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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 02/01/23 - 6:30PM

1 Jn. 2:22-28 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Jn. 1:19-28 (Basin the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)

TUESDAY - 03/01/23 6:30AM

1 Jn. 2:28 - 3:6 / Ps. 2:7-8, 10-11 / Jn. 1:28-34 (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

WEDNESDAY - 04/01/23 - 6:30AM

1 Jn. 3:7-10 / Ps. 98:1, 7-9 / Jn. 1:35-42

THURSDAY - 05/01/23 - 7:00PM

1 Jn. 3:11-21 / Ps. 100:1-5 / Jn. 1:43-51

FRIDAY 06/01/23 - 6:30AM

1 Jn. 5:5-13 / Ps. 148:12-15, 19-20 / Mk. 1:7-11

SATURDAY - 07/01/23 - 7:00AM

1 Jn. 5:14-21 / Ps. 150:1-6, 9 / Jn. 2:1-11 (Raymond of Penyafort)

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 08, 2023 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD (CYCLE A)

7:00PM - VIGIL MASS

6.30AM - 1ST MASS

8.00AM - 2ND MASS

10.00AM - 3RD MASS

PLEASE ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE

1ST READING - ISA. 60:1-6

RES. PSALM - PS. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

2ND READING - EPH. 3:2-3, 5-6

GOSPEL - MATT. 2:1-12

May God Be Gracious and Bless Us This Year

Dear People of God, today is a special day for all of us; today is the first day of the first month of this brand new year. Today is 1st January 2023. Today, Christians celebrate several festive events. We celebrate, first of all, New Year's Day; then we think of the circumcision of Jesus which took place eight days after His birth; the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; and finally, in 1968 Pope Paul VI chose January 1 as the "World Day of Peace". On this Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord and the First Day of the Year 2023, we seek God's blessings at this Eucharistic Celebration. Because of Mary's Son, we have gained and attained sonship of God and so we can confidently call God, "Abba", Father.

On Friday, 30th December, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, a model for all who fear the Lord and walk in His ways. It gave us an opportunity to reflect on the state of our families. We reflected on the importance of family life rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family: lessons of silence, a communion of love, austere and simple beauty, sacred and inviolable character, and of the virtue of hardwork and sacrifice. Our attention was drawn to each member's specific role in the plan of God and how we must endeavour to work out our roles perfectly. The Holy Family is exemplary in virtues of love, obedience, harmony, cooperation and understanding. We saw that families must be united and supportive of each other in times of joy and happiness, likewise in danger, pain, and suffering. We were reminded that honouring father and mother, obeying, helping, and being kind toward them guarantee a life of gladness and reward from God. Though the virtues of compassion, care, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience and forgiveness should adorn the life of every member of a family, love must rate above all these virtues.

In fact, God should and must be the focal point of our families such that whatever we do in word or deed, will be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. No matter how we started or our families started, what matters is our renewed commitment to being family people. Striving to fulfil our God-given roles as members of the family should be our daily motivation and goal. We prayed and continue to pray for all earthly families, those facing challenges, difficulties and struggles, that all may imitate the Holy Family in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity. The family, even one with problems, is our Nazareth where through all the dynamics of family life, good and bad, people can still grow in wisdom, grace and in the fear of the Lord.

On this New Year's Day, Mother Church invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, through whom the world would be blessed. It gives us the opportunity to also bless God for Mary, who bore for us the Child she named Jesus, the Saviour. Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus", Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Holy Spirit and even before the birth of her Son, as "the mother of my Lord". In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. Hence, the Church confesses that Mary is truly the "Mother of God" (*Theotokos*). Mary does not understand everything that happens but she welcomes and ponders in her heart what God is doing in and with her. Her

fiat ('yes') was a response of faith. New Year promises new and fresh beginnings. We enter this new year imitating Mary's "yes" to God, her attentiveness and receptivity to God's Word with a refreshed vision of faith, and a renewed commitment to Christ and His Church.

