-shirt competition. The design should include the following:

- 1. Christ the King Logo
- 2. Day of th week

All interested participants should send their designs to Norbert- 026 488 8513 by Thursday, 30th June 2022. There will be an award for the best design

Year 27, No. 08



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

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OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 8:00am-5.00pm

Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm

<u>Sundays</u> 8:00am-2.00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 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. Wisdom Dordunu - Priest in Residence Rev. Fr. Donatus Pallu - Parochial Vicar (024 988 1284)

(0244109037)



27TH MAY - 4TH JUNE, 2022 6:00PM	
DATE	ASSIGNED DAY BORN
Sun. 29th May, 2022	All Day Borns
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

ROSARY MONTH

GROUPS & SOCIETAL SCHEDULE

6:00PM | EACH DAY

WEEK 5
Mon. 30th May 2022 - Marshallan Association 31st May 2022 - Legion of Mary Rosary Month Climax Mass follows at 6:30pm

on 31st May, 2022 CHOIRS TO LEAD IN SONGS

- Christ the King Choir ALL CHOIRS

Rosary Prayers will be at the Grotto

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, weighing cards, baptismal certificates and a recent passport picture not more than 3months old with their ward's name boldly written at the back.

CHANGE IN TIME OF MASS

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

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

First Reading: This reading describes the martyrdom of Stephen. He had only recently been converted to the Christian faith and has been made a deacon by the apostles. His faith offers a vivid example of what can be done by one who is filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 7:55-60)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 97) "The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth."

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad.
Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne. **Res.**

The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.
All gods are prostrate before him. **Res.**

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods. **Res.**

Second Reading: John asserts that his prophetic words are the true revelation of Jesus Christ to His Church. The Church is wedded to Christ in the love of the Holy Spirit and looks forward to the final fulfillment of that love in the glory of heaven. (Rev.22:12-14, 16-17, 20.)

Gospel: Jesus prays for His disciples and for those who would believe through their teaching. He prays that His Church would remain united to become the sign of unity in a divided world. **(John 17:20-26)**

WEEKDAY READINGS 7TH WEEK OF OF EASTER. YEAR C

Monday Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christian

Acts 19:1-8/ Ps 68/In 16:29-33

Tuesday Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12/Is 12/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday

St. Justin

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68/In 17:11b-19

Thursday St. Marcellinus and Peter

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16/Jn 17:20-26

Friday St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday St. Francis Caracciolo/BVM

Acts 28:16-20. 30-31/Ps 11/Jn 21:20-25

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 14:15-16. 23b-266

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Lord, do not hold this sin against them.

I remember talking to a young lady who recounted a very bitter experience. She groans and hurts whenever she recalls the incident. She described the hurt as a knife that pierced her heart. Time never healed her pain. She just could not let go, let alone forgive. Many of you may also be privy to the pain and anguish some people have suffered and are unable to forgive. Maybe, you are at the receiving end of some brutal treatment yourself. The pain is so deep that any talk of forgiveness sounds unreasonable and impractical. The first reading presents Stephen as a model for us.

In Acts chapter 6, we read that the Hellenists complained that their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. To solve the problem, the apostles selected seven deacons whose duty was to serve while they focused on preaching the Word of God. Stephen was one of them. He was full of God's grace and power. He performed great wonders and signs among the people. As is usually the case when people cannot stand up to those with talents and grace, they undermine and destroy them. Some Jews who could not stand up against the wisdom the Holy Spirit gave Stephen secretly persuaded some men to bring false charges against him. Today's first reading presents the concluding part of Stephen's defense, the crowd's reaction, and Stephen's death.

You would have thought that when Stephen said, Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God, the crowd would have softened their stance; rather, his statement incensed them. They covered their ears and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city and began to stone him. Often when people make up their minds about despising us, they may never change until they have carried out what they have schemed. It could also be that when we plan to hurt others, we do not rest until we have carried out the harm we have intended.

