



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY - 13/02/23 - 6:30PM**

Gen 4:1-15, 25 / Ps. 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21 / Mk. 8:11-13

**TUESDAY - 14/02/23 6:30AM & 6:30PM**

Gen. 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / Ps. 29:1-4, 9-10 / Mk. 8:14-21 (Cyril)

**WEDNESDAY - 15/02/23 - 6:30AM**

Gen. 8:6-13, 20-22 / Ps. 116:12-15, 18-19 / Mk. 8:22-26 )

**THURSDAY - 16/02/23 - 7:00PM**

Gen. 9:1-13 / Ps. 102:16-22, 29 / 8:27-33

**FRIDAY 17/02/23 - 6:30AM**

Gen. 11:1-9 / Ps. 33:10=15 / Mk. 8:34 - 9:1 (The Seven Founders of The Order of Servites)

**SATURDAY - 18/02/23 - 7:00AM**

Heb. 11:1-7 / Ps. 145:2-5, 10-11 / Mk. 9:2-13 (B. V. M. )

**NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2023 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)**

**7:00PM - VIGIL MASS**

**6.30AM - 1<sup>ST</sup> MASS**

**8.00AM - 2<sup>ND</sup> MASS**

**10.00AM - 3<sup>RD</sup> MASS**

**PLEASE ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE**

**1ST READING - LEV. 19:1-2, 17-18**

**RES. PSALM - Ps. 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

**2ND READING - 1 COR. 3:16-23**

**GOSPEL - MATT. 5:38-48**

**Human Free Will, the Power to Choose Life or Death!**

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year (A). In Jesus is revealed a new Wisdom, a new Law, a new way of living. Happy are they who choose to keep His commandments and follow His ways.

Our first reading from the Book of Sirach, one of the Wisdom Literature, is a corpus of writing dedicated to showing how the wise person can live in harmony with God's plan for the world and thus fulfil the prescriptions of the Law. Written in Hebrew at the start of the second century before Christ, Sirach was not accepted into the Jewish canon of scripture and Protestantism consider it an apocryphal work, but Catholics regard it among the Deutero-Canonical, inspired books of Scripture. Today's excerpt stresses human freedom and our ability to choose between good and evil: an exhortation to choose wisely by following God's commandments. The author underscores that God is neither responsible for sin nor encourages or compels anyone to commit sin. He has given humanity the greatest gift of all time, that is, human free will (freedom): the ability to make deliberations and take decisions in life. God wants us to decide not to sin, but to decide for life. Committing sin is done by our free will, as Gen 2:10-17 and 3:1-8 confirm. Before every human person is placed fire and water, life and death, good and evil, whichever we choose will be given to us. God respects our decisions and choices. He does not command us to be ungodly nor has He permitted us to sin. The choice is ours. For our choice to be productive, Sirach admonishes us to keep God's commandments, which illuminate our path to bring us to a fulfilling, satisfying life of glorious blessedness, and freedom from sin. To live is to keep God's Law and trust Him.

The Psalmist tells of the blessings that come upon us when we choose rightly because God's Law is a precious gift to humanity; a sure guide pointing the way to happiness by living in accord with God's plan. Against this background, the Scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' time were renowned for their study of the Torah (Law) and for their scrupulous observance of its 613 prescriptions. Jesus' insistence that His disciples' holiness must surpass that of the Scribes and Pharisees in order for them to enter the Kingdom of God was shocking. In the Gospel, Jesus indicates that the Torah that had bound the people of Israel together is not abandoned altogether. He shows that His demands, the New Commandment, is completely different. It requires obedience at the level of the heart and not so much obedience to external laws. He instructs us on the particular aspects of the Law we must take seriously, which bear a human face. To lead our life by them is to enable the fulfilment of the Law and Prophets in the spirit of Christ. In juxtaposing the Torah and Jesus' demands, St Matthew offers a practical illustration of what Jesus is asking. Jesus requires an extraordinary interior conversion of the heart. Mere external compliance seems impossible; only love as the basis for action could render possible and meaningful the demands of Jesus.

For Jesus, it is not enough for His followers to say we do not murder people, we do not commit adultery, we do not perjure ourselves. Most people on earth do not murder, commit adultery or commit perjury. Christians should not be

sinfully angry. We are instructed not to deride another person's dignity by words that destroy their self-image. This requires we settle differences with our neighbours even before engaging in worship or religious activity. To do this will make us pure before God. Christians must avoid murder; however, we can destroy people in more subtle ways through hatred, defamation, and slander. We can equally destroy a person's good name by wounding insults, trivializing their self-worth, by dropping suggestive and malicious hints about their character. We may not stab people in the heart, but we can stab them in the back.

