



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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*Upcoming Next Week...*

- ♥ Sunday, March 29, 2026 || Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- ♥ Procession Starts @ 7:00am



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at 7AM**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### ♥ Sunday, March 22, 2026 || Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### ♥ Monday, March 23, 2026 || Monday of The Fifth Week of Lent

- Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Jn 8:1-11

### ♥ Tuesday, March 24, 2026 || Tuesday of The Fifth Week in Lent

- Nm 21:4-9 / Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 / Jn 8:21-30

### ♥ Wednesday, March 25, 2026 || Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

- Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

### ♥ Thursday, March 26, 2026 || Thursday of The Fifth Week in Lent

- Gn 17:3-9 / Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Jn 8:51-59

### ♥ Friday, March 27, 2026 || Friday of The Fifth Week in Lent

- Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 / Jn 10:31-42

### ♥ Saturday, March 28, 2026 || Saturday of The Fifth Week of Lent

- Ez 37:21-28 / Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 / Jn 11:45-56

### ♥ 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

## 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.

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 4:00pm

The **Catholic Standard** is available for sale at the Parish. Interested persons should contact **Mr. Alfred Dzorgbesi**



# SUNDAY GOSPEL

## Reflections

### JESUS' HUMAN AND DIVINE LOVE

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. John 11:32–35

Jesus' humanity shines clearly in today's Gospel. In the face of Lazarus' death, Jesus is deeply moved by the grief around Him. The Gospel says He "became deeply distressed and troubled" and eventually "wept." The Greek word for "deeply distressed," *embrimaomai*, suggests a strong emotional disturbance, even indignation or anger. It could be translated as "He snorted in spirit," indicating an involuntary, visceral response from the depth of His soul. Some commentators suggest Jesus' anger wasn't directed at the people weeping but at the reality of death itself, caused by sin. As God, Jesus knew death was never part of the Father's original plan for humanity. From a di-

vine perspective, He saw death as a consequence of sin. From this point of view, death provoked righteous indignation and deeply troubled His human heart.

As the passage continues, Jesus' humanity is powerfully portrayed in the shortest verse in the Bible: "And Jesus wept." Why did He weep? Saint Paul reminds us in Hebrews: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus' tears show us that the Holy Trinity knows human pain firsthand. The Incarnate Son allowed Himself to experience sorrow, and the Father and the Holy Spirit shared in this sorrow through Him.

It's important to note that Jesus' sorrow was different from the weeping of Lazarus' sisters and the others present. Jesus' weeping uses the Greek word *edakrysen*, which means "to shed tears" or "weep silently." His tears were personal, controlled, intimate, heartfelt, and full of divine compassion. In contrast, the weeping of the others is described by the Greek word *klaió*, meaning loud wailing, a typical expression of communal and ritualistic mourning at the time. Jesus' grief was neither ritualistic nor excessive; it was intimate and heartfelt, born from personal sorrow and divine compassion.

We must never forget Jesus' deep compassion, empathy, and sorrow. His human heart feels the same emotions we do—He grieves when we grieve, shares in our pain, and is moved by the hold sin has on us. After feeling these emotions at Lazarus'

death, Jesus stood outside the tomb and "cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'" (John 11:43). We can imagine the passion behind His command. In our lives, when we are trapped in sin or burdened by human weakness, we must hear Jesus calling us to freedom with the same divine authority and human passion.

Reflect today on Jesus' humanity and how He perfectly understands everything we experience. His deep empathy for our suffering and His joy when we rise with His grace show us how intimately He knows us. God became one of us in every way, sharing in our human condition—though without sin—so that we might share in His divinity. Ponder His humanity and let His closeness draw you to Him, giving you a share in His divine life.

Most compassionate Lord, You experienced human nature in its fullness. Though You never sinned, You allowed Yourself to feel the effects of our sin and suffering, filling them with Your divine compassion. Help me to always remember Your humanity, knowing that through it, I come to share in Your divinity. Jesus, I trust in You.



**5TH**  
*Sunday Of*  
**LENT**

***“The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness. It is also reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Remember this: God, in judging us, loves us. If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but my own self, because God never condemns, he only loves and saves.”***



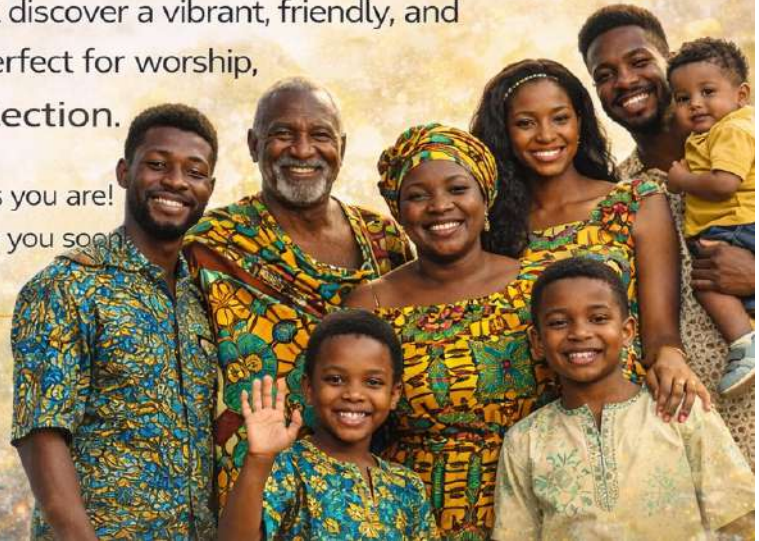
# WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

