



ST. CECILIA
Catholic Church, Ho-Dome

Weekly Bulletin

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Cecilia

Upcoming Next Week...

- ♥ Sunday, May 03, 2026 ||
Fifth Sunday of Easter
- ♥ Mass @ 7:00am

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ♥ **Sunday, April 26, 2026 || Fourth Sunday of Easter**
 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10
- ♥ **Monday, April 27, 2026 || Monday of The Fourth Week of Easter**
 - Acts 11:1-18 / Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 / Jn 10:11-18
- ♥ **Tuesday, April 28, 2026 || Memorial of St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr**
 - Acts 11:19-26 / Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Jn 10:22-30
- ♥ **Wednesday, April 29, 2026 || Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**
 - Acts 12:24-13:5a / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 / Jn 12:44-50
- ♥ **Thursday, April 30, 2026 || Thursday of The Fourth Week of Easter**
 - Acts 13:13-25 / Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 / Jn 13:16-20
- ♥ **Friday, May 01, 2026 || Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker**
 - Acts 13:26-33 / Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab / Jn 14:1-6
- ♥ **Saturday, May 02, 2026 || Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
 - Acts 13:44-52 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 / Jn 14:7-14
- ♥ **Sunday, May 03, 2026 || Fifth Sunday of Easter**
 - Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

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.



St. Cecilia Parish, Ho-Dome

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Live Stream

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6K+ followers
3.9K+ Likes

Sundays
at 7AM

St. Cecilia Official Website:

www.

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SUNDAY GOSPEL

Reflections

THE VOICE OF A STRANGER

"When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." John 10:4-5

Young children are often frightened by strangers. Infants, for example, form a strong bond with their mothers who feed them, hold them close, talk to them, and lavish love upon them. It often happens that when other family members, such as grandparents or even the father, attempt to hold the child, tears emerge until the child is placed once again in the familiar and safe arms of his or her mother.

An infant's reaction to strangers can teach us much about today's Gospel on Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Like an infant, sheep become familiar with the voice and presence of their shepherd. The shepherd lives with the sheep night and day. He calls to them, speaks to them, keeps them safe, and leads them to green pas-

tures and water. If a stranger were to call them, they would not listen, similar to how an infant reacts to a stranger.

Jesus' teaching is in response to the criticism He received from the Pharisees after He healed a man born blind. After healing the man, Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind" (John 9:39). When the Pharisees heard Jesus say that, they inquired whether He was suggesting that they were blind, to which Jesus replied, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains" (John 9:41).

An infant's unfamiliarity with a stranger is instinctive and innocent, yet it teaches us about the deeper spiritual reality Jesus describes. Just as sheep recognize the voice of their shepherd and follow him because they trust in his care, so too does a soul attuned to God respond to His voice. In contrast, the Pharisees, who prided themselves on their religious knowledge, failed to recognize Jesus as the true Shepherd. This failure was not innocent ignorance; it was willful blindness rooted in their rejection of His divine mission. The healed blind man perceived Jesus' voice with the simplicity of faith, while the Pharisees, claiming to 'see' with their own wisdom, remained in sin because they refused to hear and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

The Pharisees saw Jesus as a stranger to their religious beliefs and practices. They labeled Him an imposter. Unlike the innocent reaction of

an infant or the natural response of sheep, the Pharisees' unfamiliarity with Jesus was a sin stemming from pride. It was a blindness of their own making that closed their hearts to the comforting and supernaturally familiar voice of God. To recognize Jesus' voice is to respond to the call of grace, trust in His teachings, and follow into the fullness of life He offers. Only by humbly admitting our need for His guidance can we, like the sheep, allow Him to lead us to green pastures and salvation.

Reflect today on the fact that God calls out to you day and night. Do you recognize His voice? Or do you, like the Pharisees, turn away from Him? Following the Good Shepherd begins with an intimate familiarity with His divine presence in our lives. We must become as familiar with Him as an infant is with its mother or as sheep are with their faithful shepherd. Failure to recognize the Good Shepherd's voice leaves us lost and unable to care for ourselves. Jesus desires to lead us, care for us, and bring us to the abundant pastures of new life. Become familiar with Him and listen to His voice alone, and like the blind man, you will begin to see in ways you never have before, through the eyes of faith.

Jesus, my Good Shepherd, You call to me day and night, but so often I fail to hear and respond to Your gentle voice. Please free me from blindness caused by my own sin so that I can humbly turn to You and follow Your consoling and familiar voice. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

"No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you are still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying. "Philippians 3:13-14 "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."





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.*





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 **4:00 PM**



The *Catholic Standard* is available at the Parish.

Interested persons should contact *Mr. Alfred Dzorgbesi*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE








ALL GROUPS AND SOCIETIES of St. Cecilia Catholic Church Ho-Dome are reminded to **provide their profile information** as announced last Sunday via:


<https://stceciliaho.org/group-society-profile/>

"For I was sick and you visited me." – Matthew 25:36

← LAST SUNDAY'S CHURCH COLLECTION →

Item	Amount (GH¢)
 Offertory Collection	2,425.30
 Development Collection	1,511.90
 Holy Childhood Collection	57.70
 TOTAL	3,994.90

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For it is in giving that we receive

Thank you for your generosity!



