



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

# Bulletin

9TH 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)



#### PROGRAM OUTLINE 11TH YOUTH MASS **6PM** NOV **15TH** YOUTH IN PRAYER 9AM NOV 15TH **ANGELIC CHOIR 5PM** NOV CONCERT **16TH THANKSGIVING** 8AM NOV MASS

## VACANCY AT THE CREDIT UNION

Accra Christ the King Co-operative Credit Union invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of Marketing Officer. Interested persons should send their CV to the email address below: accrachristtk.cu@gmail.com
Interested persons for internship are equally invited.

For further enquiries please call 0247 846 671.

### MONTH OF PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Parishioners are encouraged to request for Mass for their departed relatives and friends during this Month. "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

(2 *Maccabees* 12:46)

# ADULT CATECHISM

Adult Catechesis resumes next week Wednesday at 6:00pm at the Youth Room of the bookshop building complex.

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

**First Reading:** The prophet Ezekiel paints a marvelous metaphorical picture of the river of life flowing out of the Temple and slaking the thirst of the desert. The piece emphasizes how "dryness ... means death" and how God's presence is symbolized by the water flowing from the temple brings life and renewal.

(Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12)

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 46) The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea. **Res.** 

There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn. **Res.** 

The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

Come! behold the deeds of the LORD, the astounding things he has wrought on earth. **Res.** 

**Second Reading:** The temple of God is holy, and so the faithful, in whom the Spirit of God dwells, must be holy and avoid moral sins and unrepentant lifestyles that would defile this sacred dwelling.

(1 Corinthians 3:9 c-11, 16-17).

Gospel: Jesus' action of driving out the money-changers and sellers demonstrates a righteous anger against the commercialism and potential exploitation that had defiled a sacred space intended for prayer. His disciples remembered the scripture: "Zeal for your house will consume me". (John 2:13-22:)

### WEEKDAY READINGS 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Monday St. Leo the Great

Wis 1: 1-7/ Ps 139/ Lk 17: 1-6

Tuesday Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop and Doctor

Wis 2: 23 3: 9/ Ps 34/ Lk 17: 7-10

Wednesday St. Josaphat

Wis 6: 1-11/ Ps 82/ Lk 17: 11-19

Thursday St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Wis 7: 22b 8: 1/ Ps 119/ Lk 17: 20-25

Friday St. Nicholas Tavelic and Companions

Wis 13: 1-9/ Ps 19/ Lk 17: 26-37

Saturday St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor

Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9/ Ps 105/ Lk 18: 1-8

#### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Mal 3: 19-20a/ Ps 98/ 2 Thes 3: 7-12/ Lk 21: 5-19

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Today is the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, we are celebrating the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, as it takes precedence over the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. As a result, instead of having readings that focus on the end times, as is usually the case when the Church's year is coming to an end, we are presented with readings that help us reflect on the temple, our relationship with the temple, and our identity as living temples of God, which requires us to live holy lives. Paul reminds us, "You are God's building!"

The Lateran Basilica is the oldest of the four papal basilicas in Rome. It was built in the fourth century in honor of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist and is considered the "mother of all the churches in the world." It is the cathedral Church of the Diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome on this date since the twelfth century. The feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, "presides over the whole assembly of charity."

Today, as we celebrate our harvest day, I am filled with gratitude for your generosity towards our Church. As we give thanks to God, I continue to pray for blessings on our community and your families. Our theme has been: 'The Lord will open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain 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. 28:12). The blessings in this theme will be yours.

May the good Lord bless your homes and the work of your hands. May He drive all harm away from where you dwell. May your guardian angels journey with you, and may the Holy Spirit grant you discernment in your decision-making processes. I invoke the Lord's protection and blessings upon you with Psalm 20:1-5: May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God.

Peace be with you! Fr. Akesseh

#### SECOND COLLECTION

Nov 09 Harvest Day

16 AAPA

#### **BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY**

09 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Nov

16 KSJI

## **MEETINGS**

\*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.

DAVDODN

- \*St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, after the 8am Mass at the Youth
- \*YCWM, after the 8:00am Mass at the Parish Office.
- \*St. Peter the Apostle Dagaaba Union, after the 8:00am Mass at the School Canteen.
- \*Holy Family Akan Kuo, after the 8:00am Mass at the St. Anthony Room (Parish Hall).
- \*Marshallans, after the 8:00am Mass at the St. Maria Room (upstairs of the Parish Hall).

