



23RD 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)

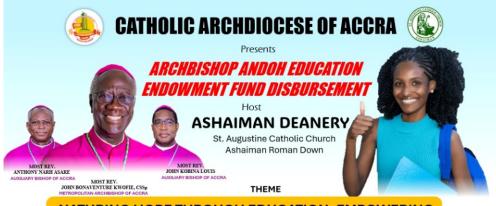
Rev. Fr. Gerald Owusu-Amankwatia (Parochial Vicar 1 - 0555283488)

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)



NATURING HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION, EMPOWERING THE CATHOLIC YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE









30<sup>™</sup> NOVEMBER, 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> **DECEMBER 2025** 

CHRIST THE KING HALL CAR PARK

8:00<sup>AM</sup> - 2:00<sup>PM</sup> EACH DAY

FOR REGISTRATION & ENQUIRY, CALL 020 395 9975

## **ADVENT RECOLLECTION**

Jubilee Year Parish Prayer Walk to the Holy Door at the Holy Spirit Cathedral Date: Sat., 13th December, 2025 **Time:** 7:00am

### **FAMILY ADVENT JOURNEY**

Keep an Advent Wreath at Home. Advent wreaths will be blessed for families during the first Advent Vespers on Saturday, 29th November, 2025 at 6pm.

### 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)



# Celebrating CHRIST, THE KING

# SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ALL ARE WELCOME! -

Do you have a child with special needs? Christ the King Catholic Church invites you to our Special Needs Sunday School, held every Sunday during the 10:30 am Mass.

We provide a safe, loving, and inclusive space where children with diverse abilities can grow in faith, supported by trained volunteers.

Let every child experience the love of Christ in a way that suits them best.

Location: On the floor above the Adoration Chapel

**Contact**: Grace – 055 968 6370 | Parish 0302775645

"Let the little children come to me..." -Matthew 19:14

# SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING, YEAR C (COMMENTARY ON READINGS)

**First Reading:** David became King of the United Kingdoms of Israel and Judah. His kingship prefigured the new and everlasting kingdom of Christ who rules over two spiritual Kingdoms; the one in heaven and the other on earth. (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 122) "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **Res.** 

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD. **Res.** 

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. **Res.** 

**Second Reading:** This reading in praise of Christ, speaks of His role in the creation of all that exists; about His role in our redemption; as Head of the Church and as absolute Ruler of the Universe.

(Colossians 1:12-20)

**Gospel:** When Pilate nailed the inscription, "King of the Jews" over the cross of Jesus, the people jeered but despite their mockery, both the Jewish rulers and the Roman soldiers unwittingly proclaimed the true identity of Jesus as King and Messiah.

(Luke 23: 35-43)

# WEEKDAY READINGS 34TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Monday St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Co.

Dn 1: 1-6. 8-20/ Dn 3/ Lk 21: 1-4

Tuesday St. Catherine of Alexandria

Dn 2: 31-45/ Dn 3/ Lk 21: 5-11

Wednesday St. Leonard Port Maurice

Dn 5: 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/ Dn 3/

Lk 21: 12-19

Thursday St. Francesco Antonio Fasani

Dn 6: 12-28/ Dn 3/ Lk 21: 20-28.

Friday St. . James of the Marche

Dn 7: 2-14/ Dn 3/ Lk 21: 29-33

Saturday St. Saturninus

Dn 7: 15-27/ Dn 3/ Lk 21: 34-36

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A Is 2: 1-5/ Ps 122 / Rom 13: 11-14/ Mt 24: 37-44

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This is the King of the Jews

Happy Feast Day! I thank you for the many ways you contribute towards building our community. I continue to pray that our King will guard and shepherd us always.

The feast of Christ the King was promulgated by Pope Pius XI in December 1925 in his Encyclical Quas Primas. Pope Pius XI wrote: "...manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Saviour, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations. Men must look for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ; and that We promised to do as far as lay in Our power. In the Kingdom of Christ, that is, it seemed to Us that peace could not be more effectually restored nor fixed upon a firmer basis than through the restoration of the Empire of Our Lord. We were led in the meantime to indulge the hope of a brighter future at the sight of a more widespread and keener interest evinced in Christ and his Church, the one Source of Salvation, a sign that men who had formerly spurned the rule of our Redeemer and had exiled themselves from his kingdom were preparing, and even hastening, to return to the duty of obedience."

In today's Gospel Reading, one of the thieves who was crucified with Jesus said to Him: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." By acknowledging that Jesus had a kingdom, he was also recognizing He was a king and was submitting to His authority.

A king always demands fidelity and loyalty from his subjects. When Polycarp, the Bishop of Smyrna, was arrested and brought before the Roman authorities, He was told if he cursed Christ, he would be released. He replied, "Eighty-six years have I served Him, and He has done me no wrong; how then can I blaspheme my king Jesus Christ who saved me?" The Roman officer replied, "Unless you change your mind, I will have you burnt." But Polycarp said, "You threaten a fire that burns for an hour, and after a while is quenched; for you are ignorant of the judgment to come and of everlasting punishment reserved for the ungodly. Do what you wish."

