FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

➡ With deep sorrow we announce the death of **Mr Isaac Wilberforce Mensah**.
He was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church – Kwashieman and the wife of Mrs Helen Mensah. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

➡ Funeral arrangements of the late **Madam Cecilia Acheampong**.
Friday – 25th January 2019: Laying in state at her residence, No. 3, 4th Close, South Odorkor Estates.
Saturday – 26th January 2019: Burial Mass at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, followed by interment at the Osu cemetery. There will be final funeral rites at the Holy Spirit Cathedral from 1:00pm – 6:00pm.
Sunday – 27th January 2019: Memorial Thanksgiving Mass at the Holy Spirit Cathedral – 9:30am
The late **Cecilia Acheampong** was a parishioner, a member of the Christian Mothers' Association, St. Augustine's Akan Society and a past Usher. She was the mother of Mrs Margaret Agyeman, Mrs Joyce Ofori-Atta & Thomas OwusuAnsah.

➡ With deep sorrow we announce the death of **Mad. Stella Amuah**.
She was the sister of Mrs. Victoria Kinful-Nelson – a parishioner, member of Cathedral Choir and Knight of St. John Int. and Florence Amuah – a parishioner and member of St. Augustine Society.
Funeral arrangements are as follows;
Saturday 26th January 2019: Burial Service at Calvary Methodist Church – Adabraka (opposite the Museum). Burial will be at Saltpond. Final funeral rites continues at the Museum grounds.
Sunday 27th January 2019: Memorial service will take place at Calvary Methodist Church at 9:30am. Then to her residence at Adabraka Subukwe road (near Okyenhene's house)

➡ With deep sorrow we announce the death of **Mad. Joyce Adu**
She was a parishioner and the mother of Edward Adu-Forson – a member of the Knights of St. John Int. and Gary Adu-Forson.
Funeral arrangements are as follows;
Friday 1st February 2019: Wake-keeping at the family house at NkonyaWrupong – OtiRegion
Saturday 2nd February 2019: Burial Service at St. John Mary Vianney Catholic Church –Nkonya-Wurupong/Oti Region.
Sunday 3rd February 2019: Memorial Thanksgiving Mass at St. John Mary Vianney Catholic Church – Nkonya-Wurupong/Oti Region.

➡ Funeral arrangements of the late **Mr. Jacob Tetteh (alias Awotse)**.
Friday – 1st February 2019: Wake-keeping at his residence (Somanya)
Saturday – 2nd February 2019: Burial Mass at St. Peters Catholic Church – Somanya
Sunday – 3rd February 2019: Memorial Thanksgiving Mass at St. Peters Cath. Ch. - Somanya
The late **Jacob Tetteh** was a parishioner and a member of the Cherubim Choir.

May their souls rest in peace!

HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL

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The Clergy

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Rev. Fr. Charles Dadzie
Rev. Fr. Emmanuel-Mary Ofori Srem
Fr. Blaise Bobbie Attachie *(In Residence)*

Sundays: 7:00am, 9:00am and 630pm
Weekdays - Monday to Friday: 6:15am, 12:15pm and 5:30pm
Saturdays: 6:15am only.
Please Note: ***Friday Evening is Youth Mass at 6pm***
French Mass - Every Third Sunday of the month at 5:00pm
Infant Baptism: **First Saturday of every month**
Confession: **Every Saturday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm**
Hour of Grace: **Once a month**

SLOGAN: **Holy Spirit ... Power and Action**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There is monthly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar observed every 2nd Sunday of the month at 3.00 p.m. Come and let us pray together and adore the Lord. There is time for personal testimonies as well. Come along with your religious articles and substances to be blessed. Come for a spiritual transforming experience. Don't be left out.

