

# ANNOUNCEMENTS - 1

Second Collection: Kofi & Ama  
DUTY ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 13/04/25

MASS	ONE MASS
BIDDING PRAYER	YOUTH
OFFERTORY	YOUTH
2ND COLLECTION	YOUTH (ARCHDIOCESAN)
CLEANING 12/04/25	YOUTH

## FRONT DESK

Kindly redeem your harvest pledges, pay your annual church dues and levies at the front desk after Mass or at the Parish Office during the week. You may make these payments or may send donations via the St Barnabas Catholic Church MTN Merchant Number **386747 (0591485519)**. Kindly let the reference indicate the exact payment or contribution being made.

## HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ **Palm Sunday: 13/04/25.**  
Procession: Reporting Time - 7.00 a.m. and procession begins at 7.30 a.m.  
Venue: Wisconsin University Car Park.
- ◆ **Chrism Mass:** Wednesday, 16/04/25 @ Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka. Time 9.00 a.m.
- ◆ **Holy Thursday: 17/04/25,** the program starts @ 7.00 p.m.
- ◆ **Good Friday: 18/04/25,** Stations of the Cross starts @ 8.00 a.m.  
Venue: Papa's Pizza.  
Veneration of the Cross starts at 2.30 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Prayer.
- ◆ **Holy Saturday: 19/04/25.** The vigil starts at 7.00 p.m.
- ◆ **Easter Sunday: 20/04/25.** ONE MASS @ 8.30 a.m.

## LEGACY OF HOPE PROJECT

The Legacy of Hope Project Table has been set up at Mr James Owusu and his team's desk for all parishioners who have pledges to redeem to visit the desk.



*"I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people..." - Psalm 116:18*

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## THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. COMPENDIUM

*Continued from last week....*  
**THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:**

### 251. How is the Christian initiation brought about?

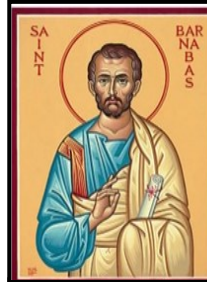
Christian initiation is accomplished by means of the sacraments which establish the foundations of Christian life. The faithful born anew by Baptism are strengthened by Confirmation and are then nourished by the Eucharist.

### The Sacrament of Baptism:

### 251. What names are given to the first sacrament of initiation?

This sacrament is primarily called *Baptism* because of the central rite with which it is celebrated. To baptize means to "immerse" in water. The one who is baptized is immersed into the death of Christ and rises with him as a new "new creature" (2 Cor. 5:17). This sacrament is also called the "bath of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit" (Tit. 3:5); and it is called "enlightenment" because the baptized becomes "a son of light" (Eph. 5:8)

*To be continued.....*



# ST BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH WEEKLY BULLETIN

## 6TH APRIL, 2025 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR C

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- ◆ Rev. Fr Constantine Chibuiki Chukwudiaso, CSSp.
- ◆ Rev. Fr Pius Gidi, CSSp.

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Weekday Masses:** Mon - Sat : **600 a. m.**

**Tuesdays:** Adoration from **5 p. m - 8 p. m.**

### Saturday Activities:

- ◆ **Catechism: 4:00 p. m – 5:00 p. m.**
- ◆ **Lay readers, Facilitators & KNOLTA Meetings:** 4:00 p. m.
- ◆ **Marriage Counselling:** 4:00 p. m
- ◆ **Confession:** 5:00 p. m.

### Sunday Masses:

- ◆ **1st Mass:** 6:30 a. m.
- ◆ **2nd Mass:** 9:30 a. m.
- Last Sunday of Every Month:** Hour of Grace from 6 pm - 7 p. m.
- OFFICE HOURS**  
8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p. m.  
1:30 p.m. — 5:00 p. m.

### TODAY'S READINGS:

- ◆ **1st Reading:** Is. 43:16-21;
- ◆ **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 126:1-6;  
**Response to the Psalm: "The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob."**
- ◆ **2nd Reading:** Phil. 3:8-14;
- ◆ **Gospel:** Jn 5:1-11.

