



2ND NOVEMBER, 2025

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Christ the King Church is to create a Eucharistic Community that enriches the spiritual life of its members and their nuclear families, "the Domestic Church", and spreads the Catholic faith.

#### OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS 8:00am-5.00pm

**SATURDAYS** 8:00am-12:00pm

**SUNDAYS** 8:00am-2.00pm

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**SUNDAYS** 

6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm Youth Mass: 8.00am

Saturday: 6:30am

**WEEKDAYS** 

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: 5.00pm at the Adoration Chapel

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Very Rev. Fr. Ebenezer Akesseh (Parish Priest - 0244727276)

Rev. Fr. Gerald Owusu-Amankwatia (Parochial Vicar 1 - 0555283488)

Rev. Fr. Julius Kofi Dela Gemadzie (Parochial Vicar 2 - 0247547096)

Rev. Fr. George Ekow Mensah (Priest in Residence)

### THEME FOR THE YEAR

"PILGRIMS OF HOPE: A YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP" (ROMANS 5:5)



to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow." - DEUT. 28:



## MONTH OF PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Parishioners are encouraged to request for Mass for their departed relatives and friends during this Month.



	YOUTH	
	MONTH	
	PROGRAM OUTLINE	
19TH OCT	LAUNCH AND REP YOUR SCHOOL	8AM
25TH OCT	TEA TIME WITH JESUS	9АМ
1ST NOV	INTER-PARISH GAMES	9AM
8TH NOV	EXCURSION TO CAPE COAST	5AM
11TH NOV	YOUTH MASS	6РМ
15TH NOV	YOUTH IN PRAYER	9AM
15TH NOV	ANGELIC CHOIR CONCERT	5РМ
16TH NOV	THANKSGIVING MASS	8AM

#### 31ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, YEAR C ALL SOULS' DAY

(COMMENTARY ON READINGS)

**First Reading:** The Reading contrasts what seems to be true to "the unwise", that death is an affliction and destruction with the divine reality that the just "are in peace" and their "hope is full of immortality". **(Wisdom 3:1-9).** 

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 23) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **Res.** 

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **Res.** 

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **Res.** 

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **Res**.

**Second Reading:** If we were reconciled to God through Christ's death, we will be all the more saved by His life. This means that through His resurrection, we are guaranteed our own share in eternal life. (**Romans 5:5-11**).

**Gospel:** Jesus affirms that all who believe in Him are drawn by the Father. This emphasizes God's initiative in salvation and the certainty that those who respond will not be rejected. **(John 6:37-40).** 

#### WEEKDAY READINGS 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Monday St. Martin de Porres

Rom 11: 29-36/ Ps 69/ Lk 14: 12-14

Tuesday Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

Rom 12: 5-16ab/ Ps 131/ Lk 14: 15-24

Wednesday St. Donnino

Rom 13: 8-10/ Ps 112/ Lk 14: 25-33

Thursday Saint Felice La Calle

Rom 14: 7-12/ Ps 27/ Lk 15: 1-10

Friday Saint Didacus

Rom 15: 14-21/ Ps 98/ Lk 16: 1-8

Saturday Blessed John Duns Scotus

Rom 16: 3-9. / Ps 145/ Lk 16: 9-15

## DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME (32ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME, YEAR C)

Ez 47: 1-2. 8-9. 12/ Ps 46/ 1 Cor 3: 9c-11. 16-17

/ Jn 2: 13-22

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Dear Parishioners** 

I will not reject anyone who comes to me

A story is told of a priest who was preparing a group of children for their First Communion. He wanted to know how much the kids understood the Church's teaching on Final Judgment. He asked one of the little boys, "What will God say on judgment day to those who have led a very good life on earth?" Without any hesitation, the boy replied, "Come and enter Heaven and live with me." The priest asked a second boy, "What will the Lord say to those who have lived a very bad life?" The boy said, "You cannot come to Heaven. You will have to go to Hell." Then the priest went on: "Now what will God say to those who are not good enough to enter heaven at once nor bad enough to go to Hell?" After a pause, a little girl put up her hand and said, "God will say, 'I will be seeing you soon!" (Elias Dias in Divine Stories for Families).

