

Cameroon Catholic Community, Atlanta, GA

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St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
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Sunday, January 20, 2013

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Readings for Mass

OFFERTORY

Nov. 18, 2012 – \$5,064.55

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First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Mass Intentions:

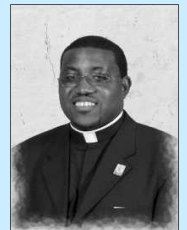
- Vox Populi - 2013!

Happy New Year 2013!

From the Desk of Fr. Henry

Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great joy that I greet you in the beginning of this year 2013. Time is a blessing. Whenever we celebrate the New Year, it is an occasion to appreciate the passage of time. The old is gone and rests behind us; the future comes with its opportunities and blessings. Let this New Year offer us the opportunity to be forward thinking and to view the past merely as a conduit to a more positive and fruitful future.



This coming November marks our fifth year in existence as a community of faith and prayer. With a simple invitation and an uncertain vision, many of us congregated at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church, Norcross, GA in November 2008 to begin this journey of love. Today, we continue to reap of its bounty. In November, we shall gather to thank God again for walking the entire way with us.

This year will be filled with many activities and events and I call on everyone to make an extra endeavor to support this community.

On **January 26, 2013** we shall have our Ecumenical Cameroon Day of Prayer under the theme ***Our God is an awesome God.*** It is only logically that God's children come together to begin the year by asking for His divine assistance in the days and months ahead. This event will take place at the **Monarch Ballroom Hall, 1960 Day Drive, Duluth, GA 30096. It shall begin at 8:30pm prompt.**

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CCC-ATLANTA 2013
LITURGICAL EVENTS

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Mass	20 - CCC Mass	17 - CCC Mass	17 - CCC Mass	21 - CCC Mass	19 - CCC Mass (Pentecost)	16 - CCC Mass
Choir	CCC Choir	LESA	SOBA	CCC Choir	BIROCOL	SHESA
Lectors	1st: Josephine Atem 2nd: Zuriel Tabe	1st: LESA 2nd:	1st: SOBA 2nd:	1st: CCC Choir 2nd:	1st: BIROCOL 2nd:	1st: SHESA 2nd:
Meetings	13- CCC Committee Meeting 20- CWA Meeting (1hr before Mass) 27- CWA Meeting (last Sunday of month)	1 - Youth Meeting 8 - CCC Committee Meeting 17 - CWA Meeting 24 - CWA Meeting (last Sunday of month)	3 - Youth Meeting 8 - CCC Committee Meeting 17 - CWA Meeting 31 - CWA Meeting	5 - Youth Meeting 12 - CCC Committee Meeting 21 - CWA Meeting 28 - CWA Meeting	3 - Youth Meeting 10 - CCC Committee Meeting 19 - CWA Meeting 26 - CWA Meeting	7 - Youth Meeting 14 - CCC Committee Meeting 16 - CWA Meeting 30 - CWA Meeting
Notable Events:	21 - MLK Birthday 26 - Cameroon Day of Prayer	13 - Ash Wednesday 17	31 - Easter	7 - Divine Mercy	12 - Mother's Day 20 - National Day 27 - Memorial Day	3 - The Martyrs of Uganda 16 - Father's Day

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In February, we shall also conduct another stewardship drive. Many of you might have noticed that the same faces seem to do most of the work. It is only fair that we offer others a chance to take ownership of our community events and demonstrate their talents. Please, prayerfully consider joining a ministry and actually participating in its activities.

I'd like to use this opportunity to sincerely thank all those whose service to our community last year was outstanding. Without your selflessness, our community will not enjoy the steady growth that she has enjoyed for some time now. I thank especially the members of the organizing committee who support me directly in the running of the affairs of our community. They include **Mr. Dan Tayong, Mrs. Kila Fobi, Mrs. Evelyn Akoh-Asana, Mr. Sebastian Wallang, Mrs. Charity Tayong, Mrs. Lucy Wallang and Ms. Judith Atem.** Your service is beyond measure. May God bless you enormously!

As we begin this New Year, I ask for your continuous prayers and support so that God may guide us all in his faithful service.