The first reading from the Book of Numbers is a priestly blessing in which the "name" of God is invoked on the people. The priest prayed these blessings on the people of God: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord let His face shine upon you; the Lord uncover His face to you and bring you peace". To let the Lord's face shine upon us is to see the presence of God in all the events of our lives and to see, woven in these events, the Lord's strengthening, correcting, helping, healing, teaching, and redeeming graces. There is a presence of the Lord in everything that happens to us. St Paul in the second reading sums up the purpose of the Incarnation, God made man. That is, God sent forth His Son to save us and then sent forth His Spirit into our hearts so that we can be heirs of Christ's mission, not to be slaves, but sons and daughters of God. In our Gospel, the shepherds found the infant with Mary and Joseph. A classic feature of our Catholic life is to make Mary and Joseph companions in our spiritual life. They will lead us to a deeper union with Jesus Christ. Mary is the quiet light, the morning star to guide us. What better way to begin the new year than to ask for her help so that we would have the stamina, faith, and courage she showed in listening to the Lord's command.

Many are the resolution we have made for the new year regarding our life, family, work, friends, career, faith, and many other aspects of life. One good resolution for this year is to use our time in prayer to discern God's face, God's presence, and God's Word to us in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to know that everything has its place in God's redeeming plan. Another good resolution for the new year is to define ourselves not by what we are against but by what we are for; not just to oppose but to promote; not to lament what we find in our world but to focus on what we will bring to our world; not to curse the darkness but to light a candle. We can be the positive change we want to see around us such that where we do not find honesty, truth, respect, loyalty, and fidelity, we can put them there. We need to rekindle the light of our faith and be the light of the world so that the face of the earth may be renewed.

Beloved, at the beginning of the New Year, may the Lord bless and keep you; may He let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; and may He uncover his face to you and bring you peace.

Dear students, how do you do? Welcome to the Year 2023. May God bless, protect and keep us safe throughout the year. Pax!

Please be reminded to stay well, healthy and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Remember to observe all the safety protocols. Get vaccinated if you are not. Your life is dear to us.

Happy and Blessed Year 2023.

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

PASTORAL TEAM

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah - 02499999616
Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine - 0207024221
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrwin SJ - 0277154777
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: 6:22-27

2nd Reading: Gal. 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk. 2:16-21



General Notices

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm. All safety Protocols will be observed.

Charity to the Sick and Homebound:

We are taking Offertory Gifts and Second Collection today Sunday January 1, 2023 at all Masses. These items are to be sent to our sick and homebound parishioners. Parishioners should please give willingly.

Covid-19 Protocols: We plead and encourage all parishioners to please continue to wear the "NOSE MASKS" while in church for Liturgical Celebrations. All are encouraged to continue to observe the other Covid-19 Protocols.

Chaplaincy News Bulletin:

Please, sign up to receive News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy. You can do so at the Covid-19 Registration Desk after Mass or send a WhatsApp message to this number: 0596036520.

NB: You need to save the number to receive messages from the number on WhatsApp.

Dues (Membership) Cards and Registration:

All parishioners who do not have themselves Dues Cards and all those who have not registered should see the Catechists after Mass to help you or come to the Chaplaincy Office to do so. Please take note.

Chaplaincy Momo Pay: The Chaplaincy has acquired a Merchant Sim. Parishioners are advised to make payments of Harvest Levy, Chapel Fund Contributions, etc. through the Merchant

ID: 097655 to enjoy less charge.

Collection of Baptismal Cards:

The Chaplaincy Office wishes to remind parishioners (Parents and Guardians) who have their children and wards Baptismal Cards at the office to please come and pick them.

Security Consciousness: Parishioners are being informed to be security conscious when we come to church. Groups/Societies should try to educate their members to be alert but not to create any fear in them. We encourage all parishioners to alert the Ushers of any unwanted behaviour. ***"Say something when you see something"***

Use of Washrooms: We entreat parishioners; both children and adults, to put the washrooms to order and clean after use in order not to inconvenience the next user.



FUN FACT

The last pope to resign before Pope Benedict XVI in 2013 was Pope Gregory XII in 1415 - almost 600 years between them!