Let us be devoted to Christ our King for He reigns for ever!

The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon
you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD leak wrong you hindle gracious

The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace.

Fr. Akesseh

### SECOND COLLECTION

23 Men vs Women

30 Laity (Arch)

07 Thanksgiving Dec

14 Catechetical

21 Men vs Women

28 Day Borns

### BIDDING PRAYERS & OFFERTORY

Nov 23 All Groups/Societies

30 Crusaders for Christ

07 Ewe Union Dec

14 Marshallans

## **MEETINGS** NEXT WEEK

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

\*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).

\*Area Group Meeting, Burma camp/ Tseaddo Area will be having our in person meeting on Sunday 30th November, at the Fatima Grotto.

### MARRIAGE BANNS

- 1. Albert Adu Nti & Janis Effa Manu (2)
- 2. Pascal Mensah Doamekpor & Nikita Sena Lithur (2)

# DAY BORN COMPETITION

UPDATES AS AT 20TH NOVEMBER, 2025

### DAY BORN **AMOUNT POSITION SUNDAY** GHS 288,929.00 + \$200 2ND **MONDAY** GHS 130,116.00+ \$200 4TH 3RD **TUESDAY** GHS 225,917.00+ \$366+ £220 WEDNESDAY GHS 115,165.00 + £150 + CFA 1000 6TH **THURSDAY** GHS 102,128.14 + CAN 50 +\$1000 +CFA 1000 7TH FRIDAY GHS 122,571.00+ \$200 5TH **SATURDAY** GHS 395,459.50 + €30 + \$64101ST **MEN VS WOMEN**

MEN - GHS 164,563.00 + €30+\$275+£45+CFA1000 WOMEN - GHS 174,086.00 + \$154+£70

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Parishioners are encouraged to pay their dues at the Parish Office. Parish dues are GHS12.00 and GHS 24.00 per annum for Youth and Adults respectively.

# YOUTH CAREER **OPPORTUNITIES**

The Parish Youth Council, as part of its efforts to connect CTK youth with career opportunities, is inviting parishioners who have internship, national service, or employment openings to kindly support the youth of our parish. If you would like to share an opportunity, please call 0554603558 or visit the Parish Office.

### DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT OF CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King is one of the most important titles of Jesus. Even though Jesus Christ was not a king in the earthly sense, He is the divine King of the Universe, who unites all of creation with the Father. As St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:25-28:

"For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For God has put all things in subjection under his feet. . . . When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

### 1. It was instituted 100 years ago in 1925.

In the aftermath of the First World War, in the midst of the rise of Communism in Russia, and during the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea (325), Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast in his 1925 encyclical. (Quas Primas, though its first celebration took place in 1926.)

### 2. In 1969, Pope Paul VI revised the Feast, giving it its current name and date

Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current full title (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe) and moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

### 3. The Feast was a response to the rise of secularization, atheism, and communism

While the world was increasingly telling Christians that they must compartmentalize their religion and give their highest allegiance to the government, Pope Pius XI wrote regarding the feast:

"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone." (Quas Primas, 33)

### 4. Despite its recent Catholic origins, the feast is celebrated by many Protestants

Even though it was created by a Pope less than a hundred years ago, some Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians celebrate the feast.

The Solemnity of Christ the King invites us to reflect on what it means for Jesus to be our King. His kingdom is not about power but about love and mercy. He calls us to trust in Him and live as His followers. HAPPY FEAST DAY!!!

- Rev. Fr. Gerald Owusu-Amankwatia

### **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The death has been announced of Mrs. Linda Roberta Kankoh, a parishioner. Funeral arrangements are as follows:

### Friday, 28th November, 2025:

Pre-Burial Mass at Christ The King Parish, Cantonments, at 9:00am.

Attire: Black

Sunday, 7th December, 2025: Thanksgiving Mass at Christ The King Parish, Cantonments at 10:30am.

Attire: Black & White



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why the Feast of Christ the King?

A. The Feast of Christ the King, officially known as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is a profound article of faith, affirming that Jesus reigns over all creation, transcending earthly powers and cultures (CCC, 2105). Christ is King because, as Paul tells us, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Phil. 2:10).

As Catholics, and especially as parishioners of CTK, we recognize Christ's kingship as central to our spiritual life, guiding our faith community to grow in goodness and grace. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us, in the words of Pope Pius XI, that Christ "must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God" (Quas primas, 33)

As we conclude the liturgical year and enter into the reflective and penitential season of Advent, let us invite Christ to be Lord and King of our lives forever. For, "to ask Christ to be your King is to put your trust in His Providence, to commit to fitting your plans into His, so that His will be done on earth – in us – as it is in heaven" (Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP).

Christ the King; He reigns forever!

This is our faith! Send your questions about our faith to: 0244727276

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