In Christ

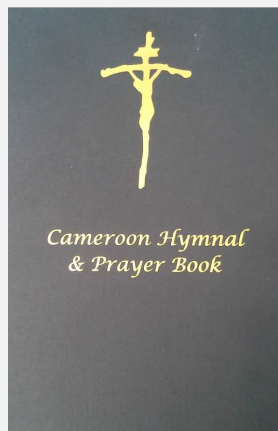
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2013 CALENDAR EVENTS SCHEDULE

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Mass	21 - CCC Mass	18 - CCC Mass	15 - CCC Mass	20 - CCC Mass	17 - CCC Harvest Thanksgiving Mass	15 - CCC Mass
Choir	SWESA	CCC Choir	SABESA	OPSA	CCC Choir	CCC Choir
Lectors	1st: SWESA 2nd:	1st: CCC Choir 2nd:	1st: SABESA 2nd:	1st: OPSA 2nd:	1st: CCC Choir 2nd:	1st: CCC Choir 2nd:
Meetings	12 - CCC Committee Meeting 19-21 - Youth Conference (Steubenville) 21 - CWA Meeting (1hr before Mass) 28 - CWA Meeting (last Sunday of month)	2 - Youth Meeting 9 - CCC Committee Meeting 18 - CWA Meeting (1hr before Mass) 25 - CWA Meeting (last Sunday of month)	6 Youth Meeting 13 CCC Committee Meeting 15 CWA Meeting (1hr before Mass) 29 CWA Meeting (last Sunday of month)	4 - Youth Meeting 11 - CCC Committee Meeting 20 - CWA Meeting (1hr before Mass) 27 - CWA Meeting (last Sunday of month)	1 - Youth Meeting 8 - CCC Committee Meeting 17 - CWA Meeting (1hr before Mass) 24 - CWA Meeting (last Sunday of month)	6 - Youth Meeting 13 - CCC Committee Meeting 15 - CWA Meeting (1hr before Mass) 29 - CWA Meeting (last Sunday of month)
Notable Events:	4 - Independence Day	15 - The Assumption	2 - Labor Day	31 - Halloween	17 - CCC 5th Anniversary 28 - Thanksgiving	25 - Christmas Day 28 - Cameroon Christmas Party

THE LESSONS OF CANA

Happy New Year to everyone and thank God for another year filled with “epiphanies” as we just celebrated the Christmas season. We have obviously been showered with liturgies telling us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Then come the wedding feast at Cana where Jesus performs his first miracle or sign as John calls it. The wanting wine threatens to spoil the celebration of new love but Mary our intercessor will not let that happen. She states simply, “they have no wine” knowing that He will make things right. She proceeds to tell the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” (John 2:4-5) With these words, Jesus reveals his divinity so that, just as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, all people can realize just how much our God rejoices in us.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding – from Adam and Eve in Genesis to the marriage supper of The Lamb in the book of Revelation? This is because marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the Groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today’s first reading. Though Israel breaks the covenant God promises to take her back. To “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant. “...as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Isaiah 62: 1-5)

The lesson of Cana goes a long way to cement our relationship with our God. The miracle of the “good wine” continues through the outpouring of the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit to each individual. Jesus is the divine Bridegroom calling us to His royal wedding feast. The miracle we celebrate the most here is the gift of Mary who is blest among women and blest is the fruit of her womb (Luke 1:42). We celebrate her intercession today because she intercedes for us all the time. She is the masterpiece of the Master. This does not glorify Mary at the expense of Jesus. She is the new Eve, the true “mother of all the living” (Gn 3:20). The Master is praised because of the masterpiece. It focuses attention on the Master. Shout with Mary: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord” (Lk. 1:46). We also listen when she says “Do whatever He tells you.”

Have a blessed 2013.
Shalom!
Tobias Fonge.

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**2nd Annual
Cameroon Day Of Prayer**
Theme : Our God Is An Awesome God

Date: Saturday January 26th 2013

Time: 8:30 pm - 11pm

Place: The Monarch Ballroom .1960 Day Drive, Duluth GA 30096

*All Cameroonians & Friends Of Cameroon Are Invited To
Join Us For An Evening Of Prayer, Praise, & Fellowship*



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