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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 09/01/23 - 7:00AM

Isa. 42:1-4, 6-7 / Ps. 29:1-4, 9-10 /
Matt. 3:13-17 (Baptism of the Lord)

TUESDAY - 10/01/23 6:30AM

Heb. 2:5-12 / Ps. 8:2a, 5-9 / Mk. 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY - 11/01/23 - 6:30AM

Heb. 2:14-18 / Ps. 104:1-4, 6-9 / Mk. 1:29-39

THURSDAY - 12/01/23 - 7:00PM

Heb. 3:7-14 / Ps. 95:6-11 / Mk. 1:40-45

FRIDAY 13/01/23 - 6:30AM

Heb. 4:1-5, 11 / Ps. 78:3-4, 6-8 / Mk. 2:1-12 (Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

SATURDAY - 14/01/23 - 7:00AM

Heb. 4:12-16 / Ps. 19:8-10, 15 / Mk. 2:13-17 (B. V. M.)

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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. 49:3, 5-6

RES. PSALM - Ps. 40:2, 4, 7-10

2ND READING - 1 COR. 1:1-3

GOSPEL - JN. 1:29-34

Epiphany, Worship Christ With the Gift of Your Life

Dear People of God, today, the Second Sunday within the Christmas Season, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Year (A). We celebrate the revelation of Christ to the world. All the nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the Good News and to worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives. We join all the people of the world in worshipping the Infant King of the Jews. Epiphany, in commemorating the historical visit of the Magi to the newly born Christ child, celebrates the revelations of Christ to the Magi, at His Baptism in the Jordan, and Cana in Galilee as He worked the first of His "signs". Attention is drawn to how this feast continues to unfold the Christmas mystery, highlighting the revelation of God's saving love in Jesus. The readings focus on the universality of God's offer of salvation, symbolized by the presence of the Gentiles.

The first reading reflects the joy the inhabitants of Jerusalem felt after their return from Exile. God's promise of deliverance has been fulfilled and that saving act is like a beacon of light shining before the entire world, revealing the compassion and love of the Lord. It is that splendid act of mercy that draws even Gentiles to the Holy City, proclaiming the praises of the Lord as they stream toward Jerusalem from every corner of the earth. The light and glory of the Lord shining on God's people are enough to scatter their night and darkness, and to draw people and the world's wealth to them. All the nations gather to share in God's salvation. St Paul sees in his ministry to the Gentiles a similar manifestation of God's gracious offer of salvation to all people. He calls it a "mystery" that the Gentiles have become sharers in the promise; a mystery made known to him by revelation. As a Pharisee, a strict observer of the Law, nothing in Paul's background could have prepared him for such a startling revelation. Convinced as he had been of the privileged place of the Jewish people in God's plan of salvation, and remembering how fixated he was on the importance of a careful observance of the Law in order to be righteous in God's eyes, Paul writes now with wonder that Jew and Gentile alike are "members of the same body". Salvation is for all.

In the Gospel reading, the Magi, foreigners, wise men, are drawn to the Saviour by the light of a star. These "pagans", unschooled in the Law and ignorant of the Prophets, nonetheless find the Christ and adore him. St Matthew contrasts their attitude with that of King Herod, the Chief Priests, and Scribes, and indeed "all Jerusalem" who were insecure and in fear. Fear, which is a distractive force, causes us to make sure of our own security at any cost. But the question of the three wise men from the East, "where is the new-born King of the Jews?" is what we ask ourselves. Jesus is born King of the Jews. But Matthew shows us right from the beginning that He is not confined to the Jews. He is King of all nations and the visit of the non-Jews who offer Him their talents and their gifts is proof of it. Jesus is born for us all. The star, which in astral religion offers regularity and order, in today's Gospel

serves God's purpose and leads the Magi to Jesus, to whose rule they surrender themselves. The true guide to God's purpose in the world may be found not in the stars but in the Sacred Scriptures. When the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, they inquired where they might find the child who has been born King of the Jews. Consultations with religious leaders about the evidence of Scripture pointed to Bethlehem. Neither the religious leaders nor Herod seemed interested in acting on the Scripture. But the Magi did. They found great joy in the reappearance of the star and in discovering the Christ Child, to whom they gave precious gifts. The Scriptures guide us to Christ; surrendering to Him requires a personal decision. But yielding to the message about Christ, as the Magi did, helps transform our local Jerusalems into places of justice and peace.