Committees, Groups & Societies

Family and Marriage Life Committee:

There is going to be a Marriage Counselling Session for all parishioners who wish to solemnise their marriages in 2023, especially those within the first half of 2023 (January to June). The Counselling Session begins in the third week in January, i.e. January 15, 2023. Interested parishioners are to register at the Chaplaincy Office before January 15, 2023.

Charismatic Renewal (Local):

The C.C.R. – Local members are reminded that today Sunday January 1, 2023 at their usual place for prayers. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

Health Committee: The Chaplaincy Health Committee informs parishioners of its existence and also entreat us to channel our health needs and concerns to the Committee through the contact number 0241133879 (WhatsApp Number) for consideration. These needs and concerns may help the Committee to plan its programme of activities for the year and subsequent years.

Chaplaincy Public Relations Committee:

The Chaplaincy Public Relations Committee would like to inform parishioners that we are live on Social Media. Find and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. You can

also send us a mail on knust-catholicchaplaincy@gmail.com.

Catholic Women Association (CWA):

The Catholic Women Association is inviting new members to join them. Interested parishioners are to meet with the President after Mass.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:

Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary, Twi and English Praesidia, Virgin Most Powerful and Our Lady of Holy Rosary meet this and every Wednesday and Thursday at 5.30pm respectively. New and old members are warmly welcome.

Marriage Banns



: **1. Mr. Augustine Dery**, son of Mr. Romanus Dery and Mad. Mary Kyelser, born at Ayigya, Kumasi, now residing at Ayigya Zongo, Kumasi and **Ms. Rita Tuotege**, daughter of Mr. Postino Tuotege and Mrs. Florence Tuotege, born at Ayigya, Kumasi, now residing at Ayigya Zongo, Kumasi (**3rd Announcement – To be Introduced**)

2. Mr. Stephen Ofori, son of Mr. Yakubu Yaro and Mad. Ao Nsi-ah, born at Sandema, used to reside at Mampong, now residing at Kenyase and **Ms. Evelyn Baani**, daughter of Mr. Yenereba Baani and Mrs. Christiana Baani, born at Ayigya, Kumasi, now residing at Kenyase. (**2nd Announcement**)

3. Mr. Daniel Nan Oshimpoh, son of Mr. Joseph Akwasi Tetteh and Mrs. Theresah A. Tetteh, born at Ayigya, Kumasi, residing at Ayigya, Kumasi and **Ms. Catherine Darkowaa**, daughter of Mr. Francis Bonsu and Mrs. Janet Mensah Bonsu, born at Pankrono, Kumasi, residing at Pankrono Estate, Kumasi. (**1st Announcement**)

4. Dr. Bernard Kodwo Nkum, son of Prof. Bernard Cudjoe Nkum and Mrs. Gifty Nkum, born in Kumasi, resided at Brofoyedu, now residing at Doctors' Flat, Bantama – Kumasi and **Ms. Abena Pokuah Gyamfi**, daughter of Mr. Kojo Gyamfi and Mrs. Theresah Gyamfi, born in Kumasi, resided at Patasi, Kumasi, now residing at Nyankyerenease, Kumasi (**1st Announcement**)

Youth Corner

1. Youth Mass comes off this and every Thursday at 7pm.
All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

Pax Corner

Christmas Break

The University Community is on break and will resume on Tuesday January 3, 2023. The Chaplaincy Office will also open on same.

Funeral Announcement

We announce the death of Mad. Jane Mary Songnibe, a former parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association. The one-week observation will be held on Monday January 2, 2023 at Offinso-Ahenkro D/A Primary School from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are to mourn with the bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

Sincere Thanks: Dr. & Mrs. Peter Neefjees Mensah are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Marriage and Family Life Committee, Youth Choir, Catechists, Ushers, various groups and societies and parishioners for your prayer, presence and presents during their Holy Matrimony. They ask for God's blessings for you.

Inspirational Quotes For Living: Are you down hearted, living to find your purpose and excited about life? Look no further. Grab your copy of Books on Quotes by Prof. Marian Asantewah Nkansah to add colour and flavour to your life. Copies are at the Sales Desk for GH¢30.00.

