



ST. CECILIA
Catholic Church, Ho-Dome

**Weekly
Bulletin**

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

Upcoming Next Week...

- ♥ Sunday, April 05, 2026 || Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- ♥ Mass @ 7:30am



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at 7AM**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ♥ **Sunday, March 29, 2026 || Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
 - Mt 21:1–11 / Is 50:4–7 / Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24 / Phil 2:6–11 / Mt 26:14–27:66 or 27:11–54
- ♥ **Monday, March 30, 2026 || Monday of Holy Week**
 - Is 42:1–7 / Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14 / Jn 12:1–11
- ♥ **Tuesday, March 31, 2026 || Tuesday of Holy Week**
 - Is 49:1–6 / Ps 71:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15 and 17 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38
- ♥ **Wednesday, April 01, 2026 || Wednesday of Holy Week**
 - Is 50:4–9a / Ps 69:8–10, 21–22, 31 and 33–34 / Mt 26:14–25
- ♥ **Thursday, April 02, 2026 || Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)**
 - Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 / Ps 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18 / 1 Cor 11:23–26 / Jn 13:1–15
- ♥ **Friday, April 03, 2026 || Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**
 - Is 52:13–53:12 / Ps 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25 / Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 / Jn 18:1–19:42
- ♥ **Saturday, April 04, 2026 || Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**
 - Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a / Ps 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4–5, 6–7, 12–13, 20–22 / Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 / Ps 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11 / Ex 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18 / Is 54:5–14 / Ps 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13 / Is 55:1–11 / Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6 / Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 / Ps 42:3, 5 / 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 / Rom 6:3–11 / Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 / Mt 28:1–10
- ♥ **Sunday, April 05, 2026 || Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
 - Acts 10:34a, 37–43 / Ps 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 / Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 / "Victimae paschale laudes" / Jn 20:1–9 or Lk 24:1–12 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13–35

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:** Contact the Parish Priest to schedule hospital or home visits
- ♥ **Marriage:** Engaged couples must contact the Parish Priest six (6) months prior to the desired date of marriage and complete required preparation

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.



SUNDAY GOSPEL

Reflections

PALM SUNDAY - A MODEL OF COURAGE AND DETERMINATION

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." Matthew 21:10-11

The commemoration of our Lord's Passion has begun. Today, Mass begins with the reading of Matthew's account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Riding on a donkey, Jesus is greeted by a very large crowd who "spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road" (Matthew 21:8). The people welcome Him with shouts of: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9).

The word "Hosanna" in Hebrew means, "Save us, we pray!" Though it was originally a plea for deliverance, it became an expression of praise and joy, especially as it came to be associated with the Messiah's arrival. The phrase "Hosanna in the highest" calls for God, enthroned in Heaven, to bring His saving power to earth. The crowds' acclamation reveals both a hope for salvation and a recognition of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

During Passover week, Jerusalem's population increased several times over with pilgrims from across Israel. The atmosphere was vibrant with religious fervor and communal celebration. Merchants sold sacrificial animals, food, and provisions to the crowds. Central to the festivities was the Temple where sacrifices were offered and the Passover lambs were prepared for the sacred meal. Roman authorities increased security, wary of potential unrest, as the commemoration of Israel's liberation from Egypt stirred hopes of national deliverance. The Jewish authorities were also on high alert, concerned that any disturbance might provoke harsh reprisals from the Romans.

Imagine the excitement, concern, and surprise that many of the religious and Roman leaders felt as large crowds professed their belief in Jesus as the Messiah. Was Israel's deliverance at hand? This public acclaim highlighted why some saw Jesus as a threat. The Pharisees, in particular, feared that His messianic identity might undermine the religious authority to which they clung. Most of them dismissed the possibility that Jesus was the Messiah they awaited.

Jesus, however, had a very different understanding of the Passover that year. He knew it was the time for His hour of suffering and death, leading to His glorification. He had no interest in political maneuvering. His sole desire was to fulfill His mission as the Messiah by becoming the one perfect Lamb of Sacrifice whose blood would atone for the sins of many. Jesus was determined and confident as He rode into Jerusalem. Though He knew the suffering that awaited Him, His gaze was fixed on His mission of saving souls. In His sacred humanity, He overcame every temptation to fear or anxiety, allowing peace, strength, and joy to fill His heart.

Not only is Jesus our Savior and the one Mediator between God and us, His human life perfectly models how

we are to live. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem especially models for us how we are to face every difficult situation that tempts us to fear and anxiety. His courage must become our courage, and His determination our determination.

