FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral arrangements for the late **Mrs Elizabeth Gertrude Kuevi**

Thursday 16th January 2020: Family gathering at her residence (C100/2, Chatfield avenue) – Adabraka

Friday 17th January 2020: There will be filing past and reading of tribute from 7:00am, followed by burial Mass at 9:00am at the Holy Spirit Cathedral. Interment will take place at Osu Cemetery and the funeral rites will be at the Cathedral grounds.

Sunday 19th January 2020: Memorial Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00am – Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka followed by final funeral rites at the family house (C100/2, Amugi avenue) – Adabraka

The late **Elizabeth Gertrude Kuevi**was the mother of Anthony Kuevi, Beatrice Kuevi, FaustinaKuevi (St. Gabriel's Guild) and Gabriel Kuevi.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of **Mrs Nathalia Canfor**. She was a parishioner, a member of the Christian Mothers' Association and St. Joseph Ewe Union. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

May their souls rest in peace!

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HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL

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The Clergy

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Fr. Blaise Bobbie Attachie ***(In Residence)***

Sundays: 7:00am, 9:30am and 6:30pm

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**

BARBER WANTED FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT

NB: He/she must be very skillful and must be between 21 – 35 years old.

CONTACT: 0501423773

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Location: Odorna/Opposite Buildwise Metal Fabrication

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A five (5) bedroom house with boys' quarters is for rent.

Location: Labone

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Location: Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish, Adabraka. Contact Mr. Thomas on telephone no. **0243030813.**

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SECOND SATURDAY PARISH GROTTO ROSARY DEVOTIONTIME: 4:00PM

DATE (2019)	LEADING GROUP	SINGING GROUP
14th December	Sacred Heart Confraternity	St. Augustine

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary (solemnity)

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Psalms 98:1-4 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

Blessed Virgin Mary Of Loreto (optional Memorial)

Isaiah 40:1-11 / Psalms 96:1-3, 10-13 / Matthew 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

Isaiah 40:25-31 / Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Matthew 11:28-30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

Our Lady Of Guadalupe (feast)

Zechariah 2:14-17 / Judith 13:18-19 / Luke 1:26-38

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr (memorial)

Isaiah 41:13-20 / Psalms 145:1, 9-13 / Matthew 11:11-15

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

St. John Of The Cross, Priest, Doctor Of The Church (M)

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / Matthew 17:10-13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

Third Sunday Of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 / Psalms 146:6-10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER, 2019

Universal – The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Reaching – Out

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **8TH DECEMBER, 2019**

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS PROGRAMME

VENUE: MAIN CHURCH
TIME: 6:00PM
DATE: 20TH DECEMBER 2019

1. Processional Carol - CH 141…Once in Royal David's City
2. Opening Prayer - Rev. Fr.
3. Welcome Address - Chairperson PPC

4. First Lesson - Gen. 3:8-15, 17-19. God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head – **Children Service**

5. Carol - **St. Augustine's Guild**

6. Second Lesson - Gen. 22:15-18. God Promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. Legion of Mary

7. Carol - **Voices of Hope**

8. Third Lesson - Isaiah 9:2, 6-7. The Prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour. St. Peters. (Frafra)

9. Carol - **Cherubim Choir**

10. Fourth Lesson - Isaiah. 11:1-4, 6-9. The peace that Christ will bring is foreshow. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. (GA)

11. Carol - **St. Gabriel**

12. Fifth Lesson - Luke 1:26-35, 38. The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sacred Heart Confraternity

13. Carol - **Holy Family**

14. Sixth Lesson - Luke. 2:1, 3-7. St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. St. Anthony's Guild.

15. Carol - **Spiritual Vessels**

16. Seventh Lesson - Luke 2:8-16. The Shepherds go to the manger PYC

17. Carol - **Youth Choir**

18. Eighth Lesson - Matt. 2:1-11 The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. Theresian Ministry (Akan)

19. Carol - **Cathedral Choir**

20. Ninth Lesson - John 1:1-18. St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation (Priest)

21. Carol - Priests

22. Silver Collection - Mass Choir
23. Christmas Message - Archbishop
24. Vote of Thanks - Miss ChristabelAyeley Dan Okine
25. Closing Prayer and Benediction - Archbishop
26. Recessional Carol - CH 138, Angels from the Realms of Glory

MCS **:Mrs. Cynthia Prah/Mr. Anthony Amoako**

things to know AS A CATHOLIC

WHAT DID GOD CREATE?

