

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.

Funeral arrangements of the late **Mad. Stella Amuah**.
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)

➔ The late Mad. Stella Amuah 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.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL

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The Clergy

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Rev. Fr. Raphael Atta Donkor

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

Funeral arrangement of the late **Mad. Joyce Adu**

Friday 1st February 2019: Wake-keeping at the family house at NkonyaWrupong – Oti Region

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.

➔ The late Mad Joyce Adu 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 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.

Funeral arrangement of the late **Lady Georgina Warmann**.

Friday 8th February 2019: The body will be laid at the Holy Spirit Cathedral for filing past from 7:00 a.m. followed by burial Mass at 9:00a.m. Burial will be private

Sunday 10th February 2019: Memorial Thanksgiving Mass – Holy Spirit Cathedral at 9:30am The late Lady Georgina Warmann was the wife of Dr. Sir John St. George Warmann – KSG, a parishioner, member of Anchor of Hope Society, St. Augustine's Society, Patron of the Holy Spirit Cathedral Choir and Patron of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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:

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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.

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HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY HOMILY (SUMMARY) CREATING THE HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR MY FAMILY

- You are human but be more serious with your relationship with God
- Respect labour and do whatever brings you income with passion and commitment
- In your marriage, do everything possible not to destroy the marriage bond. It can be difficult but your challenges will not kill you.
- Plan your family well and keep them together with our time tested family and Christian values.
- Never walk away on the family but seek reconciliation when you meet challenges
- Treat every member of the family, even the least, with love and respect and you will enjoy abounding peace.
- Remember even children from the same womb are not the same so tolerate members of the family for who they are and accept them just as they are.
- Do not try to win all the time even if you are right, but learn to compromise and overlook what may annoy you.
- As much as practicable pray together as a family or pray for each member of the family every day, bringing to the Lord the needs of the family and those of your community.
- Affirm and acknowledge your family when they do well and be gentle when correcting the one who is always getting it wrong.
- Instruct your family about values they should never abandon. E.g. respect, honesty, patience, prayer, godliness, etc.
- Never raise your voice beyond an arm's length so that a third person would not even hear you.
- Direct most of your frustrations and challenges to prayer c.f. 2Kings 19

- Cultivate the habit of meeting just to thank God through songs and worship as an act of appreciation to God for His manifold blessings upon your family
- Communicate effectively and clearly to members of the family when you have a challenge, do not deprive them of important information.
- When one misbehaves, seek appropriate sanctions from the entire family. Do not be high handed.
- Responsibilities should be assigned and well scheduled
- Never fail to tell your family how much you love them.
- Everybody should be ready to apologise when they go wrong, saying sorry should never depart from you and saying I forgive you should be encouraged.
- Teach and help your family to see the conditions and sufferings of others, and how privileged they are. You should be modest in everything so that others can also benefit from the scraps that fall from your table.

DAILY READINGS

■ **MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019**

St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr (Memorial)

Hebrews 5:1-10 / Psalms 110:1-4 / Mark 2:18-22

□ **TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Hebrews 6:10-20 / Psalms 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10 / Mark 2:23-28

□ **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019**

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin (Optional Memorial)

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 / Psalms 110:1-4 / Mark 3:1-6

□ **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019**

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Hebrews 7:25--8:6 / Psalms 40:7-10, 17 / Mark 3:7-12

□ **FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019**

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle (Feast)

Acts 22:3-16 / Psalms 117:1-2 / Mark 16:15-18

□ **SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019**

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Memorial)

2 Timothy 1:1-8 / Psalms 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 / Mark 3:20-21

■ **SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10 / Psalms 19:8-10, 15 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 / Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Readings & Reflections

THE CHURCH'S BRIDEGROOM

The Church rejoices in her Bridegroom who will cherish her, lavish upon her the many gifts of his Spirit and transform her into a new creation as he transformed water into wine.

1ST READING: ISAIAH 62: 1 – 5

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 96:1 – 2a, 2b – 3, 7 – 8a, 9 – 10a & c (R/-3)

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
O sing to the Lord; bless his name. R/...

Proclaim his salvation day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. R/...

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name. R/...

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, “The Lord is king.”
He will judge the people in farness. R/...

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4 – 11

One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1 – 11

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus; it was given at Cana in Galilee.

SHORT REFLECTION

The wedding feast of Cana is a sign of God's love and compassion. In a truly human event, God through Jesus reveals what he has in store for us. The abundance at the wedding is a taste of what God provides for us at the Eucharistic table. God's compassion knows no limits. Imagine the embarrassment the bride and groom would face if the wine ran out. Just as God provided an abundance of wine for the couple, so too will God provide an abundance for us in the wine of the new covenant. This sign that God worked at Cana is at work in the thin places of our lives.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hepatitis B Screening and vaccination

Date: Today, 20th January, 2019

Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Venue: Cathedral Infirmary

Screening & 1st Vaccination: 40 Cedis

2nd Vaccination: 20 cedis

PERPETUAL HELP CONE.

Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help society will be having a meeting today after the 7:00am Mass.

ANCHOR OF HOPE (EXECUTIVE MEETING)

There will be an Executive Meeting today after the 7:00am Mass. Kindly take note

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.

HOOR 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.

ASTER VENTURES!!!

Aster Ventures is the producers of quality and affordable Cosmetics, Pomades, Detergents etc. The company is located near Accra Poly Junction – behind Zakour Trading Ltd. The entrepreneur is a parishioner & you can contact her on 0248146804. For bulk purchases kindly contact 0506709184 Working hours: Monday – Saturday 8:00am – 4:00pm **Products will be displayed under the Pavilion after both Masses today.**

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GINA'S CAKES & PASTRIES

Call 0271692215/0551291287 and order Cakes for your Weddings, Birthdays, Parties and for all occasions. You can also order for Ice Cream Cake.

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

32.WHY ARE SOME CHURCHES CALLED BASILICAS?

Basilica was the name given to large Roman halls built for secular purposes. They were often of rectangular form with interior colonnades. E.g. an apse at one end or at each end.

When Constantine gave religious freedom and state patronage to Christians, some of the basilicas built for civic purposes were converted to places of Christian worship. The term “basilica” remained attached to them. E.g. the basilica of St. John Lateran, Cathedral Church of the Bishop of Rome & “Mother of all the Churches” was itself built over a former civil basilica.

The church today may officially bestow the title of basilica on a church anywhere in the Catholic world for reasons such as its being ancient & venerable, a renowned shrine or its national or international importance.

ROSTER FOR ALTAR DECORATION - 2018

DATE	DECORATOR ON DUTY
27/01/2019	Gen. & Mrs Peter Augustine Blay
03/02/2019	The Parish
10/02/2019	Mrs Bridget Katsriku
17/02/2019	Mrs Monica Dodoo

OFFERTORY GIFTS & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

DATE	SOCIETY
	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
	7:00 am: St. Peter's Society
10/02/2019	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.