



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Heb. 9:15, 24-28 / Ps. 98:1-6 / Mk. 3:22-30 (St. Vincent)

TUESDAY - 24/01/23 6:30AM

Heb. 10:1-10 / Ps. 40:2, 4, 7-10 / Mk. 3:31-35 (St. Francis de Sales)

WEDNESDAY - 25/01/23 - 6:30AM

Acts 22:3-16 / Ps. 117:1-2 / 16:15-18 (The Conversion of St. Paul)

THURSDAY - 26/01/23 - 7:00PM

2 Tim. 1:1-8 / Ps. 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 / Mk. 4:21-25 (Timothy and Titus)

FRIDAY 27/01/23 - 6:30AM

Heb. 10:32-39 / Ps. 37:3-6, 23-34, 39-40 / Mk. 4:26-34 (Angela Merici)

SATURDAY - 28/01/23 - 7:00AM

Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19 / Ps. Lk. 1:69-75 / Mk. 4:35-41 (St. Thomas Aquinas)

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2023 - FOURTH 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 - ZEPH. 2:3; 3:12-13

RES. PSALM - Ps. 146:7-10

2ND READING - 1 COR. 1:26-31

GOSPEL - MATT. 5:1-12

The Word of God: Jesus, Our Light, Our Hope!

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year (A). The Liturgy of the Word invites us to appreciate Jesus, the Light of the world. The Good News, the Word of God we have heard is like a beacon light which draws men and women irresistibly to Christ. We must not be content with lesser lights. Jesus is the great light, the Messiah, who heals us of our sins and who is our unity and peace.

Today is also the *Sunday of the Word of God*. In his *motu proprio* of 30th September 2019, *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis declared that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God”. This *Sunday of the Word of God* is fitting to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian Unity. Families, Groups, Societies, and Communities should find their own ways to mark this *Sunday* with a certain solemnity. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak His Word and to break Bread in the community of believers. Christ, the Word of God is our light and our salvation. He calls on each and every one of us today. He wants to give us life through meditating daily on the Word, allowing it to truly speak to us, and influence our choices and decisions. Mother Church encourage us to make the Word of God our own, living it with immense love, until it becomes the rule for everything we do. In this way, we will personally experience how the life of Jesus, the great light, is the only one that gives true meaning to our existence and answers all existential questions. Because of God’s Word, our light and our hope, we believe we shall see the Lord’s Goodness in the land of the living. May the Lord bless His Word in our hearts.

Beloved, our world is often caught up by despair and hopelessness. Events from the socio-economic and politico-cultural scenes hardly make one excited or hopeful for a better future. Yet, God once again tells us that a bright light will shine upon the people walking in darkness and in the shadow of death. The prophet Isaiah offers a vision of hope instead of fear based on what he sees as the sure intervention of Yahweh on behalf of His people. The optimism of this hopeful prophecy is highlighted by the imagery of light, bright dawn, blazing torches of victory, a harvest festival, and the revels of soldiers dividing spoils after victory. Hence, the refrain of the responsorial psalm puts on our lips the words of every believer who has come to experience the saving action of God in the ministry of Jesus: “The Lord is my light and my salvation”. This is not just for the biblical people and those inhabitants of the Holy land, but for all who hear God’s Word today. A bright light shines upon them: bringing light and hope to situations of fear, despair and hopelessness. This Light is the Word of God who calls men and women to Himself to save them and send them out to continue His mission. With God’s Word and Light in our

hearts, we can make up the differences between us instead of disagreeing among ourselves.

In our Gospel reading, we read how Jesus begins His ministry after the arrest of John the Baptist. Matthew quotes this passage of Isaiah directly, thus invoking its aura of triumphant expectation as an appropriate response to the messianic age ushered in by Jesus, whose vocation and destiny it is to fulfil what had been said through Isaiah. Jesus begins by proclaiming the arrival of God’s kingdom which requires the repentance of His listeners; He calls disciples, Peter and Andrew, the sons of Zebedee, James and John, to join Him and follow Him, transforming their initial profession into now being fishers of men; and in preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, He heals every disease and infirmity among the people. The conversion of the first four disciples and their immediate response to Jesus’ invitation leaves us thinking. If the call had come to you and me, we would probably want discussions, some counselling, and some research on decision-making as we weigh the options to ensure that we are responding to a genuine call. While we are doing all that, Jesus would move on to another town and we would miss the chance. Discussion is easy, but decision takes courage and strength. Interestingly, our lives are shaped not by our discussions but by our decisions. Likewise, analysis is no substitute for decision. We follow Jesus, the Word of God, the great Light, by making a choice, not by launching a discussion. Jesus’s call still holds for us today: “Come after me”. At once, they left their nets and followed. What about you?