Admission – Catholic Technical Institute (CTI): The Catholic Technical Institute located at Buokrom Estate is admitting fresh students both full time and part time for the following NABPTX Programme: (a) Air-Condition and Refrigeration (b) Architectural Designing Technology (c) Auto Body Works (d) Auto Mobile Engineering (e) Building Construction Technology (f) Carpentry & Joinery (g) Catering (h) Electronic Engineering Technology (i) Fashion & Design Technology (j) Mechanical Engineering Technology (k) Plumbing & Gas Technology and (l) Welding & Metal Fabrication. Call on these numbers for help: 0209342299/ 0322070702 / 0245024615 / 0244051857.

Our Lady of Grace (OLAG) S.H.S., Mampong – 2023 Entrance Examination: Our Lady of Grace Senior High School, a Private Catholic Senior High School located at Mampong (15kms away from Kumasi) within the Catholic Diocese of Konongo-Mampong is inviting students for 2023 Entrance Examination. Please, for full details, visit the Notice Board and read for yourselves.

Job Opportunity: 1. A parishioner wants a qualified Driver to work with. Interested parishioners should please call on 0263712771 / 0206879957.

2. Someone is looking for a lady between the ages of 19 and 25 to work with in Bread Baking Business. She will be given an accommodation and also teach her how to go about the bread making. The workplace is at Oduom. Interested parishioners should call 0546437159 or 0241294858 for help.

3. Someone is looking for two (2) young girls who are smart and ready to be trained as Hair Dressers at Oduom, near Maple Wood Hotel. This comes with no cost. You will only buy your uniform(s). Interested parishioners should please call Kukua on 0546437159.

4. Someone is Looking for a young Catholic girl to work as a cook and house help. Interested persons may call 0202027360.

5. A Private School located near KNUST has openings for:

- (1) An Assistant Head Teacher
- (2) An ICT Teacher and
- (3) A Teacher in the Lower Primary Department.

Please call on 0243922599 or 0595217735 for help.

6. A Hotel is looking for a Receptionist, a Cook, and a Bar Attendant for immediate employment. Interested parishioners should leave their applications at the Chaplaincy Office or call 0277712314 // 0206938638.

Seeking for Job: A parishioner who has the qualification of a Professional Teacher is searching for a private/government school or even individuals to teach in and around Kotei. Interested persons/institutions can contact 0206744951 or 0595421091.

Rent Accommodation: 1. A parishioner is in need of a 2-bedroom apartment accommodation around KNUST – i.e. Ayeduase, Kotei, Deduako, Ayigya, Oduom, Bomso, etc. Please, you may call on 0208168663 to help.

2. A family is in need of a two-bedroom self-contained apartment around KNUST, i.e. Bomso, Ayeduase New Site, Boadi, Emena, or Kotei. You may please, call the family on 0243689445.

Rooms for Rent: A large room fitted with kitchenette, bath and toilet rooms. Available with effect from 1st September, 2022 at Ayeduase New Site, opposite Rhema Salvation Ministry, main KNUST-Ayeduase Road. Suitable for a single person, a couple or shared by at most 3 students of same sex. Contact 024 441 6770

Fianke Renewable & Organics Ltd.: One of the safest ways to avoid the hospitals is by eating organic vegetables. Let's provide you, home vegetable gardens in containers with 10 to 12 different vegetable crops for your household. We will assist you to your first harvest for as long as you wish. Call us on 0559492181. Take your health at heart.

Augen's Farm: Broilers available for sale – Augen's Farm, located at Ahinsan Estate, adjacent Good Shepherd School is selling live chickens, cutting and dressing. Parishioners should call on 0553708034 or 0232143509 for help.

Harvest 2022 Levies

Senior Members/Business Men & Women - **500.00**

Senior Staff - **300.00**

Junior Staff/House Wife - **150.00**

Tertiary Students-Univ./Poly. /Post Sec. - **50.00**

Senior High/Tech. Schools - **30.00**

Junior High/Prim./Kindergarten- **20.00**