

SUNDAY OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

10-09-2023

7:00 am: St. Joseph's Society
9:30 am: Cathedral Choir

17-09-2023

7:00am: Perpetual Help Conf. 9:30am:
Sacred Heart Confraternity.

24-9-2023

7:00 am: Anchor of Hope Society
9:30 am: Christian Mothers' Assoc.

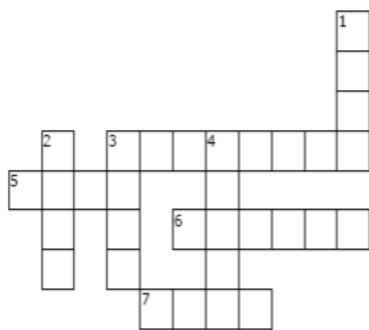
APPRECIATION 2023 LENTEN ALMSGIVING

The Holy Spirit Cathedral Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society Wishes to express appreciation to the Cathedral Administrator and all parishioners for your generous contributions towards the 2023 Lenten Almsgiving Project. Through your generous contributions, we were able to realize a total of **GHC7,788.00**. This amount will be used to support the Archbishop's Legacy of Hope Project as well as Catholic Action for Street Children. By your contributions, you have done the Lord's work, and may the Lord reward you abundantly.

ACTIVITY COLUMN

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Mt. 16:21-27



ACROSS

- 3. One who believes in Christ and follows his teachings
- 5. The period between birth and death
- 6. To accept the leadership of someone
- 7. To no longer have something because it has been taken away from you or misplaced

DOWN

- 1. To keep something from harm or loss
- 2. To discover something unexpectedly or as a result of a search
- 3. To refuse to allow yourself to have something you want
- 4. The object upon which Jesus was crucified

FIND	LIFE	DISCIPLE	FOLLOW
DENY	CROSS	SAVE	LOSE

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

Mt. 16:21-27

X M V Q X O V J W J O U Z E X
Q Z P E P F Y A B W M P R X W
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T A F E C F I N N B I W L M U
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Q I P E C X G S I V D S T R P
P R V Q U R C F L M L U P E F
R I Y F Y E O H S T D O L L L
G E Q N O Z V S A F A O S L Z
L I E Y N L A N S N H W G E K
O D H O Q F L V R W G L A S V
F G F H L K T O L I F E I O V
I W O R L D O D W T U I N U C
N I Y O O S U Q C G B Q Y L L
D H T P D T V E P J M U H Z Y

GIVE	EXCHANGE	GOOD	WHOLE
FIND	SAVE	CROSS	GAIN
SELF	SOUL	FOLLOW	LOSE
DENY	WORLD	FORFEIT	LIFE

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH 2023

1 Thess 4:13-18/ Ps 95:1,3-5,11-13/ Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH 2023

1 Thess 5:1-6,9-11/ Ps 26:1,4,13-14/ Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH 2023

Col 1:1-8/ Ps 51:10-11/ Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 2023

Col 1:9-14/ Ps 97:2-6/ Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH 2023

Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/ Ps 12:6-7/
Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH 2023

Col 1:21-23/ Ps 53:3-4,6,8/ Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH 2023

Ez 33:7-9/ Ps 94:1-2,6-9/ Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

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Reaching - Out

A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CATHEDRAL PARISH, ADABRAKA - ACCRA

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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HOUR OF GRACE
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 8th

Time: 12:00 noon

MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAYS

7:00am 9:30am 6:30pm | Children's Mass: 8:00am
(French Mass: Every 3rd Sunday of the Month at 5:00pm)

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday | 6:15am 12:15pm 5:30pm
* Saturday 6:15am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:00pm - 6:00pm

INFANT BAPTISM

First Saturday of Every Month 7:00am

HOUR OF GRACE

Once Every Month

The Pastoral Staff

Cathedral Administrator: Very Rev. Fr. Clement Wilson (020 818 4444)
Associate Priests: Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Boateng (057 544 2474)
Rev. Fr. Theophilus T. Ntiri-Andoh (0541660689)
Rev. Fr. Prince Adelaayitar (055 858 5058)

Priest In Residence:

Office Hours

Weekdays | Monday - Friday : 8:00am - 5:00pm
Weekends | Sundays 9:00am - 12:00pm

Year A

It comes to us as no surprise that the prophet Jeremiah should have felt reluctance to offer himself as a living sacrifice to God's will, because we all experience the same reluctance to accept the Cross. But what consolation it is to know that Christ experienced the same reluctance of the flesh and had to struggle to overcome it

1ST READING

JEREMIAH 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 62:2-6, 8-9

Response:

**For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God**

2ND READING

ROMANS 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven

SHORT REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus is clear about the meaning of the Cross. The Cross is a symbol of dying to all selfishness and exaggerated self-importance. The Cross of Jesus is a constant reminder to us as persons and as communities of the need to adjust our attitude and priorities regarding God and God in our neighbour. If anyone wants to follow Jesus on the way, they must "deny themselves and take up their cross and follow" the Teacher. To step down from our pedestal of illusory greatness is the symbolic meaning of the cross.

