



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

**Weekly  
Bulletin**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 05, 2026**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

*Upcoming Next Week...*

- ♥ Sunday, April 12, 2026
- || Divine Mercy Sunday
- ♥ Mass @ 7:00am



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ♥ **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
- ♥ **Monday, April 06, 2026 || Monday within the Octave of Easter**
  - Acts 2:14, 22–33 / Ps 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11 / Mt 28:8–15
- ♥ **Tuesday, April 07, 2026 || Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**
  - Acts 2:36–41 / Ps 33:4–5, 18–19, 20 and 22 / "Victimae paschali laudes" / Jn 20:11–18
- ♥ **Wednesday, April 08, 2026 || Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**
  - Acts 3:1–10 / Ps 105:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8–9 / "Victimae paschali laudes" / Lk 24:13–35
- ♥ **Thursday, April 09, 2026 || Thursday within the Octave of Easter**
  - Acts 3:11–26 / Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6–7, 8–9 / "Victimae paschali laudes" / Lk 24:35–48
- ♥ **Friday, April 10, 2026 || Friday within the Octave of Easter**
  - Acts 4:1–12 / Ps 118:1–2 and 4, 22–24, 25–27a / "Victimae paschali laudes" / Jn 21:1–14
- ♥ **Saturday, April 11, 2026 || Saturday of the Second Week of Easter**
  - Acts 4:13–21 / Ps 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21 / "Victimae paschali laudes" / Mk 16:9–15
- ♥ **Sunday, April 12, 2026 || Divine Mercy Sunday**
  - Acts 2:42–47 / Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24 / 1 Pt 1:3–9 / Jn 20:19–31

## 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.

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**[www.stceciliaho.org](http://www.stceciliaho.org)**



# SUNDAY GOSPEL

## Reflections

### UNDERSTANDING THE RESURRECTION

**On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." John 20:1-2**

Have you ever misunderstood something, even when your intentions were good? We all experience moments when we act with love but still get things wrong. Even our good actions are rarely perfect.

On that first Easter morning, before the sun rose, Mary Magdalene offers an example of this. She got some things right - her love and devotion to Jesus were sincere - but she did not yet understand the full reality of what

she witnessed. Though the other Gospels mention other women at the tomb, John highlights Mary. Saint Augustine suggests that this is because she was "undoubtedly the most fervent in love" with Christ.

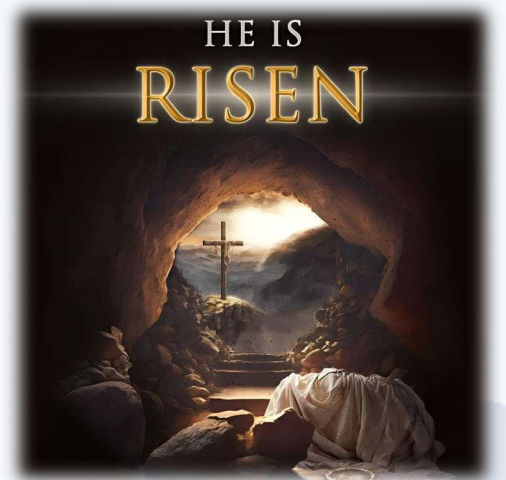
When Mary Magdalene saw the stone rolled away, her love compelled her to act immediately. Saint John Chrysostom says she "ran to the disciples with all the speed of love." Her fervor drove her to tell Simon Peter and John what she had seen, showing us how love urges us to seek God without delay.

Despite her deep love, Mary misunderstood the meaning of the empty tomb. Her emotional response - "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him" - reveals her struggle to grasp the mystery unfolding before her. Like many of us, she was driven by emotion rather than a deeper trust in God.