### Bible Verse For Reflection (Jn 5:6-9)

*"When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well? The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked."*

### READINGS OF THE WEEK 5 OF LENT.

- ◆ Mon.: Dan. 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps. 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20.
- ◆ Tues.: Num. 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3,16-21; Jn 8:21-30.
- ◆ Wed.: 3:14-20,91-92,95; Ps Dan. 3:52-56, Jn 8:31-42.
- ◆ Thur.: Gen. 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59.
- ◆ Fri.: Jer. 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn. 10:31-42.
- ◆ Sat.: Ez. 37:21-28; Ps 32:10-13; Jn 11:45-56.

### Readings for Next Sunday:

Is. 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24;  
Phil. 2:6-11;  
Lk. 22:14-23,56 or 23:1-49.

### BORBORBOR GROUP:

St Barnabas' Borborbor Group is calling for new members. The group meets on every Saturday at 7.00 p.m. New members are invited.

# REFLECTION

“The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done “great things” for His people, as today’s Psalm puts it. But the “things of long ago,” Isaiah tells us in today’s First Reading, are nothing compared to the “something new” that He will do in the future. Today’s First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvelous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth. The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today’s Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord’s compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today’s Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father. In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His “chosen people” living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world (Jn 7:37–39). But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, “forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,” as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, “the power of His resurrection.” We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing “the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling,” striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises “the resurrection of the dead.”  
**Yours in Christ, Dr. Scott Hahn, PhD.**

## ***STATIONS OF THE CROSS***

### ROSTER FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2025

DAYS & DATES	SOCIETY/GROUP/MINISTRY	SINGING MINISTRY	TIME
1ST FRIDAY OF LENT 07-03-25	SACRED HEART CONFRATERNITY & COSRA	ST PANCRAS' CHOIR	7:00PM
2ND FRIDAY OF LENT 14-03-25	ST THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS & LECTORS	CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL(CCR)	7:00PM
3RD FRIDAY OF LENT 21-03-25	KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL	ST BARNABAS' CHOIR	7:00PM
4TH FRIDAY OF LENT 28-03-25	LEGION OF MARY & CWA	CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL(CCR)	7:00PM
5TH FRIDAY OF LENT 04-04-25	CCR & PANCRAS' CHOIR	ST BARNABAS' CHOIR	7:00PM
6TH FRIDAY OF LENT 11-04-25	ST BARNABAS' CHOIR & SBCC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP	ST PANCRAS' CHOIR	7:00PM
GOOD FRIDAY 18-04-25	PYC & DRAMA GROUP	MASS CHOIR	8:00 A. M.

## PRAYERS

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, who wills that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of Your Truth; we beg you to send labourers into Your harvest and grant them grace to speak Your Word with all boldness; so that Your Word may spread and be glorified and all the nations may know you, the only God, and Him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words: “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St Joseph, Mary’s most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be Holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of all souls. Amen. St John Vianney, pray for us.

### POPE’S INTENTION FOR APR. 2025: For the use of the new technologies.

*Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face crises of our times.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - 2

### SECURITY ALERT:

Let us all be vigilant and alert to suspicious acts and people: police emergency number: **999**.

### *THE JUBILEE PRAYER*

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

### FUNERAL ANNOUCEMENT ARRANGEMENTS:

Victus Kwaku Kpesese announces the death of his beloved father, the late Dumega Dominic D.K. Kpesese, whose sad event occurred on Wednesday, 12th February 2025 at Akatsi in the Volta Region. The funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ◆ Burial service: Saturday, 26th April 2025 @ 10.00 a.m.
- ◆ Thanksgiving service: Sunday, 27th April 2025. All at Church of Pentecost, Akatsi in the Volta Region.

### THE LATE MR DOKU’S FUNERAL ATTENDANCE:

All those who wish to attend the burial of our late brother Mr Francis Doku at Somanya on the 26th of April 2025 should kindly register with the Parish Secretary, either going with the organized bus or personal car. Closing date for the registration is Sunday, 20th April 2025.