

THE CHURCH *Bulletin*

Sunday, December 21, 2025. Vol. 8/Iss. 51

SUNDAY MASS READING

- 1st Reading - Isaiah 7:10-14
- Psalm - Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.
- 2nd Reading - Romans 1:1-7
- Gospel - Matthew 1:18-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday

- 1st Mass: 6:30 am
- 2nd Mass: 9:00 am
- Children's Mass: 7:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Monday: 6:00 am
- Tuesday: 6:00 am
- Wednesday: 6:00 am & 7:00 pm
- Thursday: 6:00 am
- Friday: 6:00 am & 7:00 pm
- Adoration: 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 6:30 am
- Adoration: 6:00 am

Infant Baptism

once every quarter of the year

Confessions

- Fridays: 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
- Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- or any day by appointment.

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4th Sunday of Advent A

Theme: The Virginal Conception of Jesus and His Messianic Mission of Salvation.

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Jewish marriage involved three stages. 1. The Engagement was often prearranged by the parents or a matchmaker while the couple were still young children. 2. The Betrothal was a legally binding relationship lasting for one year. During this period the couple lived apart and had no sexual relations. If either party did not want to continue to the final stage of the marriage, there had to be a divorce. And the penalty for having sexual relations with a betrothed virgin was stoning to death for both. 3. The marriage was the final stage.

In the Gospel, Matthew tells us how the birth of Jesus came about. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and Joseph and Mary were the parents of Jesus. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph and told him not to be afraid to take Mary home as his wife because the child with whom she was pregnant was from the Spirit of God. Mary is the mother of the Child,

but Joseph is not the biological father.

We can see Joseph's dilemma and shock, when he found out that his betrothed was already pregnant and not by him. A sign of adultery? What was Mary's feeling? How was she to explain that she was pregnant by the power of God? Who would believe her story? Most men would have planned vengeance at such an insult to their manliness and the possibility of becoming the laughing stock of the other men in the village. But Joseph, a just man, unwilling to put her to shame, and to expose her to the death penalty by stoning, decided, out of compassion for his bride, to break off the engagement-betrothal quietly as the Mosaic Law required before a minimum of two witnesses and without pressing charges. Then the angel appeared to him to go ahead with the marriage because the child has

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MEETINGS

1. Christian Mother's Association have their general meeting on 1st Sundays of the month after Mass. New members are welcome.

2. Christian Daughters Association meets after Mass every 1st Sunday of the month. New members are welcome.

3. St Theresa of the child Jesus society will be having their monthly general meeting on 2nd Sunday of every month. New members are welcome

4. The Youth have their general meeting on 3rd Sundays of the month after Mass. New members are welcome.

5. The Church Choir meets as follows:

Tuesdays - 7pm
Thursdays - 7pm
Saturdays - 7pm

6. KNOLTA meets as follows:

Saturdays - 3:00pm
Sundays after Mass.

7. Sacred Heart Confraternity meets after first Mass on the third Sunday of every month. First Friday devotion is at 5am every month at the church. New members are welcome

8. Catholic Charismatic Renewal meets for prayer meeting and intercessions as follows: Sundays - 5:00pm and Mondays - 6:00pm

9. Welfare Committee meets every Second Sunday of the month after Mass.

10. All parishioners who have not registered should pick registration forms and fill for their names to be captured in the Day-Group Welfare list.

