

Weekly

Year 29, No. 12



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Bulletin

SUN. 9TH JUNE, 2024

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THEME FOR THE YEAR
 "HELPING CHILDREN TO SEEK CHRIST: FROM DISCOVERY TO DISCIPLESHIP."
 "WE WANT TO SEE JESUS" (JOHN12:21)

<p>OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>WEEKDAYS 8:00am-5:00pm</p> <p>SATURDAYS 8:00am-12:00pm</p> <p>SUNDAYS 8:00am-2:00pm</p>	<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>SUNDAYS 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm Youth Mass : 8.00am</p> <p>WEEKDAYS 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>CONFESSION Saturdays : After Morning Mass & 5.00pm (Adoration Chapel)</p>
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PASTORAL STAFF

<p>Very Rev. Fr. Ebenezer Akesseh Parish Priest (0244727276)</p>	<p>Rev. Fr. Donatus Pallu Parochial Vicar (024 988 1284)</p>
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CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PARISH, CANTONMENTS - ACCRA

PRESENTS

MEN PRAYER

Breakfast Meeting

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE, 2024 | 8:45AM - 12:00PM | **CHRIST THE KING PARISH, CANTONMENTS - ACCRA**

PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH, CANTONMENTS - ACCRA

BUSINESS FAIR 2024

4, 11, 18 & 25 AUGUST

CHRIST THE KING HALL CAR PARK
8:00AM - 2:00PM EACH DAY

FOR REGISTRATION & ENQUIRY, CALL 020 395 9975

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 Christ The King Parish, Accra

YOUTH CAMP 2024

15TH - 18TH AUGUST, 2024
AT ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SEMINARY, SOWUTUOM

AGE: 12 YEARS AND ABOVE
RATE: GHS 200.00 (ALL INCLUSIVE)
REGISTER AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR CALL 0203959975 / 0302775645

CHRIST THE KING PARISH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE 2024

Rome	- 4 Days
Lourdes	- 2 Days
Barcelona	- 1 Day
Fatima	- 3 Days

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 0302775645

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLINESS

<p>Standard Package A (\$4,080)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economy flight ticket, 2 people in a room at sleep over destinations Breakfast Internal transport & Airport pickups and drop offs Visa 	<p>Standard Package B (\$4,780)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economy flight ticket, 1 person in a room at sleep over destinations Breakfast Internal transport & Airport pickups and drop offs Visa 	<p>Premium Package (\$7,280)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Class flight ticket, 1 person in a room at sleep over destinations Breakfast Internal transport & Airport pickups and drop offs Visa
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DATE 1ST - 14TH OCTOBER, 2024 **REGISTER** Interested Parishioners should contact the Parish Office for registration.

YOU WILL HAVE UP TO THE END OF JUNE 2024 TO COMPLETE PAYMENT.

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

COMMENTARY ON READINGS

First Reading: God confronts Adam and Eve on their disobedience to His direct command not to eat of the tree of knowledge. Their evasive answer shows their weakness of not taking responsibility for their actions. God condemns the serpent because He knows the serpent will never repent. He chastises and punishes Adam and Eve, but He also holds out to them a forgiving hand and a promise of redemption.. (Gn 3:9-15)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 130)

“With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.”

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication. **Res**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered. **Res**

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD. **Res**

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption
and he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities. **Res**

Second Reading: This passage is a summary of the same subject in Paul's format, wherein he reflects on his own past life and its change through the “grace bestowed in abundance.” He is encouraging the Corinthians to keep in mind the promise of heaven for those who hold out until their end. We should be encouraged by this also, for the same promise has been given to us through Baptism and the faith we profess. (2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1)

Gospel: This can be a confusing, or even baffling passage if we don't put it together with the thoughts expressed above. Obviously, Satan (the devil) works behind the scenes to get mankind to sin through our weaknesses. But, if we are aware of our weaknesses and ask for God's help against them with sincerity and a firm purpose of amendment, we can be assured that He will give us that help. And then (if we have God on our side), who can harm us?. (Mark 3:20-35)