To choose not to commit adultery is good, however, Jesus requires His followers to avoid infidelity of the heart: that is the fantasizing, the toying with temptation through magazines or on the internet, the disengagement from the life of the family that can dry up family life and separate people even though they live in the same house. A situation of legally or canonically married, but emotionally they are divorced. Believers do well not to bear false witness, but the Lord wish Christians to avoid all forms of lies and the need to swear an oath. Our words ought to be clear, dependable and trustworthy, in and out of court, instead of loaded with loopholes, half-truths, mental reservations, and always crossing our fingers. Jesus is calling us to be people of truth, whose Yes is Yes, and whose No is No. He is teaching us to look within because attitudes precede actions. He wants His followers to respect others, to be faithful to marriage vows and family life, and to be truthful. We cannot say we are the product of our environment nor that everybody does it. We do not have to be like everyone else. We do have a choice. The Christian identity is not defined by what we do not do - murder, adultery, false witness - but by what we do. The best way to exercise human free will is to choose to do good always by adhering to Jesus' demands and His new way of living.

Our Dear Freshers, we hope you enjoyed your Matriculation Ceremony and have memories of it. Congratulations! You are now full members of this University. As Catholic Students, let us feel welcome and take part in all the activities rolled out to keep and nurture our Catholic Faith. To remain Catholics on campus with a balanced Spiritual and Academic life, we have to make the Chaplaincy ours. In all freedom, do not be a stranger to Catholicism. In living and exercising our free will (freedom), let us always choose to keep God's commandments and follow Jesus' new way of living. There are blessings in doing so. Be Salt of the earth and Light of the world. May God bless, protect and keep us safe throughout the Semester. 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 - 0249999616  
 Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine - 0207024221  
 Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrwin SJ - 0277154777

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**READINGS FOR THE DAY**

**1st Reading: Sir. 15:15-20**

**2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2:6-10**

**Gospel: Matt. 5:17-37**



## General Notices

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

**Reception of the Marian Statue:** The Chaplaincy will receive the Archdiocesan Marian Statue today Sunday February 12, 2023 at 3.30pm. All parishioners are entreated to be here for the reception and prayers.

**Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday February 22, 2023 is Ash Wednesday. There will be two (2) Masses at 6.30am & 6.30pm to enable many parishioners attend Mass. We will distribute ashes at the two (2) Masses and we will therefore, be pleased if parishioners will bring some of the blessed palm branches they took home from the chapel on April 10, 2022, for the purpose. Please, it is an obligatory for all Catholics to fast on Ash Wednesday and also on Good Friday. Please, take note.

**Catholic Priests Movie Premiere:** The Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi Priests present a movie titled: *“Touch Not My Anointed”*; a Richmond Afrane Film. This will be shown on Sunday February 26, 2023 at the

Chaplaincy here at 6.00pm. **Rates:** (a) Primary School Pupils – GH₵10.00, (b) JHS & SHS Students – GH₵20.00, (c) Single – GH₵40.00, and (d) Couple – GH₵70.00. Parishioners are encouraged to be here to watch this movie.

**Sick/Aged/Homebound/Infirmed 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

St. Francis of Assisi's original name was John. However, his father renamed him Francis in tribute to France, where he did most of his business.

## Committees, Groups & Societies

**I.T.I. – C.C.R. National Conference:** ITI-CCR under Pax Romana KNUST will be hosting all Tertiary Institutions here in our Chaplaincy from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023 for their National Conference. The launch will be next Sunday February 19, 2023 at all Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to support them in that regard.

**Twi Catechism:** It is announced to parishioners that Twi Catechism for all the Sacraments – Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation for year 2023 begins on Tuesdays and Wednesdays i.e. from February 7, 2023 at the Chaplaincy. Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Interested parishioners should please take note and register before it is too late.

**Charismatic Renewal (Local):** The C.C.R. – Local members are being reminded that today Sunday February 12, 2023, there will be prayer meeting at the usual meeting place. Members

are encouraged to be present and on time.

**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.

**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 [knustcatholicchaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:knustcatholicchaplaincy@gmail.com).

**Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:** 1. Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

2. The Executives and members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Confraternity welcome all members of the Students Wing of the Confraternity back to school. Fresh students of Pax are invited to join the Confraternity.

**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 be meeting next Sunday February 19, 2023 immediately after the 10.00am Mass. We encourage all members to be present at the meeting.

## Marriage Banns



**Marriage Banns:** **Mr. Samuel Oppong Nti**, son of Mr. Joseph Oppong and Mad. Rose Koduah, born in Accra, residing in Accra and **Ms. Evelyn**

**Bio Asante**, daughter of Mr. Samuel Bio Asante and Mad. Theresa Amoah, born at Esaase, Cape Coast, resided in Kumasi, now residing in Accra (**3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement**)

### 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**

**Students' Catechism:** Students Catechism starts this and every Saturday at the Committee Room 7 at Dr. R.P. Baffoe Complex at exactly 4.00pm. Students who want to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation should be part of the Class.