Jesus was certainly not displeased with her misunderstanding, as Scripture identifies her in John 20:11-17 as the first to whom He appeared. When she encountered the risen Christ, she initially mistook Him for the gardener, indicating that her understanding of the Resurrection was still unfolding. Despite that, Jesus met her where she was and guided her toward deeper faith. This reminds us that our emotions, though good, must be purified by faith, allowing love to mature into greater trust and understanding.

Reflect today on Mary Magdalene's experience on Easter morning. Like her, we are called to seek our Lord with fervor, even when our understanding is incomplete. And like her, we can trust that Jesus will meet us where we are, gently leading us into deeper faith. As we celebrate the Resurrection, pray that your love, with all its emotions, may be more fully purified by grace, so that you, too, will encounter Christ with renewed understanding and joy.

*My resurrected Lord, I love You deeply but acknowledge that my love must be further purified by faith so that I will understand You and Your will more clearly. As I grow in understanding of the many divine mysteries You reveal to me, help my love to grow so that I may more perfectly imitate the pure love You desire of me. Jesus, I trust in You.*



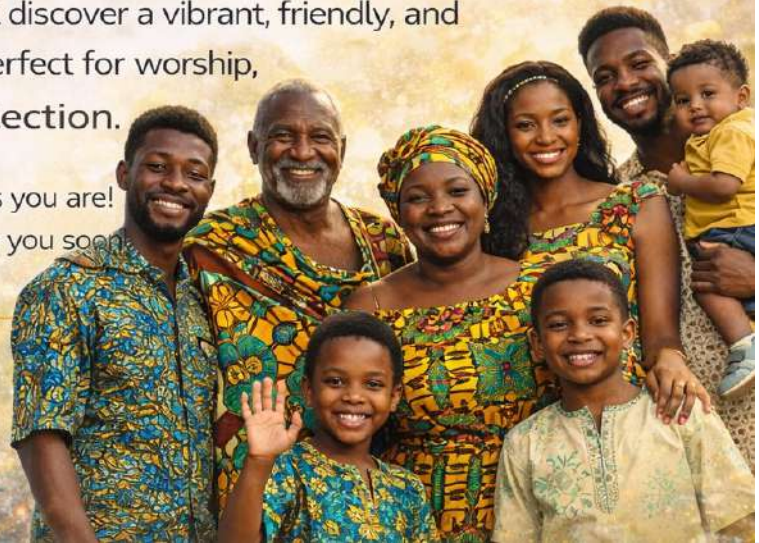
# WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

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.*





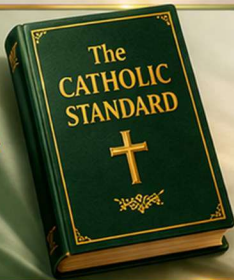
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# THERE WOULD BE NO CATECHISM



ON SUNDAY. | CATECHISM RESUME ON **SUNDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**



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

Interested persons should contact *Mr. Alfred Dzorgbesi*





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**ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, HO-DOME**

**Programme Line Up for Picnic**

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

-  **Arrival & Setting In:** 11:00 am  
**Opening Prayer:** Mr. Richard Kumagah
-  **Welcome Address & Purpose for Gathering:**  
**LPC** Chairman
-  **First Round of Games** (Musical Chairs, Sack Race etc.)
-  **Inspection & Tasting of Food**  
Lunch Time (By Society Meal Contribution)
-  **Second Round of Games** (Pot Breaking, Tug of War etc.)
-  **Closing Remarks:** **LPC** Chairman
-  **Vote of Thanks:** **LPC** Vice Chairman
-  **Closing Prayer:** Mad. Antionette Sakyi
-  **Benediction:** Rev. Fr. Francis Akoto



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE LAST SUNDAY'S CHURCH COLLECTION

Item	Amount (GH₵)
Offertory Collection	1,961.90
Development Collection	1,253.30
Appeal For Pascal Candle	1,474.10
Church Support	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,689.30</b>

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**THEME:** "Take Courage: Catholic Youth as Actors and Agents of Peace and Hope in West Africa."