Reflect today on Jesus' interior disposition during His triumphal entry. He invites us to share in His sacrificial love, laying down our lives selflessly for others. This is only possible if we allow His virtues to take root in us every time we are called to imitate His love. As we embrace our own mission, we must not allow fear or anxiety to hinder us. Pray that the courage, peace, and steadfast love that Jesus embodied during that first Holy Week may flourish in your heart. Let go of fear, worry, and selfishness, and allow Jesus' love and strength to fill you, so that His mission may continue through you and, with our Lord, you may lay down your life for others.

Sacrificial Lamb of God, You entered Jerusalem as the new and perfect Lamb of Sacrifice, whose blood would be shed for the salvation of all who turn to You. Please open my heart, dear Lord, to receive all You wish to bestow upon me. Fill me with the virtues You possessed, so that my life will be united to Yours and Your Sacrifice will become alive in me. Jesus, I trust in You.



"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the Highest. Matthew 21:9



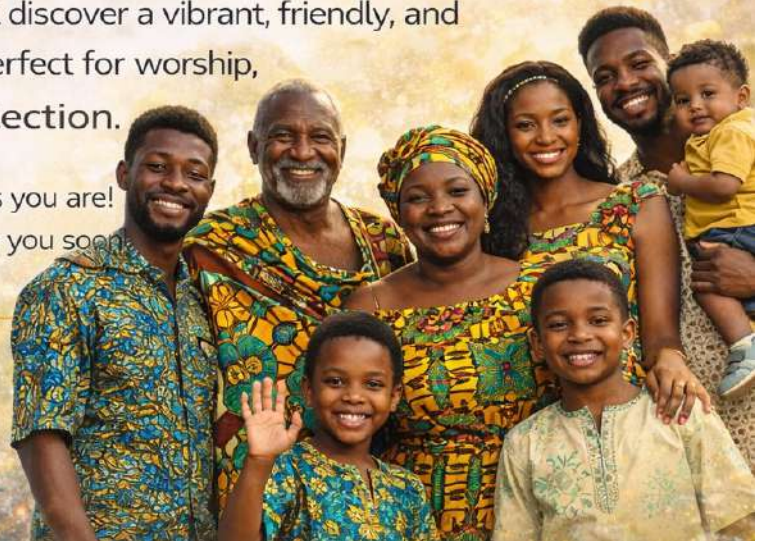
WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

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, Avene 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.*





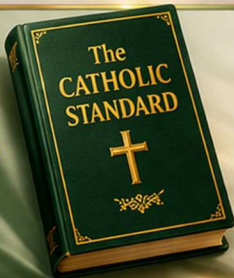
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THERE WOULD BE NO CATECHISM




ON SUNDAY. | CATECHISM RESUME ON **SUNDAY, 12TH APRIL**





The *Catholic Standard* is available for sale at the Parish.

Interested persons should contact *Mr. Alfred Dzorgbesi*

Programme line Up for Holy Week

31st MAR  Chrism Mass at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Hohoe.

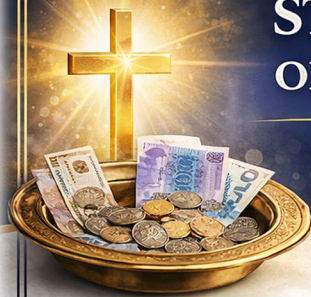
2nd APR  **Holy Thursday** - Mass start at 7:00pm
* Followed by Adoration by Youths, Men and Women

3rd APR  **Good Friday** - Way of the Cross at 7:00am
* Veneration Of the Cross at 3:00pm

4th APR  **Holy Saturday**
* Clean up at 7:00am
* Vigil Mass at 7:00pm

5th APR  **Easter Sunday** - Mass Start at 7:30am

6th APR  **Easter Monday** - Mass start at 6:45am



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LAST SUNDAY'S CHURCH COLLECTION

Item	Amount (GH¢)
Offertory Collection	2,323.60
Development Collection	1,392.60
Holy Childhood Collection	116.90
TOTAL	3,833.10

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ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, HO-DOME



Palm Sunday

✧ OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ✧



Sunday,
29th March,
2026



7:00am



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Community Center



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2026 CHRISM MASS



DATE: TUESDAY
31ST MARCH 2026

TIME:
10:00AM

VENUE: ST. AUGUSTINE
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HOLY WEEK TIMELINE