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
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- ♥ Our Lady of Lourdes, Kpando-Agbenoxoe
- ♥ Margaret Marquart Chaplaincy, Kpando
- ♥ St. Benedict, Sovie
- ♥ Ss. Peter & Paul, Anfoega
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**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.*



# ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, HO-DOME



## Palm Sunday

✧ OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ✧



Sunday,  
29th March,  
2026



7:00am



Ahoe  
Community Center





# HOLY WEEK TIMELINE



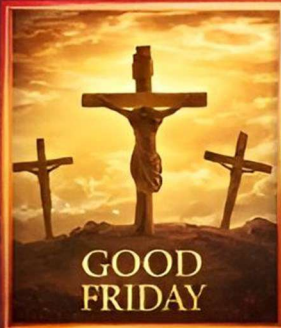
## *Palm Sunday - 29th March*

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



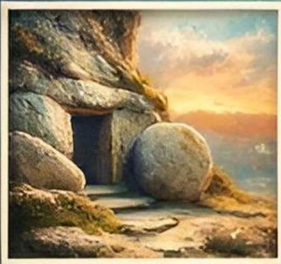
## *Holy Thursday - 2nd April*

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

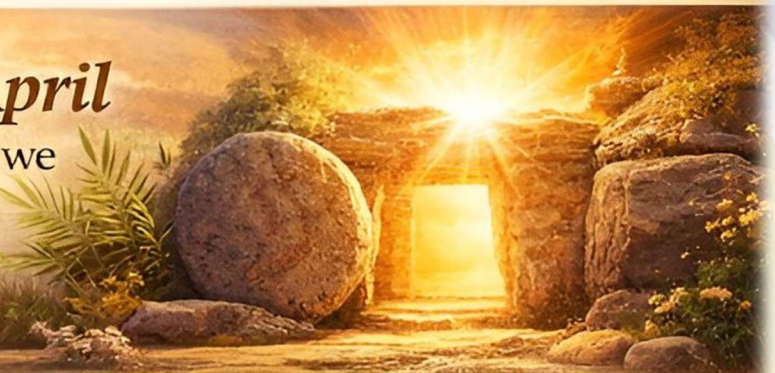


## *Holy Saturday - 4th April*

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



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**Announcements**

**KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF MARSHALL**  
will be responsible for cleaning the chapel and the church premises next Saturday towards Mass on Sunday. They will also bring items for offertory.

**SUNDAY, 4:00PM**  
Catechism will be held this Sunday at 4:00pm.

**Palm Sunday Procession**  
Starts at exactly 7:00am.  
Meeting Point: Ahoé Community Center near Ahoé roundabout  
**SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH**

**Stations of the Cross**  
There will be Stations of the Cross on **FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH | 7:00PM**

*Jesus calls us to prayer and reflection during this Holy Week. Let us come together to commemorate His Passion.*

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**LAST SUNDAY'S CHURCH COLLECTION**

ITEM	AMOUNT (GHC)
Offertory Collection	3,247.20
Development Collection	2,524.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,771.40</b>

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*“What we see in Christ is sacrificial love. Merciful love. Love that values the well-being of others above itself. Love that will generously and fully pour itself out, whatever the cost, in order that the beloved might benefit, flourish and thrive.”*



## CLEANUP EXERCISE

The **Israel Group** 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.



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



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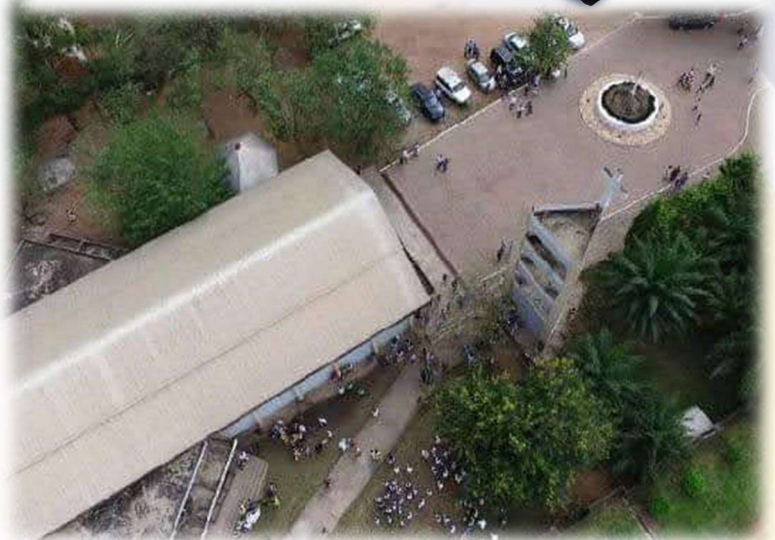
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