



**ST. CECILIA**  
*Catholic Church, Ho-Dome*  
**Weekly Bulletin**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 08, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Upcoming Next Week...*

- ♥ Sunday, March 15, 2026
- || Fourth Sunday of Lent
- ♥ Mass @ 7:00am



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ♥ **Sunday, March 08, 2026 || Third Sunday of Lent**
  - Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- ♥ **Monday, March 09, 2026 || Monday of The Third Week of Lent**
  - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b / Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 / Lk 4:24-30
- ♥ **Tuesday, March 10, 2026 || Tuesday of The Third Week in Lent**
  - Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 / Mt 18:21-35
- ♥ **Wednesday, March 11, 2026 || Wednesday of The Third Week in Lent**
  - Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Mt 5:17-19
- ♥ **Thursday, March 12, 2026 || Thursday of The Third Week in Lent**
  - Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 11:14-23
- ♥ **Friday, March 13, 2026 || Friday of The Third Week in Lent**
  - Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 / Mk 12:28-34
- ♥ **Saturday, March 14, 2026 || Saturday of The Third Week of Lent**
  - Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab / Lk 18:9-14
- ♥ **Sunday, March 15, 2026 || Fourth Sunday of Lent**
  - 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## CHURCH SERVICES & SACRAMENTS

- ♥ **Sundays:** 7:00am (Eve/English) - Unless otherwise arranged
- ♥ **Daily Masses:** 6:15am (Monday - Saturday)
- ♥ **Confession:** 4:00pm (Saturdays)
- ♥ **Infant Baptism:** Baptisms are held on the First Saturday of every month. Please contact the Parish Priest to make arrangements. Baptismal Preparation meeting is required.
- ♥ **Anointing of the Sick:** Available on request. Contact the Parish Priest
- ♥ **Marriage:** Contact the Parish Priest at least six months prior to marriage

### Note:

- ♥ Parishioners entering, leaving, or moving within the Church should notify the Parish Priest
- ♥ Due to patient privacy, clinics/hospitals cannot disclose health information. If you or a family member is hospitalized, kindly contact the Parish Priest.

Click or tap here to view pictures from previous Mass on our Facebook page

All church announcements should be sent to the church Secretary via [024 148 9098](tel:0241489098) before Fridays

There would be Catechism on Sunday at 4:00pm

The **Catholic Standard** is available for sale at the Parish. Interested persons should contact **Mr. Alfred Dzorgbesi**



# SUNDAY GOSPEL

## Reflections

### FACING THE HORROR OF MY SINS

*“Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come back.” The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus answered her, “You are right in saying, ‘I do not have a husband.’ For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.” [John 4:16-18](#)*

Today, we are given the beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. The story begins with Jesus resting by the well, for He was “tired from his journey.” A Samaritan woman approaches the well at noon, during the heat of the day, most likely to avoid the scorn of the other women who looked down on her. Jesus then does something that greatly surprises her: He asks her for a drink of water.

Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans, yet Jesus was willing to drink from her utensil. When she questioned Him about this, Jesus responded, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

The “living water” Jesus desired to give her was the spiritual gift of grace to renew and refresh her soul. His divine eyes enabled Him to see her spiritual hunger, and His compassion filled Him with a desire to free her from her many burdens.

The passage above might sound harsh at first: “For you have had five husbands...” Why would Jesus bring up this woman's humiliating situation? Because she had clearly been searching for fulfillment throughout her life, engaging in one failed marriage after another. Now, she was living with a man who was not her husband, a reality that left her dry and thirsty.

By speaking this way to the woman, Jesus lets her know that He knows all about her, loves her, and longs to fill her with the satiation she has been searching for throughout her life. He does not judge or condemn her; He invites her to experience the freedom He longed to bestow upon her. After the encounter, the woman left the well overjoyed and even left her water jar behind, symbolizing that she was no longer thirsty—spiritually speaking. She then confidently went to the people of the town and said, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?”

Each of us needs to see ourselves in this woman. Our sins fill us with shame. The guilt of our hidden sins weighs us down, leaving us thirsty. If we can identify with this sinful woman, then we can also expect the same depth of compassion from Jesus. Too often, we hide our sins, even from ourselves, justifying our actions, downplaying them, or ignoring them. That is not the path to freedom. Freedom only comes by allowing our Lord

to reveal our sins to us, facing them, and encountering God's abundant mercy.

Reflect today on the importance of opening your eyes to see the reality of your sins. Don't run from your past—confront it, understand it, confess it, and receive the living water of mercy. The holier you become, the more clearly you will see even the smallest sins you have committed. That is good. It is necessary if we want to be healed and refreshed by God. Imitate this sinful woman today. God is never ashamed of us. Let the shame and guilt dissipate within God's abundant mercy so that like this woman, you will know that God knows you through and through and loves you despite your sin.