CIBT SPECIAL ADMISSION PACKAGE

CIBT is offering a special package of a 15% discount on the fees for **all** Catholics who enrol for the 2018/19 academic year. Take advantage of this great offer to pursue the following programmes in a faith-enriched environment:

- Public Administration
- Information Technology
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Other benefits: day, evening and weekend sessions, hostel facilities, moderate fees with flexible payment plan, free counseling services, spiritual direction.
Pick a form from ***EMS*** Section of Ghana Post or visit us on CIBT campus next to the Teachers Hall, Adabraka. Call 0575033547/ 0307033547

PEA'S CAKES

PEA'S Cakes is now training those who are interested in baking cakes and healthy sugar crafts.
Registration is ongoing.
You can also order your wedding/birthday and anniversary cakes.
Call 0244124331 or Whatsapp 0502475659

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS JANUARY – 2019
Evangelization – Young People. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Reaching – Out

a bulletin of the Holy Spirit Cathedral Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD **13TH JANUARY, 2018**

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2019 – 2020

Please find as below the new Parish Pastoral Council with elected Executive. The new PPC will be inaugurated and inducted into office on Sunday January 27th 2019.

S/N	NAME	DESIGNATION	SOCIETY/GROUP
1.	Bekoe Palmer-Buckle	Chairman	Knights of St. John International
2.	Elizabeth Anderson Yebuah	Vice Chairperson	Marshallan Association
3.	John Nana OseiYeboah	Secretary	Administrator's Nominee
4.	Cecilia Atenyose	Assistant Secretary	Cathedral Choir
5.	Josephine EnyonamAfflo	PRO	Ladies Auxiliary of St. John Int.
6.	Francisco ApenuTorgedzi	Assistant PRO	Administrator's Nominee
7.	Ernest Andoh	Member	Finance Committee
8.	Thomas Awumee	Member	Administrator's Nominee
9.	Dr. Michael Doggu	Member	St. Peter's Society
10.	Albert Uche Jude	Member	St. Francis' Society
11.	Newman Addo	Member	Catechists
12.	Bernard Quarcoo	Member	St. Gabriel's Guild
13.	James Nii-Afotey	Member	Ushers
14.	Edwin Kweku Andoh	Member	St. Vincent de Paul
15.	Paul Twum	Member	Sacred Heart Confraternity
16.	Andrews Amuzu	Member	St. Raphael
17.	JoycelynAddo	Member	Legion of Mary
18.	AlloysiusAhorse	Member	St. Joseph
19.	Cecilia Akyea	Member	Christian Mothers Association
20.	Paul Mensah	Member	St. Augustine
21.	SaviorAdomdza	Member	Anchor of Hope
22.	Vivian Asante	Member	Theresian International
23.	Collette Koblavi	Member	Perpetual Help Confraternity
24.	Godwin M. Mensah	Member	Cherubim Choir
25.	Francisca Ayiku	Member	St. Anthony
26.	Georgina Akwah	Member	Panel of Lectors
27.	Anita Annan-Ashitey	Member	Administrator's Nominee
28.	Dorothy Asiedu	Member	Administrator's Nominee
29.		Member	Christian Fathers Association
30.		Member	St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
31.	Kenneth Worlanyo	Member	PYC
	PRIESTS		
32.	Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Filton-Mensah	Administrator	
33.	Rev. Fr. Raphael Atta Donkor	Associate Priest	
34.	Rev. Fr. Charles Thompson Dadzie	Associate Priest	
35.	Rev. Fr. Emmanuel-Mary OforiSrem	Associate Priest	

DAILY READINGS

- **MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 St. Louis, Bishop (O M)**
  Hebrews 1:1-6 / Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 / Mark 1:14-20
- **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019 St. Louis, Bishop (O M)**
  Hebrews 2:5-12 / Psalms 8:2, 5-9 / Mark 1:21-28
- **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019**
  St. Berard, OFM, Priest and Companions, Protomartyrs (M)
  Hebrews 2:14-18 / Psalms 105:1-4, 6-9 / Mark 1:29-39
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019 St. Anthony, Abbot (M)**
  Hebrews 3:7-14 / Psalms 95:6-11 / Mark 1:40-45
- **FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019 St. Louis, Bishop (O M)**
  Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 / Psalms 78:3, 4, 6-8 / Mark 2:1-12
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019 Memorial of the BVM**
  Hebrews 4:12-16 / Psalms 19:8-10, 15 / Mark 2:13-17
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
  Isaiah 62:1-5 / Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11

Readings & Reflections

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Father anointed his beloved Son, Jesus, with the Holy Spirit and with power, to bring healing and peace to all the nations.