This story outlines the timeless teaching of the Church. There are three states of the Church: the Church triumphant, the Church militant, and the Church suffering. On the solemnity of All Saints, which was yesterday, we celebrated the Church triumphant – the men and women who lived lives acceptable to God and are now with Him in glory. They intercede for us, the Church militant, as we strive to please God. Today, we commemorate the Church suffering. They are the men and women who are not yet in heaven because of their imperfections and are going through a state of purification.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that His eternal plan is to save all those who come to Him: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me." Let us endeavor to deepen our relationship with Him and please Him in word and deed, knowing that at the end of our lives here on earth, He will welcome us into eternity.

Today and always, pray fervently for the dead that they may obtain the remission of the punishments due to their sins and may hear the Lord's call: 'Come, O my dear soul to eternal repose in the arms of my goodness, which has prepared eternal delights for you' (Francis de Sales, Introduction to the Devout Life, 17, 4).

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

I wish you a blessed and fruitful month.

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**

Nov

02 Thanksgiving

09 Harvest Day

#### BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

Nov

02 Sacred Heart Confraternity

09 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

#### **MEETINGS**

#### **TODAY**

\*Parish Youth Council, after the 8:00am Mass at the Youth Room

\*Sacred Heart Confraternity, after the 8:00am Mass at the St. Maria Room (upstairs of the Parish Hall).

\*Tarcisians, after the 8:00am Mass at the St. Joseph Room (upstairs of the Parish Hall).

#### **NEXT WEEK**

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

#### **MARRIAGE BANNS**

- 1. Francis Kwamina Biney & Araba Biney (3)
- 2. Sena Anyomedie & Michelle Jumu (2)
- 3. Justin Yieri & Alice Zinenta Dakubo (2)
- 4. Adelaide Ama Cassandra and Michael Kwesi Addo (1)

# HARVEST CORNER DAY BORN COMPETITION

UPDATES AS AT 29TH OCTOBER, 2025

DAY BOR	RN	AMOUNT	POSITION	J
SUNDAY	GHS	195,774.00 + \$200		1ST
MONDAY	GHS	51,196.00 + \$200		6TH
TUESDAY	GHS	148,287.00+ \$256+ £2	20	3RD
WEDNESDAY	GHS	70,470.00 + £150		5TH
THURSDAY	GHS	80,748.14 + CAN\$50		4TH
FRIDAY	GHS	47,086.00 + \$200		7TH
SATURDAY	GHS	173,084.50 + €30 + \$1	00	2ND
		MEN VS WOMEN		
MEN	- GH	S 163,488.00 + €30+\$2	275+£45	

## WOMEN - GHS 173,086.00 + \$154+£70 POGA RETREAT AND MEMORIAL MASS

All past students of OLA, Ho are cordially invited to the maiden Past OLA Girls Association (POGA) Retreat and Memorial Mass on Saturday, 8th November, 2025 at Mary Mother of Good Council Parish, Airport, Accra from 9:00am - 1:00pm, under the theme: "Remembered by God, Empowered to Endure" (Genesis 30:22).

**Attire:** Any POGA/year group T-shirt. To register to attend, kindly contact, Dr. Dela Mawutor on **0539306211.** 

#### **APPRECIATION**

The entire Effah family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for your time, contributions, prayers, love and unwavering support during the passing and farewell rites of their beloved **Mrs. Lucy Nana Konadu Yiadom Effah,** May the Lord reward you bountifully.

## FAITH CORNER

#### PRAY FOR THE DEAD

The practice of praying for the dead has strong roots in the Bible. One important verse is 2 Maccabees 12:46. It says, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." This shows that early Jews believed in helping the dead through prayer.