*My Lord and Source of Living Water, my soul is often dry and empty. I long for satiation and fulfillment. Please forgive me for trying to fulfill my soul through sin. I repent of my sins and ask You to reveal to me the full depth of those sins. As You do, please give me the grace I need to repent with all my heart so that I can be filled with Your abundant mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.*



***"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."***



# WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors! Whether you are passing through or residing in the surrounding areas, we invite you to join us for Sunday Mass.

Our doors are always open, and our community is eager to receive you with open arms. You will discover a vibrant, friendly, and youthful atmosphere, perfect for worship, fellowship, or quiet reflection.

Join our church family just as you are!  
We look forward to meeting you soon!



*Catholic Lay Faithful —  
Arise, Rejoice and Renew*

## WHERE TO FIND A CATHOLIC CHURCH IF YOU ARE IN HO, KPEDZE, KPANDO OR HOHOE

### HO DEANERY

- ♥ Sacred Heart Cathedral, Ho-Bankoe
- ♥ St. Cecilia, Ho-Dome
- ♥ St. Ignatius of Loyola Chaplaincy, Ho-Volta Barracks
- ♥ Holy Spirit, SSNIT Flats, Ho
- ♥ Christ The King, Mawuli Estate, Ho
- ♥ St. Francis of Assisi, Ho-Kpevele
- ♥ Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, Sokode-Lokoe
- ♥ St. Anthony, Sokode-Gbogame
- ♥ St. Andrews, Ziope
- ♥ St. Joseph, Adaklu-Ahunda
- ♥ St. Stephen, Kpetoe
- ♥ St. Gabriel The Archangel, Ho-Agortome
- ♥ St. Luke Chaplaincy, UHAS-Ho
- ♥ St. Augustine Chaplaincy, HTU-Ho

**Note:**

*Priests in OLA SHS, Ho, associate with this deanery*

### KPEDZE DEANERY

- ♥ St. Anthony, Kpedze
- ♥ St. Anthony, Taviefe
- ♥ Immaculate Heart of Mary, Shia
- ♥ St. Theresa of The Child Jesus, Frankadua
- ♥ Holy Cross, Have
- ♥ St. Michael, Tsito
- ♥ St. Francis of Assisi, Dzemeni
- ♥ St. Joseph, Liati
- ♥ Queen of Peace, Golokwati

**Note:**

*Priests in Rijnbeek School, Have, associate with this deanery.*

### KPANDO DEANERY

- ♥ Immaculate Conception, Kpando
- ♥ St. Raphael, Kpando-Dzoanti
- ♥ Our Lady of Lourdes, Kpando-Agbenoxoe
- ♥ Margaret Marquart Chaplaincy, Kpando
- ♥ St. Benedict, Sovie
- ♥ Ss. Peter & Paul, Anfoega
- ♥ St. Theresa of The Child Jesus, Aveme Beme
- ♥ St. Peter, Vakpo

**Note:**

*Priests in CYO Vocational/Technical Institute, Sovie and Bishop Herman College, Kpando, associate with this deanery*

### HOHOE DEANERY

- ♥ St. Augustine, Hohoe
- ♥ Holy Rosary, Hohoe
- ♥ Holy Trinity, Hohoe
- ♥ St. Aloysius, Gbi-Atabu
- ♥ Sacred Heart, Fodome-Helu
- ♥ St. Augustine, Alavanyo
- ♥ St. Michael, Lolobi
- ♥ St. Mary, Likpe-Abrani
- ♥ St. Joseph, Likpe-Mate

**Note:**

*Priests in St. Mary's Minor Seminary/SHS, Lolobi, St. Francis College of Education, St. Theresa College of Education and St. Agatha Commercial/SHS, Hohoe, associate with this deanery.*