One of the touching points of Stephen's story is that when Stephen was being stoned, we read that Stephen *fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."* What a display of virtue! He prayed for the forgiveness of his persecutors. Can we emulate him? In Matthew chapter 5: 43- 44, Jesus says, *You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.* Stephen follows the example of Jesus, who on the cross forgave those who killed him. Forgiveness is never easy, but it always brings healing. Let us pray for the grace to be able to forgive those who hurt us.

On Tuesday, we will climax the Rosary month with Rosary at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass at 6:30 pm. Then on Friday, we will climax our Pentecost Novena. I encourage you to attend both programmes.

The Lord bless and keep you. Fr. Akesseh

SECOND COLLECTION

June 05 Thanksgiving

12 SeminaryProject

19 Men vs Women

26 Peter's Pence

BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

May 29 St. Vincent de Paul Society

June 05 St. Matthew Akan Kuo

12 Crusaders

19 YCWM

26 Choir

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

SOCIETAL / GROUP MEETINGS NEXT SUNDAY

*Parish Youth Council after the 8:30am Mass at the Youth Room (Bookshop building).

*Sacred Heart Confraternity, after the 8:30am Mass at the St Maria Room (Parish Hall).

*Tarcisians, after the 8:30am Mass at the St Joseph Room (Parish Hall).

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The funeral arrangements of the late Madam Beatrice Ampiah and her son Mr Anthony Ekow Dadson, elder sister and newphew respectively of Mr Joe Ampiah Dadson, a parishioner are as follows;

Saturday 11th June, 2022: Burial Mass at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Dunkwa-on-offin at 9:00am. Interment will be at the Roman Catholic cemetery at Dunkwa-on-offin.

Sunday 12th June, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Dunkwa-on-offin at 9:00am. All Covid-19 protocols will be strictly observed.

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



The death has been announced of **Ms Helena Marianne Addai,** which sad event occurred on Monday, 9th May, 2022 at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra. She was the mother of John and Anne-Marie Ayanru; and sister of Mrs Antoinette Dumelo, Mrs Patricia Botsio and Mr Matthew Addai II. Funeral

arrangements will be announced later.

FAITH CORNER

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

This Novena begins on the day after the Solemnity of the Ascension, Friday of the 6th Week of Easter and ends on the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. What happened during the first Pentecost novena?

As the disciples waited for the fulfilment of the promise, they humbled their hearts in true repentance and confessed their unbelief. As they called to remembrance the words that Christ had spoken to them before His death, they understood more fully their meaning.

Truths which had passed from their memory were again brought to their minds, and these they repeated to one another. They reproached themselves for their misapprehension of the Saviour.

As Jesus' wonderful, pure and holy life passed before them scene after scene, they felt that no toil would be too hard, no sacrifice too great, if only they could bear witness in their lives to the loveliness of Christ's character. They emptied themselves of all that was "un-Christ-like" so

as to be filled with that which was "Christ-like", that is, THE HOLY SPIRIT. What must we do during this Pentecost Novena?

- 1. We must grow in the knowledge of Christ and his message so that we do not veer off when we begin to witness unto him 2. We must rid out of our hearts all malice, wickedness and dissension
- 3. We must not be afraid of the Holy Spirit. He is a wonderful friend to have
- 4. We must desire to be filled with the Spirit
- 5. We must be ready to work with whatever gifts and fruits that we receive from God

6. Finally, we must be ready to face hardships, troubles, chastisements, persecution and temptations.

Beloved, Jesus admonished his disciples not to move out of Jerusalem but stay together in prayer as they waited for empowerment and fortification with the Spirit. Let us not stay away from our Jerusalem (Novena of the Church). Challenge yourself and take an active part in this novena. May we all be filled with the Spirit of God

- Rev. Fr. Donatus Pallu

FIRST COMMUNION

Registration for First Commnuin Classes has begun. Parents can register their wards between the ages of 9yrs -15yrs at the Parish office. First Communion class is every Sunday after the 8:00am Mass at the school classroom.

JUNE BORNS CALLING

All June borns are to please call or WhatsApp Martin on 0206418455 or 0542377862 for a very important message.