WEEKDAY READINGS

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Monday	St. Gentilius 1 Kgs 17: 1-6/ Ps 121/ Mt 5: 1-12
Tuesday	St. Barnabas Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3/ Ps 98/ Mt 5: 13-16
Wednesday	St. John of Sahagun 1 Kgs 18: 20-39/ Ps 16/ Mt 5: 17-19
Thursday	St. Anthony of Padua 1 Kgs 18: 41-46/ Ps 65/ Mt 5: 20-26
Friday	St. Methodius I 1 Kgs 19: 9a. 11-16/ Ps 27/ Mt 5: 27-32
Saturday	St. Germain 1 Kgs 19: 19-21/ Ps 16/ Mt 5: 33-37

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Ez 17: 22-24/ Ps 92/ 2 Cor 5: 6-10/
Mk 4: 26-34

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

"Where are you?"

Though Ordinary time started two Sundays ago (after the Solemnity of Pentecost), today is the first Sunday green vestments are used. We celebrated two solemnities—Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi—and white vestments are used on such solemnities. From now until the Solemnity of Christ the King, green will be the primary color.

It is important to remember that Ordinary time does not mean ordinary in the sense of routine. Therefore, anything goes. In the [“General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar,”](#) the meaning of Ordinary Time is spelled out: “Besides the times of year that have their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays” (43).

The color green, which represents Ordinary Time, serves as a reminder of our collective need to flourish and grow as disciples of the Lord. Let us, therefore, commit to practical steps that will lead to noticeable growth in our Christian life by the time we reach the end of Ordinary Time with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. These steps should include prayer, reading the word of God, acts of charity, and, most importantly, actively contributing to the growth and unity of our parish community.

How often do we excuse our sins or blame others for our failings? Today's first reading leads us to reflect on such questions. *After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"* This question, simple as it may sound, is loaded with meaning. God was asking Adam, Adam, where do you stand in relation to me. Adam's response clearly shows the relationship that existed between them and God: "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." This statement implies this was not the first time God came to them. However, this time, they went into hiding. In the reaction of Adam and Eve, we see a reflection of human nature. For most of us, there is an attempt to cover one's sins and shame. We do not want people to know about it. However, we cannot hide our sins from God. Let us endeavor to own our sins before God and ask for forgiveness and mercy.

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Fr. Akesseh

SECOND COLLECTION

- June 09 Vitus Dery Educational Fund
- 16 Men vs Women
- 23 Peter's Pence
- 30 Poor and Needy

BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

- June 09 Legion of Mary & Tuesday Borns
- 16 Catholic Men Association
- 23 KSJI
- 30 Marshallan Association

SOCIETAL / GROUP MEETINGS

TODAY

- ***Christian Mothers Association**, after the 8:00am Mass at the St. Anthony Room (Parish Hall).
- ***Catholic Men Association**, after the 8:00am Mass at the School Canteen.
- ***Kasena Nankana**, after the 8:00am Mass at the Grotto
- ***St. Michael Ewe Union (Executive)**, after the 8:00am Mass at the Grotto.
- * **Marshallan Association**, at 10:30am at the St. Maria Room (Parish Hall)

NEXT WEEK

- ***St. Michael Ewe Union (General)**, after the 8:00am Mass at the Grotto.
- ***St. Matthew Akan Kuo**, after the 8:00am Mass at the St. Anthony Room (Parish Hall).
- ***St. Theresa of the Child Jesus**, after the 8:00am Mass at the Parish Hall.
- ***YCWM**, after the 8:00am Mass at the Parish Office.
- ***East Legon, Madina, Adenta, Haatso & Environs Area Group**, at Divine Mercy Catholic Church at 4:00pm.

HARVEST CORNER

UPDATES AS AT 5TH JUNE, 2024

DAY BORN COMPETITION

DAY BORN	AMOUNT	POSITION
SUNDAY	GHS 2,000.00	6TH
MONDAY	GHS 45,000.00	2ND
TUESDAY	GHS 56,613.00	1ST
WEDNESDAY	GHS 6,355.00	4TH
THURSDAY	GHS 3,5500	5TH
FRIDAY	GHS 17,057.00+\$2,000	3RD
SATURDAY	GHS 2,000.00	6TH

MEN VS WOMEN

MEN - GHS 52,356.00+\$1+ £20+N2000
 WOMEN - GHS 61,693.00 + \$101 + £5+Rd100

CTK COMMUNITY PLATFORM REGISTRATION

Parishioners who are not on any CTK Parish Community WhatsApp Platform should kindly register at the Laity Committee stand during the Society Fair.