Sacred Scripture says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The Church in her profession of faith proclaims that God is the Creator of everything, visible and invisible, of all spiritual and corporeal beings, that is, of angels, and of the visible world and, in a special way, of man.

CONVERSATIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL

The Archbishop is inviting all priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers and the entire Lay Faithful of the Archdiocese to the up-coming event dubbed "Conversation in the Cathedral", an ecumenical event of singing and reflection.

Date: Wednesday, 11th December 2019
Venue: Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka – Accra
Time: 5:30pm

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT – VISIT TO OUR ELDERLY, SICK AND HOMEBOUND

As we normally do every year, we shall visit our own parishioners who no longer are able to come to church due to old age and health issues. We want to put smiles on their faces with our presence and gifts. Kindly support us to make this a reality with cash, provisions and new cloth. We count on your generosity.

Deadline for submission of gifts is 25th December 2019

DATE OF VISIT: Thurs. 26th December 2019

TIME: 7:30am.

2019 PENITENTIAL AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE

DATE: 8th December 2019

TIME: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

VENUE:HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL

THEME: **"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36)**

Come and let us seek the face of the Lord to set us free from; **family tree bonds, spiritual footholds, false covenants, domineering strongholds,** that we may gain our liberties and freedom in the name of Jesus. Brother, sister, one and all, please come because Jesus wants to set you free.

Readings & Reflections

OUR BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE

May the Lord who gave us this baptism purify us in our celebration today, for he can brook nothing that lacks integrity and truth. Then, Through the Spirit of our baptism, united in heart and voice, we will be able to give glory to the God Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1ST READING: ISAIAH 11:1 – 10
He judges the wretched with integrity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PSALM 71:1 – 2, 7 – 8, 12 – 13, 17
R/… IN HIS DAYS JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH AND PEACE TILL THE MOON FAILS

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement.R/…
In his days shall justice flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth. R/…

For he shall save the needy when they cry,
the poor, and those who are helpless.
He will have pit on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy. R/…

May his name endure for ever, his name continue
like the sun.every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed. R/…

2ND READING: ROMANS 15:4 – 9
Christ is the saviour of all men.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1 – 12
Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

SHORT REFLECTION
As we approach the wonderful Feast of Christmas, the peace that is part of our Christmas prayer often seems only a dream. Even in today's Gospel, John the Baptist, announcing the coming Messiah, speaks of destructive fire and the wrath that is to come. John is trying to prepare his listeners for the one who is coming and remind the crowd that we are known by our lives and actions. He calls on his listeners to look at their lives and repent, to make the changes needed to welcome the Christ.
The kind of life John encourages his audience to live is seen in the first reading, which sounds a more positive note. Isaiah looks to a time when there will be peace, when all creatures will live in harmony and what we call paradise will reign. Isaiah calls us to live in truth and integrity, to be true children of God, people who make god visible to others.
This is the Advent preparation that will bring the peace of Christ to the world. It is living our baptismal faith, recognizing that each of us is responsible for building community, for bringing God to birth in our world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY
Members of St. Joseph's Ewe Society will have their general meeting today after the 7:00am Mass.

KNIGHTS & LADIES OF THE ALTAR NEEDED
Youth fromthe age of Ten (10) to Seventeen (17) years are needed to serve Mass at the Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish. Interested persons should contact Nathaniel or Wisdom at the Sacristy for registration.

SUNDAY YOUTH MASS
Holy Spirit Cathedral Youth Mass continues every Sunday at the Main Hall. We encourage all young people below 35 years to be part of this Holy Mass at 8:00a.m.

DZELUKOPE EYE TREKKING TEAM
The Dzelukope Eye Trekking Team will visit the Holy Spirit Cathedral on Friday 31st January 2020. Interested persons should purchase tickets costing **GH¢10.00** at the St. Vincent de Paul Kiosk.