#### MARRIAGE BANNS

- 1. Sena Anyomedie & Michelle Jumu (3)
- 2. Justin Yieri & Alice Zinenta Dakubo (3)
- 3. Michael Kwesi Addo & Adelaide Ama Cassandra (2)

### HARVEST CORNER

## DAY BORN COMPETITION

UPDATES AS AT 6TH NOVEMBER, 2025

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SUNDAY	<b>GHS</b>	197,774.00 + \$200		2ND
MONDAY	<b>GHS</b>	61,196.00 + \$200		6TH
TUESDAY	<b>GHS</b>	151,987.00+ \$256+ £22	20	3RD
WEDNESDAY	GHS	70,620.00 + £150		5TH
THURSDAY	<b>GHS</b>	80,748.14 + CAN\$50		4TH
FRIDAY	<b>GHS</b>	47,086.00 + \$200		7TH
SATURDAY	<b>GHS</b>	183,284.50 + €30 + \$64	100	1ST
		MEN VS WOMEN		

MEN - GHS 163,488.00 + €30+\$275+£45 WOMEN - GHS 173,086.00 + \$154+£70

#### APPRECIATION

The widower, children, and family of the late Mrs. Mary Ama Ofosua Osei wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for your time, contributions, prayers, love and unwavering support during the passing and farewell of their beloved Mrs. Mary Ofosua Osei. May God richly bless you all for your kindness and pastoral care.

#### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The death has been announced of Mr. Philip Nyoagbe, father of Mary Jacinta and Michael Nyoagbe, both parishioners.

Funeral arrangements are as follows;

Saturday, 6th December, 2025: Requiem Mass at Mary Mother of God Catholic

Church, Alavanyo Deme Volta Region, at 9:00am.

Family Gathering: Nyoagbe House at 12 noon.

Sunday, 7th December, 2025: Thanksgiving Mass at Mary Mother of God Catholic Church at 9:00am.

#### Attire: White

## FAITH CORNER

#### TURNING YOUR DEEPEST ANXIETY INTO PRAYER

When we feel overwhelmed, the holy scriptures invites us not to suppress our fears but to bring them into the presence of God through prayer.

Anxiety has a way of taking up a place in the body and mind, convincing us that it must be fixed immediately. Turning that deepest anxiety into prayer does not promise instant relief; it offers a safe unique space and a disciplined, honest way to reorient toward God's presence, trust, and action. My dear people of God, be honest with yourself about what you are feeling.

- 1. Begin by naming the specific worry. Put words to it, I'm afraid of losing my job," "I can't sleep because of what might happen," or "I'm overwhelmed by this relationship."
- 2. Bring It Before God in prayer not as performance, but as conversation with your Heavenly Father. You might say: "God, this fear is heavy. I don't know what to do with it. I need your peace."
- 3. Pray with Scripture over it: Use verses that speak directly to anxiety and fear:

#### 1 Peter 5:7

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

#### Philippians 4:6–7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God..."

#### **Psalm 34:4**

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears."

#### Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you... I will strengthen you and help you."

#### Psalm 94:19

- "When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul."
- **4.** Ask the Lord for renewal and growth in spirit. Don't just ask for the anxiety to go away, ask for wisdom, courage, growth and peace in the midst of the situation. "Lord, transform this fear into faith. Help me see your hand even in uncertainty."
- **5.** Practice Silence and stillness. After praying, sit in silence. Let your heart settle. Anxiety often thrives in noise but peace grows in quiet.
- **6.** Frequent visit to the Adoration Chapel. Let us spend time in the Lord's presence, to be nourished, protected, guided and set free from all bondage. Prayer is not a one-time fast track event. It's a rhythm. Return to it whenever anxiety resurfaces.

#### Prayer Guide

Lord, I bring this anxiety to you. I name it: (say it). I feel (say sensations or emotions). I don't have to carry this alone, help me lay this down in your presence. Give me one clear step to take, and grant me peace for the waiting. Amen.

- Rev. Fr. Gerald Owusu-Amankwatia

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q:** I've never fully understood the congregational response to the priest's invocation, "The Lord be with you." It feels award to say, "And with your spirit." Who greets someone's spirit?

A: The response, "And with your spirit" is part of a broader set of revisions to the English-language Roman Missal that have been in use since 2011. It is made at four significant moments in the Mass: at the opening, before the proclamation of Gospel, within the Eucharistic prayers, and at the end, to dismiss the congregation. For over 40 years before the revisions, the standard response was, "And also with you." There are several reasons for this specific revision. Here are two of them.

First, the response, "And with your spirit" is a more accurate and faithful translation of the original Latin, Et cum spiritu tuo. It follows a 2001 Vatican instruction, Liturgiam Authenticam, which directed a new approach for translating liturgical texts, moving from a contemporary or "dynamic equivalence" (translating for meaning) translation to a more literal and accurate reflection of the source text. It is also the way the phrase is translated in almost every other language, including German, French, Spanish and Italian; as well as by English-speaking Lutherans and Episcopalians.

Second, it highlights a key theological and liturgical point: When the congregation respond, "And with your spirit," they are not simply being culturally polite. The spirit referred to in the Latin is the spirit of Christ that comes to a priest when he is ordained (cf. 1 Tim. 4:14). The response is an acknowledgment of the grace and presence of Christ who is operative in the spirit of the celebrant by virtue of his ordination; which enables him to act in persona Christi (in the person of Christ) during Mass (cf. Lk 22:19; Heb. 5:5-10, 8:9; 1 Jn 2:2, 4:10; CCC, 1548). It is thus a statement of faith that may have been distorted by the paraphrased translation into something of an exchange of personal greetings or reciprocal good will.

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