HO DEANERY YOUTH COUNCIL

presents
A Walk with Mary in the month of May

THEME:
A WALK WITH MARY
As Actors And Agents of Peace

1ST MAY 2026 **9:00 AM**

 **St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Ho-Dome**



"You can't wear your old identity and walk in your new one." 2 Corinthians 5:17- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"





ANNOUNCEMENTS



A FAMILY NEEDS someone to take care of an elderly person; interested person should contact

0241489098



AN ORGANIZATION is looking for a **CASHIER** or a young boy or girl to be trained as a cashier between the ages of **22 - 30.**

Interested person should contact

0201737379



There would be a **MEETING** for **PERPETUAL HELP CONFRATERNITY MEMBERS**

just after Mass at the **MARRIAN GROTTTO.**

ALL MUST ENDEAVOUR TO ATTEND.

NEXT SUNDAY would be the

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

and also the **FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH OF MAY.**

There would be only **ONE MASS** at **7:00AM** after which we will do our **BIRTHDAY COLLECTION.**



THERE WOULD BE **HOLY HOUR** ON THURSDAY

AT 7:00PM

ON FRIDAY, being the **FIRST FRIDAY OF MAY,**

there would be an **EXPOSITION** of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT** after morning Mass.



Let us stay informed, involved and inspired in our faith.



"Making one person smile can change the world – maybe not the whole world, but their world. "Proverbs 16:24 – "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."





SAINT

OF THE WEEK



WEDNESDAY
29TH APRIL



ST CATHERINE
of Siena

A Doctor of the Church and mystic, known for her deep love for Christ, prayer, and service to the Church.



FRIDAY
1ST MAY



ST. JOSEPH
the Worker

Patron of workers and craftsmen. A model of humility, hard work and faithful service.



SATURDAY
2ND MAY



ST. ATHANASIUS

Defender of the Faith and Champion of the Church. His courage and wisdom strengthened the truth of Christ.



Let us be inspired by their faith,
and follow their example of love and service.



"Giving up doesn't always mean you're weak, sometimes it means you are strong enough and smart enough to let go and move on." Ecclesiastes 3:6 - 'A time to keep, and a time to throw away.'



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AFTER WHICH WE WILL DO
OUR

Birthday
COLLECTION



LET US COME TOGETHER
as one family in faith.



LET US GIVE THANKS
for God's love and
blessings.



LET US CELEBRATE
our birthdays in
joy and gratitude.

All are welcome!
See you there! 

**SUNDAY
10
MAY**



ST CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH
HO-DOME
WOMEN COUNCIL

PRESENTS

**MOTHER'S
DAY**

C E L E B R A T I O N

Theme: **"Sweet, Caring, Responsible: God's Gift of Motherhood"**





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TO

ALL PRIESTS AND CONSECRATED PERSONS – HO DIOCESE
ALL LAY FAITHFUL – HO DIOCESE

in re: Pastoral Visit of the Apostolic Nuncio to Ho Diocese

Dearly Beloved

Greetings of Easter peace from the Catholic Secretariat, Ho.

I am pleased to announce to you a pastoral visit of the Apostolic Nuncio to Ghana, Most Rev. Julien Kabore.

The visit will start on Thursday, 14th May 2026 and end on Saturday, 16th May 2026. The Nuncio will visit an educational institution, a health facility, and a social project in the diocese. He will also meet with a cross-section or representation of the clergy and consecrated persons working in the diocese.

The visit will be climaxed on Saturday, 16th May 2026 with a solemn Mass during which he will invest three Papal Knights of St. Gregory, one Dame of St. Gregory and two Monsignors. The ceremony will take place at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ho Kpevele at 9:00am.

Two committees have been formed – one to work on the pastoral visit and the other to work on the investiture ceremony. The details of both programmes will be made known to us once they are finalized.

As we await this pastoral visit, I entreat all of you to pray for a successful visit of the Apostolic Nuncio to our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Emmanuel Kofi Fianu, SVD
Catholic Bishop of Ho



CLEANUP EXERCISE

The Youth 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.



GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

NAME	CONTACTS
♥ St. Cecilia Choir	-
♥ St. Mary's Choir	-
♥ St. Ambrose Choir	-
♥ St. Cecilia Media Team	-
♥ St. Anthony's Guild	-
♥ Legion of Mary	-
♥ Israel Group	-
♥ Voice of Cecilia	-
♥ Keta-Akatsi Union	-
♥ Perpetual Help Confraternity	-
♥ Catholic Women	-
♥ Men Fellowship	-
♥ The Youth	-
♥ Good Shepherd	-
♥ Christian Mother's Association	-
♥ Sacred Heart Confraternity	-
♥ Knights & Ladies of Marshall	-
♥ Ushers	-

“On this Divine Mercy Sunday, open your heart to receive and share God’s endless mercy.”



STREAM Sundays @ 7:00am

All previous Masses are available on **Facebook**

CONNECT WITH US

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