## Funeral Invitations & Announcements

**Funeral Announcement:** 1. Naa Julius P. Kuutiero II, a parishioner and member of Knights of St. John International announces the final funeral of his wife Naapog (Mrs.) Mary Charity Kuutiero also a parishioner and member of Knights and Ladies of St. John International and Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association also the mother of Lillian, Eunice, Dominic, Ivon, and Renata all parishioners as follows: the body had since been buried, final funeral rites on Saturday February 18, 2023 at the KNUST Swimming Pool from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 19, 2023 at the 8.00am Mass, family gathering after Mass at the KNUST Swimming Pool from 12noon to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Naa Julius P. Kuutiero II and children to be introduced**).

2. We announce the final funeral of Mr. Ralio Yiryelle Bagbio, a parishioner and the husband of Mad. Rose Tag-Kyen and also the father of Gordon, Patricia, Patrick, Priscilla, and Paschal as follows: lying in state on Friday February 17, 2023 at 4.00am, thanksgiving service on Sunday February 19, 2023 at the Roman Catholic Church at 9.00am, family gathering at the funeral grounds from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Mad. Rose Tag-Kyen and children to be introduced**)

3. We announce the funeral of Mad. Veronica Afriyie, a parishioner and member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity and Christian Mothers' Association as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 18, 2023 at 4.00am at Kentinkrono, burial Mass at Ayeduase Catholic Church at 10.00am, burial at Nyameani, final funeral rites at Kentinkrono School park from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 19, 2023 at Kentinkrono Roman Catholic Church at 8.30am. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

4. Mrs. Mary Adwoa Serwaa Edusei Offeh, a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and her daughter Mrs. Vivian Obaakua Akyiaa Offeh Osei, also a parishioner and member of the Theresian Int. announce the funeral of their husband and father Mr. Joseph Kofi Offeh (a.k.a. Manager – Hit Parade) as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 18, 2023 at his residence Plt. 358, Blk. X, Ayigya, Kumasi at 4.00am, burial Mass at his residence Plt. 358, Blk. X, Ayigya, Kumasi at 9.00am, burial at Boaman – Bekwai, final funeral rites at the KNUST Community Centre from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 19, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, family gathering at his residence from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Mrs. Mary Adwoa Serwaa Edusei Offeh and daughter Mrs. Vivian Obaakua Akyiaa Offeh Osei to be introduced**)

**Funeral Invitation:** 1. Mr. Paul Anyim, a parishioner announces the death of his wife Mad. Beatrice Ennim which occurred in December 2023. The final funeral rites had since been performed at her hometown.

2. Mrs. Grace Wilson, a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her mother Mrs. Monica Anorhene (a.k.a. Ante Serwaa) as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 18, 2023 at Old Ash-FM, Tafo Adompom, near True Vine Hospital at 4.00am, burial Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Ahwiaa, burial at Sekyedumase, final funeral rites at Old Ash-FM, Tafo Adompom, near True Vine Hospital from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 19, 2023 at the Roman Catholic Church, Ahwiaa, family gathering at Old Ash-FM, Tafo Adompom, near True Vine Hospital from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Mrs. Grace Wilson to be introduced**)

3. Ms Caroline Marfo and Sylvester Marfo are inviting parishioners to the funeral of their father Mr. Ebenezer Marfo as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 18, 2023 at Elysee Hotel, Gyenyase Ramseyer, burial service at Elysee Hotel, Gyenyase Ramseyer at 8.00am, burial at Kumawu Woraso, final funeral rites at KNUST Poolside at 12.00pm, thanksgiving service at Gethsemane Methodist Church, Feyiase at 8.00am, family gathering at KNUST Poolside at 12.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Ms. Caroline Marfo and Sylvester Marfo to be introduced**)

## Sincere Thanks

Mr. & Mrs. Owusu Ampem Kwarteng and their families wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain. Marriage and Family Life Committee, Catechists, Christian Mothers' Association, Lectors, Ushers, Youth Choir, and all who prayed and supported them during their Holy Matrimony. They ask for God's blessings for you all.



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**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 **17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.central.edu.gh). For more information concerning programmes offered and admission requirements, kindly check the Chaplaincy Notice Board.

**Job Opportunity:** 1. 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. She is also looking for a lady who knows how to fold bread as well as one to sell the bread and again looking for a male to help in removing the bread from the oven. The workplace is at Oduom. Interested parishioners should call 0546437159 or 0241294858 for help.

**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.

**Rooms for Rent:** 1. 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.

2. A Two-Bedroom apartment with bath, toilet, and kitchen at Nahiniso, closer to Kotei is ready for renting. Interested person should call 0547402059.

**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.

**Vegetables on Sale:** 100% Organic (no chemical) Vegetables are available at the Sisters of St. Louis Self-Reliant Project for the needy. Enjoy healthy vegetables and support the needy.

Venue – St. Louis Senior High School, behind the School Chapel. Contact 0244784394

### **Harvest 2022 Levies**

Senior Members/Business Men & Women -	<b>500.00</b>
Senior Staff -	<b>300.00</b>
Junior Staff/House Wife -	<b>150.00</b>
Tertiary Students-Univ./Poly. /Post Sec. -	<b>50.00</b>
Senior High/Tech. Schools	<b>-30.00</b>
Junior High/Prim./Kindergarten-	<b>20.00</b>