## **PRIÈRE POUR LES JOURNÉES RÉGIONALES DE LA JEUNESSE D'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST**

**Heavenly Father**, Source of life and fountain of hope, we thank You for gathering us, the young people of West Africa, as one family of faith and mission. You have called us to be light in darkness, peace in conflict, and love where hatred and despair dwell.

**Lord Jesus Christ**, You said, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Strengthen us with Your Spirit of boldness and perseverance. When challenges arise, teach us to look to You the Anchor of our hope that we may joyfully proclaim the Gospel and live as witnesses in our homes, schools, and nations.

**Spirit of the Living God**, renew in us the fire of Pentecost. Make us agents of hope across West Africa, builders of unity, justice, and peace. Bless our leaders and all who guide us, and may **Mary, Mother of Africa**, walk with us as we take courage to be faithful actors and radiant agents of hope.

Mary, Mother of Hope — Pray for us !

Saints and Martyrs of Africa — Pray for us!

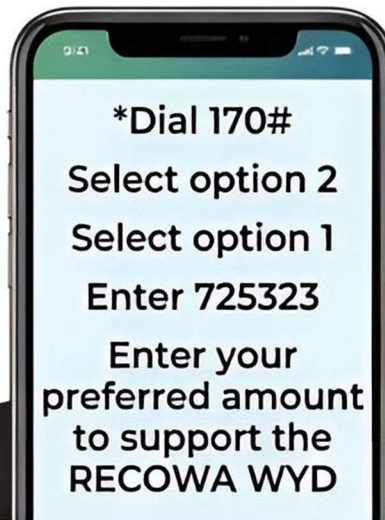


# Ho Diocesan Youth Council



**Donate 5gh or more to aid  
RECOWA WYD 2026**

With 5gh or more, you are helping a young youth to attend the RECOWA WYD in Accra to strengthen his/her faith in the Lord.



*God blesses a cheerful giver*



## CLEANUP EXERCISE

**Perpetual help Confraternity** 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

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♥ St. Cecilia Media Team	- <a href="tel:0209026040">020 902 6040</a>
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♥ Legion of Mary	- <a href="tel:0242326010">024 232 6010</a>
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♥ Good Shepherd	- <a href="tel:0244011156">024 401 1156</a>
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♥ Ushers	-

*Happy Easter*

*May all your prayers be fulfilled. May you have a pleasant Easter! We wish you and your loved ones the renewal of love, happiness, and wonderful life*



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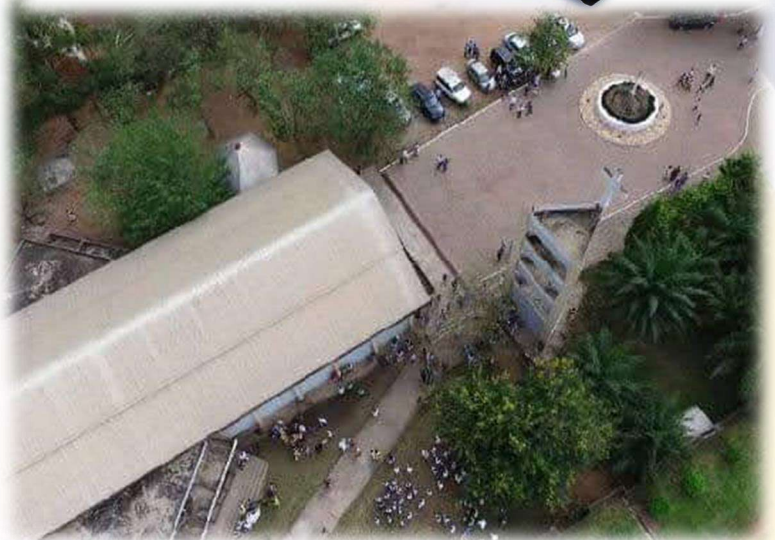
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