Early Church traditions also support praying for the dead. Christians have always prayed for those who have passed away. They believed their prayers could help souls reach Heaven. This practice has been a part of the Church from the beginning. The Church Fathers, early leaders and teachers of the Church, wrote about praying for the dead. Saint Augustine and Saint John Chrysostom both spoke about its importance. They believed it was a duty to pray for the souls in Purgatory.

Church Councils have also affirmed this practice. The Council of Trent, held in the 16th century, confirmed that praying for the dead is a good and holy practice. This council helped to solidify the belief in Purgatory and the need to pray for the dead.

Praying for the dead is rooted in Scripture and tradition. It shows love and care for those who have passed away. It is an important part of Catholic faith and practice.

All Souls Day is celebrated on November 2. It is a day to pray for all who have died, especially the souls in Purgatory. The Church teaches that these souls are being made clean before entering Heaven. They cannot pray for themselves, so our prayers help them. On this day, Catholics go to Mass, visit cemeteries, and pray for loved ones and for all who have no one to pray for them. It is a day of love, mercy, and hope in eternal life.

## There are several practical ways Catholics can observe All Souls' Day.

One of the most important is attending Mass. On this day, many parishes hold special Masses for the souls in Purgatory. By going to Mass, we pray for the dead and offer the sacrifice of the Eucharist for their benefit.

Another common practice is visiting cemeteries. Many Catholics visit the graves of their loved ones to pray for them. This is a way to show respect and remember the dead. Some people bring flowers or candles to place at the graves.

Offering specific prayers for the dead is a powerful way to help them. The Church encourages prayers like the Eternal Rest prayer, which asks God to grant peace to the souls in Purgatory. The Rosary is also a popular choice, as it asks for Mary's intercession for those who have died.

Another way to participate is by offering sacrifices or acts of penance for the souls in Purgatory. This could mean fasting, giving up something for a day, or offering a small act of charity. These sacrifices, when united with prayer, can help the souls move closer to Heaven.

May the Souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in perfect peace.

- Rev. Fr. Gerald Owusu-Amankwatia

#### **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The death has been reported of Mrs Margaret Jacqueline Kabore, a

parishioner. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Wednesday, 5th November, 2025: Pre-

Burial and Burial Mass at 7:00am and 9:00am respectively at Christ the King

Catholic Church, Accra, Cantonments. Attire: **Black** Burial: Private Burial in Sunyani-Fiapre

Sunday, 9th November, 2025: Thanksgiving Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church at 10:30am.

Attire: Black and White



#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do you respond to the objection that the Catholic practice of praying to the saints takes away from, or even diminishes, the redemptive work of Christ?

A: The first point to note is that God expects us to pray for one another. We see this in both the Old and New Testaments. In a dream, God commanded King Abimelech to ask Abraham to intercede for him (Gen. 20:7). When the Lord was angry with Job's friends because they did not speak rightly about God, He told them, "Let my servant Job pray for you because I will accept his [prayer], lest I make a terror on you" (Job 42:8). St Paul wrote to the Romans, exhorting them to pray for his protection and the promotion of his ministry in Judea and Jerusalem (Rom. 15:30-32). And James reminds us that, "the prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" (Jas. 5:16).

Therefore, invoking the intercessory prayer of the saints manifests and magnifies, rather than minimizes, the Body of Christ of which we are members by virtue of our baptism (1 Cor. 12:11-13). Every Christian - including, and especially, those who have experienced the beatific vision - is a member of the Body of Christ. This is the doctrine which we call the Communion of the Saints. In this communion of saints, we enjoy the support and spiritual solidarity of those who have gone before us and who "being more closely united to Christ... do not cease to intercede with the Father for us" (CCC 956; cf. 1 Tim. 2:5).

Because of this membership in Christ, under His headship, the intercession of the saints cannot be a rival to Christ's mediation; it is one with the mediation of Christ, to whom and in whom the saints form one body.

#### This is our faith! Send your questions about our faith to: 02447272769



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