# LENT 2026

Join us as we observe the Sundays of Lent in  
— 2026, leading up to Easter. —



## *1st Sunday of Lent*

February 22, 2026



## *2nd Sunday of Lent*

March 01, 2026



## *3rd Sunday of Lent*

March 08, 2026



## *Laetare Sunday*

March 15, 2026



## *5th Sunday of Lent*

March 22, 2026





# HOLY WEEK TIMELINE



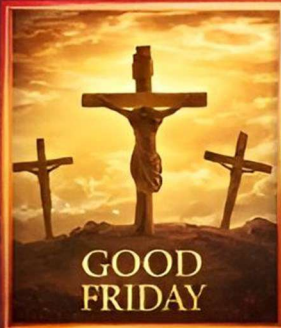
## *Palm Sunday - 29th March*

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades and celebration



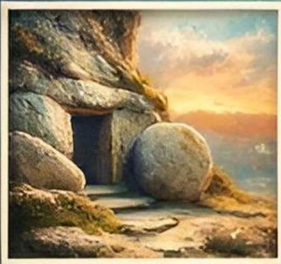
## *Holy Thursday - 2nd April*

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden



## *Good Friday - 3rd April*

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silence prayer while Jesus

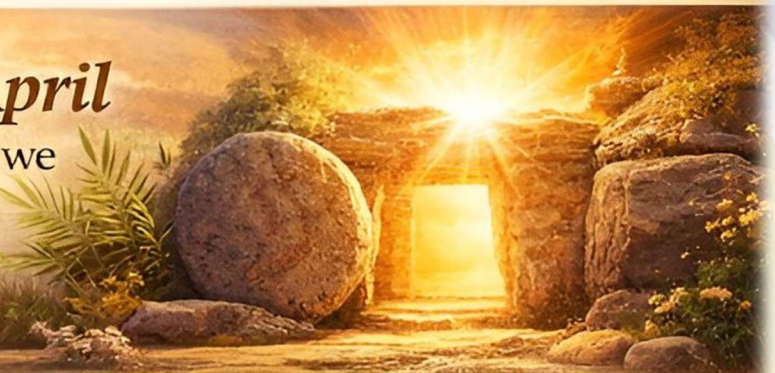


## *Holy Saturday - 4th April*

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day somber reflection, reflecting on what we would miss in a world without Jesus

## *Easter Sunday - 5th April*

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On **Tuesday, 10th March**, Communion will be taken to the sick and aged around **Housing, Tsikpota, Volta Star, Ahoe, Poly Down, Area 53 and Medical Store Down**
- On **Wednesday, 11th March**, Communion will be taken to the sick and aged around **Dome and Barracks New Town.**
- There would be meeting for **Keta-Akatsi Union** just after Mass.
- There would be a meeting for **Good Shepherd** members next Sunday after Mass. All must endeavor to attend.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**LAST SUNDAY'S CHURCH COLLECTION**

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Item	Amount (GHC)
Offertory Collection	2,104.20
Development Collection - Men	641.00
Development Collection - Women	891.90
Thanksgiving	1,714.40
Holy Childhood Collection	65.00
Donation from Batawuli Family	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,416.50</b>

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*“If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the Cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendor of the saints. And your name, written in the Book of Life, will be glorious among men.”*





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 **FRI 13TH - SUN 15TH  
MARCH 2026**

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# CLEANUP EXERCISE

**St. Cecilia Choir** would be responsible for the cleaning of the chapel and the church premises next Saturday towards Mass on Sunday. They would also bring items for offertory.



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♥ Good Shepherd	- <a href="tel:0244011156">024 401 1156</a>
♥ Christian Mother's Association	- <a href="tel:0246723213">024 672 3213</a>
♥ Sacred Heart Confraternity	- <a href="tel:0552275414">055 227 5414</a>
♥ Knights & Ladies of Marshall	-
♥ Ushers	-

*“Lent is a time for us to empty ourselves of worldly distractions and allow God to fill us with His love, His grace, and His peace.”*



**STREAM Sundays @ 7:00am**

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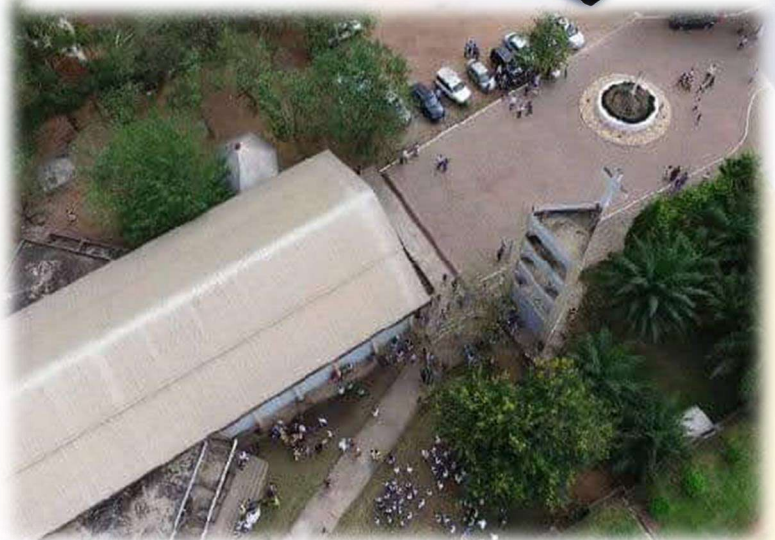
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