11. Lectors meet on Saturdays at 6:00pm

12. Church Pastoral Council meets after first Mass on the second Sunday of the month

13. Persons wishing to Join Knight of St John International, should Contact the following numbers: 054 080 2319/ 0543900732

14. CYO meets at 2pm on Sundays. New members are welcome

15. Trinity Northern Society meets every 3rd Sunday of the month after first Mass. New members are welcome

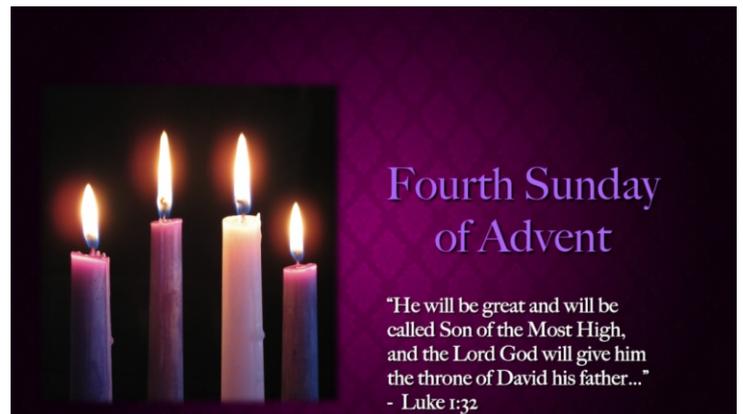
16. St. Michael Ewe Society meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after first Mass. New members are welcome

17. Holy Family Akan Society meets every 3rd Sunday after first Mass. New members are welcome.

Society Duty Roster

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| 5th Oct | Monday |
| 12th Oct | Tuesday |
| 19th Oct | Wednesday |
| 26th Oct | Thursday |
| 2nd Nov | Friday |
| 9th Nov | Saturday |
| 16th Nov | Sunday |
| 23rd Nov | CCR |
| 30th Nov | Youth |
| 7th Dec | CMA |
| 14th Dec | STCJ |
| 21st Dec | KLM |
| 28th Dec | KSJI&LA |

****Please Note: Now it is only on Sundays that groups will be on duty for prayer of the faithful and offertory.**



DAILY READINGS

Mon - 1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46-56

Tue - Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57-66

Wed - 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Luke 1:67-79

Thur: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Matthew 10:17-22

Sat - 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a and 2-8

Sun - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

REFLECTION

been conceived by the power of God's Spirit; and he is to be called 'Jesus', which means 'Saviour', because his mission is to save his people from their estrangement with God. As a descendant of David, Joseph will become the legal father of Jesus the Messiah. And Jesus will be called "Son of David".

Matthew indicates how events in the life of Jesus were fulfilments of the Old Testament prophecies such as Isaiah in the First Reading: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" which means "God with us". Jesus will be the very presence of God the Father in our world. In his Body, the Church, Jesus continues to be visibly present in Word and Sacrament, especially in the Eucharist. The effectiveness of that presence depends on our conscious union with Jesus and with the vision of his Gospel lived out in our daily lives.

In the Second Reading, Paul, preached the Gospel concerning God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead. Jesus is God and man.

PUBLICATION OF MARRIAGE BANNS

2nd Time

Groom: Nicholas Nyaaba
Born: 5/12/1989, Bolgatanga
Father: Jacob N. Anaifo
Mother: Grace Atigra
Baptised: 11/5/1991, Bolgatanga
Residing: Ireland
Bride: Jacinta Yuoyi Nyame
Born: 2/3/1994, Accra
Father: Emmanuel Nyame
Mother: Juliana Domechene
Baptised: 3/9/1994, Accra
Residing: Amaria-Abokobi
To be married on: 24/01/2026

| Date / Celebration | Time(s) |
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| 24th Night (Christmas Eve) | 8:00 pm |
| Christmas Day – 25/12 | 8:00 am |
| 26/12 – Mass for the Aged [Anointing of the sick included] | 9:00 am |
| Holy Family – 28/12 | 6:00 am & 9:00 am |
| 31st Night | 10:00 pm |
| New Year's Day – 1/1 | 8:00 am |

PRAYERS CORNER

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, inebriate me

Water from the side of Christ, wash me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me

O good Jesus, hear me

Within thy wounds, hide me

Suffer me not to be separated from thee

From the malignant enemy defend me

In the hour of my death call me

and bid me come unto thee,

that with thy saints I may praise thee

forever and ever. Amen.



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