1ST READING: ISAIAH 40:1 – 5, 9 – 11

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 104:1b – 2, 24 – 25, 27 – 28, 29 - 30

Bless the lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

O Lord my God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as with a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.R/…

On the waters you establish your dwelling.
You make the clouds you chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers,
flame and fire your servants. R/…

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Vast and wide is the span of the sea,
with its creeping things past counting,
living things great and small. R/…

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open wide your hand,
they are well filled. R/…

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. R/…

2ND READING: TITUS 2:11 – 14; 3:4 – 7

For when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15 – 16, 21 – 22

While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.

SHORT REFLECTION

Today we hear God's holy word for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and we realize the truth: Christmas is not over, it is never over. The first reading sounds like the beginning of Advent. "Make straight in the desert a high way for our God." Every verse in Psalm 104 points to the greatness of God, creator of the universe. The letter from Titus proclaims the essential Christmas truth, "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." And then the crowning glory – Christ speaks to us in the gospel and we hear what we heard at the Jordan River, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
Christmas shows us that Jesus came to guide us to the fulfilment of our destiny as human beings. We are to become one with him, to be the beloved of the Father.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY

Members of St. Peter's Society (Northern Community) will be having a General Meeting today, immediately after the 7:00am Mass. All from upper West, East and Northern Regions are invited to attend.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY

Members of St. Joseph's Society will meet today after the 7:00am Mass.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

Members of the Christian Mothers' Association will be having an Emergency Meeting today after the 9:30am Mass. All must endeavour to attend.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Conference will hold an Emergency meeting today after the 9:30am Mass. Every member must endeavour to attend. Service in hope!

DZELUKOPE EYE TREKKING TEAM

The Dzelukope Eye trekking Team will visit the Holy Spirit Cathedral on Friday 25th January 2019. Interested persons should purchase tickets costing GH¢10.00 at the St. Vincent de Paul Kiosk.

MASS INTENTIONS - 2019

All Parishioners who have booked Mass for the year 2018 and will like to renew the intentions for 2019 should kindly visit the Parish Office during working hours to do so.

CASU CALLING

The Catholic Students' Union (CASU) of the Holy Spirit Cathedral is inviting all **JHS**, **SHS** and **Tertiary** students who are committed in using their talents in creating awareness and instituting actions in solving problems in and outside the church.
We meet on the first and last Sundays of every month after the Youth Mass in the Main Hall.
Come, let's unite and make a difference in the Parish.
CASU..... All for Christ.

CATECHISM CLASSES: Catechism Classes is on-going!!! All interested persons should register with any of the Catechists or with the Parish Secretary during working hours.

HOUR OF GRACE: The next Hour of Grace falls on Friday 25th January 2018 – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.There will be blessing of Water and other Sacramentals. Please bring your petitions on sheets of paper. Come along with a relation or friend.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR - 2019

2019 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS)

Begins from Sunday 10th February – Sunday 7th April 2019

What is a Life in the Spirit Seminar?
A Life in the Spirit Seminar has two main objectives:
1. Renewing and igniting the power of the Holy Spirit that we received at baptism and confirmation.
2. Promoting an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord to experience a personal Pentecost in our lives.
The Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) is an invitation to make or renew a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ in openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts. It serves as an introduction to a life in the power of the Holy Spirit. It provides teaching, guidance, and prayer leading to a new and deeper relationship with the Lord. Come and experience the presence of the Lord, through praise and worship with community!