Our Dear Freshmen and Women, in God’s name, you are warmly and cordially welcome. We join you in Thanksgiving to God for your safe arrival and the opportunity to be part of this One Big Family, KNUST. As Catholic Students, Pax Romana is your new home. Feel welcome and enjoy all the activities rolled out for you to keep and mature your Catholic Faith. Our aim is to help you Be a Catholic and Remain a Catholic on campus with a balanced Spiritual and Academic life. The Chaplaincy is yours; feel free to make use of the Chaplaincy environment. Do not be a stranger to your Catholic God. We continue to pray for the safe arrival of those yet to come and our beloved continuing students. We have missed you dearly! God bring you to us safe and sound. May God protect and keep us safe throughout the Academic 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.

Have a Blessed and Fruitful Week.

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. 8:23 - 9:3

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matt. 4:12-23



General Notices

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Sick/Aged/Homebound/

Infirm Parishioners: We are appealing to parishioners to furnish the Chaplaincy Office with the names and house addresses of sick, aged, homebound, and infirmed parishioners to enable our Catechists and Eucharistic Ministers visit and give them Communion.

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

Stephen Langton, the Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury from 1207 to 1228 is known to be the one who divided the Bible into chapters.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Liturgy Committee: Members of the Liturgy Committee will be having their first meeting of the year 2023 on Wednesday January 25, 2023 at the Msgr. John Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at exactly 5.30pm. Representatives of all Liturgical Groups are entreated to be present.

Local Council of Churches,

KNUST – Prayer Session: There will be a Prayer Session next Sunday January 29, 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 22, 2023 they will meet 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 Face-

book, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. You can also send us a mail on knustcatholicchaplaincy@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. 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. **(3rd Announcement – To be Introduced)**

2. 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 **(3rd Announcement – To be Introduced)**

Youth Corner

Youth Mass comes off this and every **Thursday at 7pm.**

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

Pax Corner

Student Mass comes off every **Tuesday at 6:30pm**

The International Movement of Catholic Students, IMCS Pax Romana KNUST Local will launch its 65th Anniversary on the 29th of January, 2023 at all Masses. They implore all parishioners to come on that day to support in the fund raising towards the Anniversary. Added to that, there will be rep your school to Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to join them.

Funeral Invitation

1. Dr. Godfred Owusu-Boateng, a parishioner and member of the Chaplaincy Management Committee announces the death of his mother Obaapanin Christiana Gyebi (a.k.a. Auntie Christi or Cabbage Hema). The One-Week Observation will be held on Tuesday January 24, 2023 at Adjamesu-Bekwai, Ashanti Region (off Kumasi-Obuasi Road). All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

2. Mr. Kwame Ofori announces the death of his mother Mr. Agnes Asantewaa Baifie (a.k.a. Auntie Baafi). The One-Week Observation will be held on Friday January 27, 2023 at Unique Park, Kotei at 12pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

Sincere Thanks: **1.** Mr. & Mrs. Ofori are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Marriage and Family Life Committee, Mass Servers, Christian Mothers' Association, Youth Choir, Lectors, Ushers, and parishioners for your support, prayer, presence and present during their Holy Matrimony. They ask for God's special blessings for you.

2. The family of Mad. Mary Achiaa wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Non-Aligned Movement, St. Joseph's Choir, Mass Servers, Ushers, Lectors, and parishioners for your support, prayer and generous donations during their bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for you.

3. The family of Mrs. Agnes Aubyn are expressing their heartfelt gratitude to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Joseph's Choir, Non-Aligned Movement, Mass Servers, Ushers, Lectors, and parishioners for your prayer, support, and generous donations during their bereavement. They pray that God blesses 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 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., 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.

2. Central University: (a) Central University, with campuses at Ayigya, Abossey Okai and Miotso is receiving admissions for its February Cohorts. School begins on **17th February 2023**. Admissions are on-going for both **Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programs**. Applications are available at the Kumasi Campus at Calvary Charismatic Centre (CCC) – Ayigya or online at www.central.edu.gh. For more information concerning programmes offered and admission requirements, kindly check the Chaplaincy Notice Board.

(b) Instant Admission: This is on-going at the Commercial Area, KNUST until Friday January 27, 2023.

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**