We begin and end the Eucharist with the sign of the Cross. As bread and wine are transformed into Jesus' body and blood, let this sign transform our minds and hearts so we may become authentic disciples of hope in a crucified world. "Go in the peace of Christ."

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

"...In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Often times Catholics see the Sign of the Cross as simply "a 'lead in' to prayer;" sort of an 'appetizer' before the 'real meal.' In actual fact the Sign of the Cross is a 'prayer' in the true sense of the term, both in its words and in its gestures. When understood rightly it is also a statement of belief; a summary of the creed. In fact, the Church highlights the importance of this prayer by granting a partial indulgence to "the Christian faithful who devoutly sign themselves with the cross while saying the customary formula."

This catechesis on the Sign of the Cross intends to explain how this prayer is a summary of the Creed.

Catholic Culture

The Sign of the Cross is intimately tied to Catholic culture.

Because of the cultural connection of the Sign of the Cross to Catholicism people who are considering becoming Catholic will frequently ask, "When can I start making the Sign of the Cross?" It is a significant moment in a person's life of faith when they start making the Sign of the Cross because psychologically they are identifying themselves with the Catholic faith. Culturally, therefore, a person starts making the Sign of the Cross when they are ready to publicly identify themselves with the Roman Catholic Church.

And yet, the Sign of the Cross is not exclusively Catholic. It's really a Christian symbol because it represents the basic truths of Christianity. The 'Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit' is a Christian notion. It is also a baptismal reality since Christians are baptized in the name of the Trinity. So the Sign of the Cross is a statement in the belief of the Trinity. If a person has already been baptized it is a reminder of his or her baptismal promises; if one has not been baptized it can serve as an anticipation of full entry into faith.

To be continued next week...

NAME OF FACILITY	PARISHIONERS	NON - PARISHIONERS
Parish Hall	€3,000.00	€7,000.00
Pavilion	€600.00	€3,000.00
Hall Annex	€500.00	€2,500.00
Andoh Hall	€350.00	€700.00
Kpeglo Hall	€350.00	€700.00
Library	€200.00	€350.00
Rooms 4 & 5	€150.00	€250.00
Room 1	€100.00	€150.00

NB: Kindly bring along any proof that you are a parishioner of the Holy Spirit Cathedral for your bookings.

NEXT INFANT BAPTISM

Instruction Date: Sunday 24th Sept. 2023 at 4:00pm at the Rectory

Baptism Date: Saturday 7th October 2023 at 6:15am

N.B. Parents, God-parents and the child are requested to be in full attendance for the instructions before the baptism.

Parents are requested to pick Infant Baptism Form at the Parish Office before the instruction date.

PRAYER OF HOPE

Oh God our help in ages past,
and our hope for years to come.
As we look back, we thank you for our lives,
for the gift of the Archdiocese of Accra and for the life, health and vision of our Chief Shepherd.
As we look within, we are grateful for the gift of our faith, and our love and zeal for Your House.
As we look forward your light shines on our path,
driving away the darkness, and your voice calms our fears giving us an audacity to hope.
We pray you to bless this vision of the legacy of hope,
touch our hearts and the hearts of many to support it and let it be a blessing for many generations to come.
May Mary Our Mother and all the saints intercede for us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us
Our Lady of Hope, pray for us
St. Peter Claver, pray for us
St. Martin de Porres, pray for us
Martyrs of Uganda, pray for us
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

☐ With deep sorrow, we announce the death of **Mrs Antoinette Veronica Ama Ampoma Dumalo.** She was a parishioner. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

☐ With deep sorrow, we announce the death of **Mrs. Mildred Safuie.** She was a parishioner. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of; **Mr. Patrick Kennedy Alliah Quaicoe** He was a parishioner and a member of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall Funeral arrangements will be announced later

☐ **Funeral arrangements for the late; Ebusuapanyin George Kobina Mensah Thursday Sept. 21, 2023** 7:00pm: Family sitting (House # U 8 - Comm 9, Tema **Friday Sept. 22, 2023** 7:00am: Reception of body, filing past, reading of tributes and biography.

8:00am: Holy Mass
10:30am: Funeral rites
Interment: Cape Coast **Sunday Sept. 24, 2023** 9:00am: Memorial and Thanksgiving Mass (St. Joseph the Worker Parish - Comm 8, Tema) The late Ebusuapanyin George Kobina Mensah was the father of Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Filton-Mensah (former Cathedral Administrator).

May their souls rest in perfect peace!!!

SOLEMNITY THIS WEEK

Friday 8th September, 2023
Feast of **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

There will be morning Mass at 6:15am,
Hour of Grace at 12:00 noon & Evening Mass at 5:30pm