ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

16TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME

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Rev. Fr. Wilfried Kouijzer marks 25 years of priestly service.

To God be the glory



Rev. Fr. Wilfried Kouijzer, SMA was ordained a missionary priest for the Society of African Missions in 2001. He was sent to Ghana where he worked for several years in the Afram Plains, building churches and schools and constructing dams to harvest rainwater for drinking. He provided basic pastoral work from the SMA Mission Post in Oku and Drobonso. Later, he worked in a parish in Accra.
After years of service in Ghana, Fr. Wilfried later pursued further studies in Rome after which he was appointed as Spiritual Director in the International Spiritual Year Center of the SMA in the Republic of Benin. He later went to teach Spirituality in the Ss. Peter and Paul Major Seminary in Ibadan in Nigeria and also as a formator in the SMA Formation House in Bodija. After his tenure as formator in Nigeria, he took a well-deserved Sabbatical Leave in the Republic of Ireland. Now Fr. Wilfried is taking up a new appointment as a formator in the SMA House of Formation in Accra Ghana, and hopefully he will be teaching in St. Paul's Catholic Seminary in Ghana. Let us keep him in our prayers as we wish him many more fruitful years in the service of God's people.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FUNCTIONS AND FUNCTIONARIES		
	1st Mass	2nd Mass
Choir	Morning Star	All Saints
Organist	Mr. Atta	
Lay Readers	Sis. Florence	Ma Elizabeth
	Sis. Tiziana	Sis. Kesley
Bid. prayers	Sis. Joycelyn	Sis. Kesley
Youth	3	21
Children	9	46
Women	19	76
Men	16	61

Total	**47**	**204**
Communion	26	89
Collections	131,50 euro	705,10 euro
Total	**836,60 Euros**	

MASS INTENTION

1. Sister Marion is thanking God for the 16th, 21st, and 25th birthday anniversaries of A'Naya Lena, C-J Ayuketah, and Kelsey-Dion Ayuketah respectively, as well as the 25th wedding anniversary of Florence and Valentine Ayuketah. She prays for God's continued blessings, good health, love, and guidance upon them all.

She also remembers her late brother, Max Metuge, on the 3rd anniversary of his passing, praying that the Lord grant him eternal rest and may his soul continue to rest in the bosom of God.

2. We thank God for the 25th Priestly Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Wilfried. May the Lord continue to bless, strengthen, and guide him in his priestly ministry, granting him good health, wisdom, holiness, and many more fruitful years in the service of God and His Church.

3. Mrs. Florence Opoku Boateng thanks God for the gift of another year in the life of her beloved father, Mr. Anthony Boateng. She prays for God's continued blessings, good health, peace, joy, protection, and guidance upon him, and for many more fruitful years.

INTRODUCTORY RITES *(All Stand)*



See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE *(All Stand)*

GLORIA **(***All Stand***)**

LET US PRAY *(All Stand)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (*All Sit)*

FIRST READING
A reading from the Book of Wisdom 12:13.16-19.

There any god besides you, whose care is for all men, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You who are sovereign in strength judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous man must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, and attend to my voice in supplication. **R**

2. All the nations you have made shall come; they will bow down before you, O Lord, and glorify your name, for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R**

3. But you, O God, are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, O Lord, abundant in mercy and fidelity; turn and take pity on me. **R**

SECOND READING
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 8:26-27.

Brethren: The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep

for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(All Stand)*

R. Alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43.

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowds, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world." Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

The Gospel of the Lord

CREED *(All Stand)*



I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

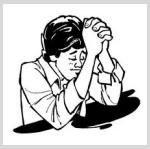
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness

of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL



Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, With faith and confidence, let us turn to our loving and merciful God, who patiently cares for all His children. As one family in Christ, let us present our prayers for the growth of the Church, the needs of our world, and the salvation of all people.

1. Jesus reminds us that good and evil exist side by side in the world. As we gather in faith, let us pray for the grace to be the good seed, bearing the fruits of love, peace, and righteousness, so that we may share in God's eternal kingdom.

We pray to the Lord

2. We pray for ourselves, that the Lord may protect us from all evil, strengthen us by the Holy Spirit, and guide us each day in faith and holiness

We pray to the Lord

3. We pray for those who sow division, falsehood, and discord in the Church, that God's grace may convert their hearts and make them instruments of truth, peace, and unity.

We pray to the Lord

4. We pray for Rev. Fr. Wilfried, as he celebrates the 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination, that the Lord may continue to bless him with good health, wisdom, holiness, and the grace to serve God's people faithfully for many more years.

We pray to the Lord

5. We join in prayer with Sister Marion, Rev. Fr. Wilfried and Mrs. Florence Opoku Boateng whose special intentions are offered at this Mass: that God, in His infinite mercy, may hear their prayers, bless their families, and grant them their needs according to His holy will.

We pray to the Lord

6. We pray that all our departed brothers and sisters and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith may enjoy eternal life as won for us by Christ.

We pray to the Lord

Celebrant: O Lord our God, whose care is for all people, send your Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness, that despite our failures, we may know the power of your forgiveness and the strength of your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The mystery of faith.

All: *We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MEDIATION AFTER COMMUNION

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving, Be every moment Thine. **(3X)**

Jesus, I love you, all I have is yours. Yours I am and yours I want to be, Do with me whatever you will. **(3X) Amen**.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The church is open on Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm for Eucharistic Exposition and silent adoration.

2. This coming Friday, there will be Holy Mass at 18:00 followed by Faith Sharing. All are warmly encouraged to take part.

3. There will be catechism lessons next Saturday at 3:00 pm. All catechism candidates should take note and be punctual. We respectfully appeal to parents that if their child is not able to attend catechism for whatever reason, they should inform the parish priest.

4. Next Sunday, there will be two Masses at **11:00 a.m.** and **1:00 p.m.** Parishioners are kindly encouraged to arrive on time.

5. Lay Readers for next Sunday: 1st Mass: Sister Deborah and Sister Joycelyn. 2nd Mass: Sister Bernadette and Sister LindaMary.

6. This Saturday, the Youth Biblical Apostolate will hold Bible Studies at **2:00 p.m.** All members are kindly encouraged to attend and to remember to do their quiet time in preparation.

7. Special prayers and blessings for those who requested today's mass.