THE RICH MERCY OF GOD

EPISODE 2

Our trust is not foolish, for our God is both faithful and good. To trust in the Lord is a total dependence upon God. When we trust in the Lord, we leave the most valuable thing we possess, our immortal soul, to the safekeeping of the Lord Jesus Christ. We also humble ourselves as we trust in God.

God desires that we humble ourselves and depend on him for strength/ everything. We should not rely on our own strength but rely on him ALWAYS....complete trust I know is easier said than done, especially when the toils and pains of this world hit us on every side. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to help us build our trust in God.

In conclusion, I would like to take you back to the responsorial Psalm from last week's reading-Psalm 118 It says-Let the house of Israel say, "His Mercy endures forever", Let the house of Aaron say, " His Mercy endures forever", Let those who fear the Lord say, His Mercy Endures forever. Let the house of Catholic Men say, "His Mercy endures forever.

Divine Mercy. I trust in you. May the Mercy of God be poured out upon us all.

Fred Kwofie

MARRIAGE COUNSELLING REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for the next marriage counseling session (July - December) is now open. Interested couples should contact the Front desk personnel at the Parish office for registration, and further details.

APPRECIATION

The family of the late **Sir Kt. Anthony Fynn** express profound gratitude to all for the support they received during their time of grief. God richly bless you all.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



The death has been announced of **Madam Mary Ekuatta Kakra Mensah**, mother of Madam Felicia Mensah Frimpong both parishioners, which sadly occurred on 11th May, 2024 at the University of Ghana Medical Centre. She was 98yrs. One Week celebration will be held at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Darkuman on Saturday, 15th June, 2024. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.



We are sad to report the death of **Col. Victor Coker-Appiah (Rtd.)**, a parishioner which sadly occurred on 23rd May, 2024 after a short illness. Funeral arrangements are as follows:
Friday, 26th July, 2024: Burial Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments at 7:30am.
Sunday, 28th July, 2024: Thanksgiving Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Cantonments at 10:30am.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Ques: In one of the responses for the proclamation of the mystery of faith, we refer to the body of Christ as bread: “When we eat this bread and drink this cup.” How do you square this with the teaching of the Church that the Eucharist is really and literally the body and blood of Christ?

Ans: You are right. The Church teaches that Christ is really, truly and substantially present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist. This presence is the effect of the Eucharistic Prayer, during which the priest invokes Jesus’ words at the Last Supper: “This is my body.... This is my blood....” The species of bread and wine are thus sacramentally transformed into the real body and blood of Christ (cf. CCC #1353).

This transformation is called “real” because, “it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.” (CCC #1374). The theological term for describing the transformation which takes place in the bread and wine is transubstantiation. Trans means “change” and substantiation means “substance.” In other words, what is made present in the Eucharist is the real, true and substantial person of the Risen Christ, which is the biblical meaning of “body.” Although this may seem incomprehensible, we know from human experience that it is possible to experience the presence of a person who is no longer physically present with us.

Now, to the first part of your question. The words of the first acclamation of faith are actually a paraphrasing of what Paul says about the Eucharist: “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” (1 Cor. 11:26). It is one of many expressions that evoke different aspects of the Eucharist (CCC #1328–1329). Furthermore, when we call the body of Christ “bread” we are merely echoing Jesus’ own words, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven” (Jn 6:51).

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FATHER OF THE YEAR 2024

NOMINATION OPENED

As part of celebrating Fathers’ Day, there will be a competition to select the “**FATHER OF THE YEAR**”. All societies are encouraged to suggest names of fathers for the competition and submit them to the selection committee through **0267714069 or 0264888513 only**. Closing date is today, **9th June 2024**.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Ø Must be a Catholic and a Communicant
- Ø Must be 50years and above
- Ø Must be a fully paid up member of the Church
- Ø Must be affable, approachable and amiable
- Ø Must have demonstrated by word and deed utmost care and concern for Christian Family life.
- Ø Must be an active participant of Parish activities.
- Ø Must not have pending ecclesiastical or civil penalties.