In life, certain events occur to give us a signal that something has happened or is about to happen. Such events call us to do something or to refrain from doing something. Are we really aware of the signs of our times? While some of us react to signs, others pretend nothing is happening. The wise men saw a sign (a star) and they did something. They went on a journey in search of the new-born king. They were not just wanderers, shoppers, tourists or commentators on the journey. They went on a spiritual journey with a destination, guided by the star in their life. We, like the Magi, are on a spiritual journey with a specific destination, guided by the star of life. Things that happen in our life can be like the star, and if we are faithful to the graces given us, with that star we can come closer to the Lord. A lot of people looked into that night sky centuries ago and saw only stars. Only these Magi recognized the star as a sign and followed it to Christ. Lots of people experience positive or negative events in life. Only some recognize them as signs that lead closer to the Lord. Let us discover God in the events of life. That is Epiphany, the journey of every soul toward God. Do not be distracted by those who say all religions are equal and that all roads lead to the same point. They are not. If we follow the grace and light God gives us in the wisdom of the Church, we will discover Christ and worship Him with the gifts of our lives. Many are the "stars" in the Church that lead us to a deeper union, fulfilment, and peace in Christ.

Dear students, how do you do? We hope you are ready and prepared to be welcomed to another Academic Year. May God bless, protect and keep us safe. May He bring you to us safely. 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 Baghrmwin SJ - 0277154777
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Isa. 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matt. 2:1-12



General Notices

Feast of Baptism of The Lord: Monday January 9, 2023 is a Public Holiday and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast marks the end of the Christmas Season. As a result Mass will be in the morning at 7.00am. We encourage all parishioners to attend Mass.

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

Infant Baptism: There will be Infant Baptism on Saturday January 14, 2023 at 4.00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should come for instructions on Friday January 13, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 5.00pm with their children/wards' godparents. Please take note.

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 next Pope to take the name Sixtus would be referred to as Sixtus the Sixth—which sounds quite weird.

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 2023. Interested parishioners are to register at the Chaplaincy Office before January 15, 2023.

Local Council of Churches, KNUST – Prayer Session: There will be a Prayer Session next Sunday January 15, 2023 at the Victory Baptist Church from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Theme: Lord, Heal our Land. All parishioners are encouraged to be part of this program.

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 Associ-

ation 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.

Dagaaba Union: All members of the Dagaaba Union will meet next Sunday January 15, 2023 immediately after the 10.00am Mass at the Chaplaincy. We are encouraging all members to be present at the meeting.

Marriage Banns



1. Mr. Stephen Ofori, son of Mr. Yakubu Yaro and Mad. Ao Nsi-ah, born at Sandema, used to reside at Mamponteng, 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. **(3rd Announcement – To be Introduced)**

2. 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 **(2nd Announcement – To be Introduced)**

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. **(2nd Announcement)**

4. Mr. Owusu Ampem Kwarteng, son of Mr. Ampem Owusu Akyaw and Mad. Elizabeth Akua Bentiwaa, born in Accra, residing at Oduom, Kumasi and **Ms. Godslope Ampratwum**, daughter of Mr. Bossman Ampratwum Tawiah and Mrs. Florence Ampratwum, born in Kumasi, now residing in Kingswood, New South Wales, Australia. **(1st Announcement)**

5. Mr. Isaac Adusei, son of Mr. Kwabena Adusei and Mad. Elizabeth Sarfo (now Mrs. Elizabeth Sarfo Adusei), born in Kumasi, resided at Bomso, Kumasi, now residing at Kotei-Twumduase and **Ms. Patience Anim**, daughter of Mr. Ebenezer Anim and Mrs. Cynthia Anim, born in Kumasi, resided at Bomso, Kumasi, now residing at Kotei-Twumduase **(1st Announcement)**

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

Funeral Announcements

- We announce the funeral of Mad. Mary Achiaa, a parishioner as follows: file past at the Chaplaincy on Saturday January 14, 2023, burial Mass at 8.00am, burial at Ayigya, final funeral rites at KNUST Swimming Pool Site from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday January 15, 2023 at the 10.00am Mass, family gathering at KNUST Swimming Pool Site from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

- The final funeral of Mad. Agnes Aubyn, a parishioner and member of the Non-Aligned Movement and the mother of Ms. Philomena Augyn also a parishioner is announced as follows: lying in state on Saturday January 14, 2023 at her residence Ayigya, near CCC at 4.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, burial at Ayigya, final funeral rites at the KNUST Community Centre from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday January 15, 2023 at the Chaplaincy, family gathering at her residence Ayigya, near CCC. Parishioners are to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Ms. Philomena Aubyn to be introduced)**

Sincere Thanks

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 NABPTEx 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., Mampongeng – 2023 Entrance Examination: Our Lady of Grace Senior High School, a Private Catholic Senior High School located at Mampongeng (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**