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 13th December 2019 –Feast of St. Lucy (Virgin & Martyr).**There will be blessing of Water and other Sacramentals. Please bring your petitions on sheets of paper. Come along with a relation or friend.

OUT OF BOUNDS
We wish to bring to your attention that no one is allowed to go into the room where collection is 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!

OFFERTORY GIFTS & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

DATE	SOCIETY
08/12/2019	7:00 am: St. Joseph's Society 9:30 am: St. Gabriel's Guild
15/12/2019	7:00 am: Perpetual Help Confraternity 9:30 am: St. Augustine's Guild
22/12/2019	7:00 am: St. Theresa of the Child Jesus 9:30 am: Knights & Ladies of St. John Int.
24/12/2019	Youth Council
25/12/2019	Theresian International

PUBLICATION OF BANNS

(3) Groom: Charles Isaac Nii Amarh Ashitey
And Bride: Anita Amuesua Annan

(3) Groom: Juventus Duorinaah
And Bride: Esther Biikook Konlan

(3) Groom: James Chekwubechukwu Chidiobi
And Bride: Vivian Chidimma Eluke

HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL PARISH/ ARCHDIOCESAN LITURGICAL PROGRAMME - DECEMBER 2019

Sun 8th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent	7:00am
		8:00am
		9:30am
	Parish Adoration	3:00pm
		6:30pm
Sat 14th Dec	Third Advent Vespers	6:15am
		4:00pm
Sun 15th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent	7:00am
		8:00am
		9:30am
		6:30pm
Fri 20th Dec	**Nine Lessons and Carols**	6:00pm
Sun 22nd Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	7:00am
		8:00am
		9:30am
		6:30pm
Tues 24th Dec	**Carols (PYC)**	8 – 10pm
	Advent Week Day/Vigil Mass of the Nativity	10:00pm
Wed 25th Dec	**The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day – One Mass**	8:30am
Thurs 26th Dec	St. Stephen, First Martyr – Feast **Boxing Day (Visit to our elderly, sick & homebound)**	6:15am
Fri 27th Dec	St. John, Apostle, Evangelist – Feast	6:15am
		12:15pm
		5:30pm
Sat 28th Dec	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs – Feast	6:15am
Sun 29th Dec	**Holy Family One Mass – Parish Feast Day, Agape after Mass**	8:30am
Tues 31st Dec	**Penitential Service**	8 – 10pm
	Vigil Mass for New Year's Day	10:00pm

NB:
- **CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
- **INFANT BAPTISM: Every 1st Saturday of the month after morning Mass**
- **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar: Every 2nd Sunday of the month @ 3:00pm**
- **Holy Hour: Every 1st Thursday of the Month after evening Mass**
- **Parish Grotto: Every 2nd Saturday of the Month @ 4:00pm**
- **Deanery Grotto @ Christ The King Grotto: Every 1st Saturday of the Month @ 3:00pm**
- **Hour of Grace: Please consult the notice board for the dates**

HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL DECEMBER 2019 PROGRAMME

DATE	ACTIVITIES	TIME	SINGING GROUP
24th December, 2019	Holy Mass (Morning)	6:15am	
	Holy Mass (Noon)	12:15pm	
	Carols (PYC)	8pm – 10pm	Youth Choir
	Holy Mass of the Nativity	10:00pm	Cathedral Choir
25th December, 2019	Holy Mass (Christmas Day)	8:30am	Cherubim choir
29th December 2019	Holy Mass (Holy Family)	8:30am	Mass choir
	(Agape after Mass)		
	Holy Mass	6:30pm	
31st December, 2019	Holy Mass (Morning)	6:15am	
	Holy Mass (Noon)	12:15pm	
	Penitential Service	8pm – 10pm	(CCR/Spiritual Vessels)
	Holy Mass	10:00pm	Mass Choir
1st January, 2020	Holy Mass	8:30am	Youth Choir
5th January, 2020	Holy Mass	7:00am	Cherubim choir
Epiphany Sunday (Manifestation of the Lord)	Holy Mass	9:30am	Cathedral Choir
Attire Kente/Traditional	Holy Mass	6:30pm	Spiritual Vessels

ADORATIONOF 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.

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.