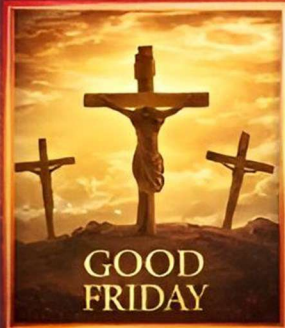
Palm Sunday - 29th March

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



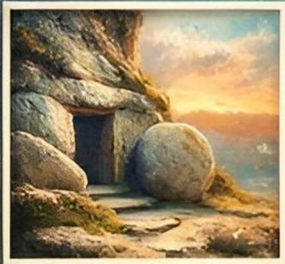
Holy Thursday - 2nd April

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

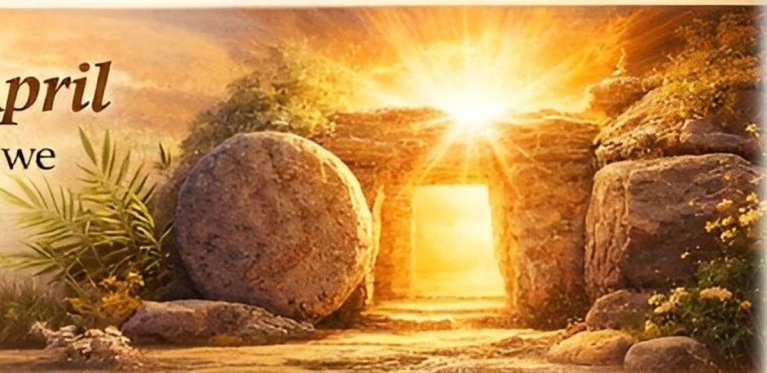


Holy Saturday - 4th April

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



CLEANUP EXERCISE

All Parishioners will be responsible for the cleaning of the chapel and church premises next Saturday in preparation for Sunday Mass. Members are also kindly requested to bring items for the offertory. All members are encouraged to participate.



CHURCH GROUPS

NAME	CONTACTS
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♥ St. Ambrose Choir	- 024 745 6192
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♥ St. Anthony's Guild	- 050 289 4376
♥ Legion of Mary	- 024 232 6010
♥ Israel Group	- 024 366 9255
♥ Voice of Cecilia	- 024 998 3485
♥ Keta-Akatsi Union	- 024 402 2546
♥ Perpetual Help Confraternity	- 024 401 1156
♥ Catholic Women	- 024 622 6887
♥ Men Fellowship	- 024 277 6578
♥ The Youth	- 024 284 3595
♥ Good Shepherd	- 024 401 1156
♥ Christian Mother's Association	- 024 672 3213
♥ Sacred Heart Confraternity	- 055 227 5414
♥ Knights & Ladies of Marshall	-
♥ Ushers	-

“Lent affords us the opportunity to search the depths of our sin and experience the heights of God’s love.”



STREAM Sundays @ 7:00am

All previous Masses are available on **Facebook**

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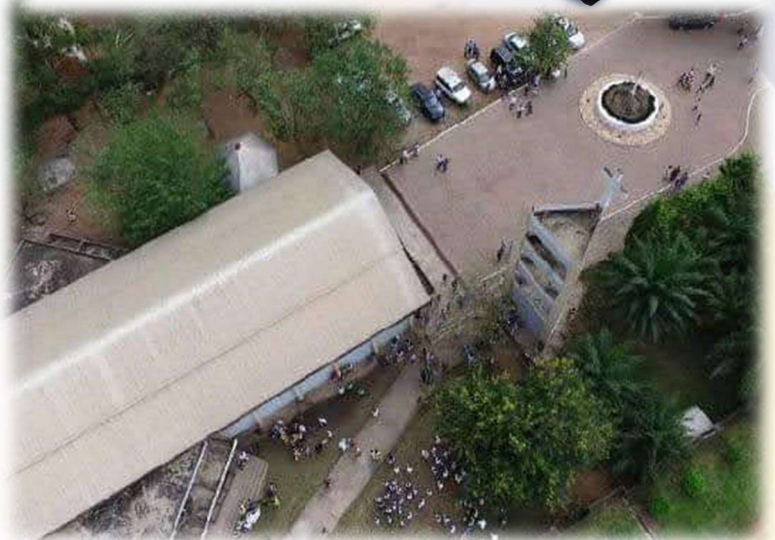
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