The LSS includes:

- Lively Praise and Worship
- Talks and Testimonies from Brothers and Sisters in Christ
- Discussion/Group Sharings
- Prayer for the Release of the Holy Spirit in Power
- Social Time

JANUARY 2019 MAJOR ACTIVITIES

DATE/2019	ACTIVITY	SPECIFIC TO	VENUE/ ACTION BY	TIME
Sat. 19th Jan.	Orientation for all new PPC members			
Sun. 20th Jan.	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			7:00 am
				8:00 AM
				9:30 am
	Life in the Spirit Seminar begins			6:30 pm
				2:00 PM
Fri. 25th Jan.	The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle – Feast			5:30pm
Sat. 26th Jan.	Orientation for all Catechist			
Sun. 27th Jan.	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			7:00 am
	Children's Week	Children	Sunday Sch. Animators &PYC	8:00 AM
				9:30 am
				6:30 pm
	Life in the Spirit Seminar			2:00 PM
Thurs. 31st Jan.	Holy Hour after evening Mass			6:15 AM
				12:15 PM
				5:30 pm

NB:

1. Monthly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar – Every 2nd Sunday @ 3:00pm
2. Monthly Holy Hour - Every 1st Thursday of the Month after evening Mass
3. Monthly Parish Grotto - Every 2nd Saturday of the Month @ 4:00pm
4. Monthly Deanery Grotto @ Christ The king grotto - Every 1st Saturday of the Month @ 3:00pm
5. Monthly Hour of Grace - Please consult the notice board for the dates

THINGS TO KNOW AS A CATHOLIC

31. WHY IS EUTHANASIA WRONG?

Euthanasia a word of Greek origin which means; easy or gentle death. This is the practice of exposure to death of unwanted children, terminally ill & of abandonment of the aged.

Although God made man master of other created things (Gen 1:26), He did not make him master over himself in the sense of his being able to dispose of his own life as one may wish, or that of fellow-humans. (You shall not kill; Exodus 20:13 & Deut. 5:17)

Even when on is devoid of consciousness & reduce to a vegetative existence, there is still the social aspect of the sufferer's existence. Euthanasia is a grave evil.

ROSTER FOR ALTAR DECORATION - 2018

DATE	DECORATOR ON DUTY
20/01/2019	Mrs Emma Ekue
27/01/2019	Gen. & Mrs Peter Augustine Blay
03/02/2019	The Parish

OFFERTORY GIFTS & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

DATE	SOCIETY
	7:00 am: St. Joseph's Society
13/01/2019	9:30 am: St. Gabriel's Guild
	7:00 am: Perpetual Help Confraternity
20/01/2019	9:30 am: St. Augustine's Guild
	7:00 am: St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
27/01/2019	9:30 am: Christian Mother's Assoc.
	7:00 am: St. Peter's Society
03/02/2019	9:30 am: Knights & Ladies of St. John Int.
	6:30 pm: Spiritual Vessels

OUT OF BOUNDS

We wish to bring to your attention that no one is allowed to go into the room where collection is being counted to change their monies. The room remains **out of bounds** during the period when money is being counted. This borders on security and you are respectfully requested to observe this directive. Thank you!

APPEAL FOR USED CLOTHES

The evangelization exercise that ended recently exposed us to the harsh realities of people's conditions. In view of this, we appeal to all parishioners to donate their used clothes that are in good condition to enable us clothe those who wish to come to church but do not have descent clothes. Such donations could be made during the weekdays or on Sundays at the pavilion. Thank you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, PANAMA 2019

The Pope will celebrate 2019 World Youth Day with Youth from all over the world in Panama.
Date: 2nd – 29th January 2019
Cost: US$5,000.00
We appeal for sponsorship for two Youth as this life transforming experience will significantly improve upon our Youth Apostolate at the Cathedral. Please support us. You may discuss your support with any of the Cathedral Priests.