



THE CHURCH Bulletin

Sunday, July 05, 2026. Vol. 9/Iss. 26

SUNDAY MASS READING

1st Reading - Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm - Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
2nd Reading - Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

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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14TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME A

**Theme: Humility and peace are essential qualities
needed to be a disciple of Christ.**

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The First Reading from the prophet Zechariah gives us the true picture of the Messiah. Zechariah told the people of Jerusalem to rejoice and shout for gladness because their victorious king, the Messiah is making his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He told them that the Messiah would be a ruler quite different from earthly rulers.

He will be victorious; but will not be proud and arrogant as victorious earthly rulers. On the contrary, he will be humble; and will not put his trust in himself but in God. His kingdom will last for ever. He will not need any army or weapon. He will destroy all instruments of war and the causes of all wars. His will bring peace among all nations, and peace to all people. He will establish his kingdom, not by bringing people into slavery but by granting true freedom to

anyone who accepts to form part of it. He will enter Jerusalem riding on a young donkey, symbolising humility and peace rather than on a proud and powerful war horse. These qualities are evident in the words of the Prophet Zechariah: He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. Our king is a king of peace; not just in an external absence of violence but of a deep, inner peace. Jesus is identified with the Messiah-King in Zechariah's passage. He is the Prince of Peace.

Jesus praises the Father "that he has hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to infants." Thus, it is only those who behave themselves like infants who will witness the realisation of the great restoration of peace of which the prophet Zachariah speaks about in the First Reading.

"...Our Lady Seat of Wisdom...Pray for US."

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

5th July	Monday
12th July	Tuesday
19th July	Wednesday
26th July	Thursday
2nd Aug	Friday
9th Aug	Saturday
16th Aug	Sunday
23rd Aug	CCR
30th Aug	Youth
6th Sep	CMA
13th Sep	STCJ
20th Sep	KLM
27th Sep	KSJI&LA

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

Saints/Memorials of the Week



Monday
St Maria Goretti,
Virgin & Martyr



Saturday
Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

DAILY READINGS

Mon - Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22;
Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 9:18-26
Tue - Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6,
7ab-8, 9-10; Matthew 9:32-38
Wed - Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Psalm 105:2-3,
4-5, 6-7; Matthew 10:1-7
Thur: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Psalm 80:2ac,
3b, 15-16; Matthew 10:7-15

Fri: Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13,
14, 17; Matthew 10:16-23

Sat - Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
Matthew 10:24-33

Sun - Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;
Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus invites us in the gospel to find rest for our souls in him. We who are overburdened in life need a place to offload them. Jesus offers us a place where we can find solace. We should be grateful to God for his Son who is ready to carry our burden. However, there might be a temptation to misread the gospel. Jesus is not saying I will carry your burden for you or you won't have any burden in life. The promise is not a life free from pain, sickness and sorrow. Jesus does not offer to remove the burdensome aspects of our existence. He speaks of the burden that he himself will impose. Those who submit to the conditions he sets forth will actually feel that their load has been lightened. We will still feel troubled, lonely and friendless, illness and discouragement, but the weight of those burdens will not weigh us down if we make the commitment to live the message of Jesus. We are to pick up the burdens Jesus hands to us, confident that we can add up to our troubles and walk. The promise of the gospel is not a trouble-free life but the pledge that we will reach the end of our long and arduous journey and be able to say I don't feel tired. Jesus invites us to come to him in order to experience comfort and consolation. Jesus asks us to learn from him in his gentleness and humility. Let us ask God to help us to practice humility, gentleness and promote peace in our daily lives.

In the second reading from Romans, Paul declares that those who have the Spirit of Christ dwelling in them will receive life even for their mortal bodies. They will not be in the flesh.



St. Maria Goretti (1890–1902) is an Italian virgin and martyr of the Catholic Church. Known as the "Little Saint of Great Mercy", she was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. She is the patron saint of

Publication of Marriage Banns

2nd Time

Groom - Robert Dzandu

Father - Emmanuel Dzandu

Mother - Akoeley Dzandu

Born - Koforidua - 30/5/1967

Baptised - St Paul, Denu

Residence - Ayi Mensah

And

Bride - Apeanimaa Adwoa Twumasi

Father - Godfried Appiah Twumasi

Mother - Priscilla Addo Twumasi

Born - Accra - 24/7/1978

Residence - Ayi Mensah

2nd Collections in July 2026

- 5th Monthly Thanksgiving
- 12th Welfare collection
- 19th Catholic Women Council collection
- 26th Deanery collection

purity, youth, and victims of assault.

Life and Martyrdom

Born to an impoverished farming family in Corinaldo, Italy, Maria faced severe hardship after her father died of malaria. The family was forced to share a home with the Serenelli family. On July 5, 1902, eighteen-year-old Alessandro Serenelli tried to force Maria into a sexual encounter. When she resisted, stating it was a mortal sin, he stabbed her fourteen times with an awl.

Maria survived for twenty hours in a local hospital in Nettuno. Before passing away on July 6, she forgave her attacker, stating: "Yes, for the love of Jesus I forgive him... and I want him with me in Paradise."

Legacy and Forgiveness Alessandro Serenelli was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Following a dream where Maria offered him lilies that burned to ash, he repented. After serving 27 years, he was released and personally begged Maria's mother for her forgiveness, which she granted. He later became a lay brother in a monastery. Maria was canonized on June 24, 1950, and her feast day is celebrated on July 6.

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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