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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY - 13/03/23 - 6:30PM**

2 Kgs. 5:1-15ab / Ps. 42:3-4 / Lk. 4:24-30

**TUESDAY - 14/03/23 6:30AM & 6:30PM**

Dan. 3:25, 34-43 / Ps. 25:4-9 / Matt. 18:21-25

**WEDNESDAY - 15/03/23 - 6:30AM**

Deut. 4:1, 5-9 / Ps. 148:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Matt. 5:17-19

**THURSDAY - 16/03/23 - 7:00PM**

Jer. 7:23-28 / Ps. 95:1-2, 6-9 / Lk. 11:14-23

**FRIDAY 17/03/23 - 6:30AM**

Hos. 14:2-10 / Ps. 81:6, 8-11, 14, 17 / Mk. 12:28-34 (St. Patrick)

**SATURDAY - 18/03/23 - 7:00AM**

Hos. 6:1-6 / Ps. 51:3-4, 18-21 / Lk. 18:9-14 (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)

**NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (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 - 1 SAM.**

**16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

**RES. PSALM - Ps. 23:1-6**

**2ND READING - EPH. 5:8-14**

**GOSPEL - JN. 9:1-41**

**Come and Drink of Christ, the Living Water!**

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent, Year (A). We reflect on God satisfying the thirst of the Israelites whose hearts had become hardened and rebellious. Jesus also satisfies our thirst for eternal life by quenching our spiritual thirst with living water. Through the Spirit, God's grace has been poured into our hearts.

On the next three Sundays, we will read from the Gospel of John. According to ancient practice, in the Christian communities where there are Catechumens preparing for Baptism, these Gospel texts are used for the "Scrutinies", the final steps in their preparation for Baptism at Easter. The theme of water, so prominent in today's readings, is an unmistakable reflection of the Baptismal focus of these texts, yet there is a richness to them that is much broader than catechesis for Baptism. The first reading presents the situation of grumbling, mistrust, and lack of gratitude shown by the Israelites in the desert. Moses, the great intercessor, in whom Christian tradition has discerned an image of Christ the mediator, is contrasted with the Israelites. In the face of their mistrust, he believes in God's power to save; in the face of their grumbling, he lifts his hands in prayer; in answer to their test of the Lord, he proves God's presence by striking the rock to bring forth water. Thus, God provided water which the people of Israel drank in the desert for their survival.

The Gospel focuses our attention on how Jesus also quenches the thirst of a woman. Jesus and the Samaritan woman seem to be talking about drinking water but it is more than that. Jesus leads her beyond physical thirst to the thirst for the water that is the life that God Himself gives. When she realizes that Jesus is the Messiah, she calls the people of her village to come and meet Him. They in turn confess that Jesus is the "Saviour of the world". Upon encountering the Samaritan woman, an image of faithlessness, Jesus invites her to come to faith in Him. She represents every infidelity borne of trying to quench our cravings and desires on something other than the "living water" of God's love. Jesus links His offer of living water with His offer of the gift of faith: the opportunity He presents for the woman to recognize Him as the Messiah. Jesus alone can give this gift of life - giving water capable of satisfying our deepest cravings and desires in life.

The conversation between Jesus and the woman is not just about her, but very much about you and me. We never learn the woman's name, maybe because she stands for all of us in some way. She had several things against her: she was a Samaritan and there was deep-seated resentment between Jews and Samaritans that was centuries old in Jesus' time. She was a woman, and women were to be silent in the presence of a Rabbi. Finally, she was known as a sinner. For her multiple marriages, she was perhaps shunned by the neighbourhood which explains her solitary trip to the well alone at noontime, the hottest time of the day, when nobody else was around. She was a person on the margins of the society in which she lived. Jesus reaches out to her as He does to each and every one of us. Jesus knows our

past as He knew hers. What interests Him now is our future.

The "well", biblically, was a place where people gathered. In a sense, the Church is our well; where we gather with other Christians to meet the Lord. Through the Liturgy, the Lord speaks the truth of who we are, what we have done with our lives, and what we can do and become if we follow Him. We have all experienced thirst and we know what happens to fields when it does not rain. Water is necessary; like the Israelites, we need water to survive. But Jesus knew the woman needed something more than drinking water in her life. He slowly leads her from her need of drinking water to show her the need she has for a living, flowing, spiritual refreshment which we know as Grace or the Holy Spirit. By pursuing bodily needs, we can forget the very real needs of our souls. Jesus speaks of a new water, a new life that He wants to give us. Like the Samaritan woman, we too must face the truth about ourselves in an encounter with Jesus Christ, confess our sins, and come to know Jesus as Saviour in our life. This way, we drink from the spring of living water.

The Season of Lent invites us to be like Moses: to strike open the rock that blocks the flow of God's grace into our life. We are invited to strike the rocks of anger, lust, envy, gluttony, addiction, sloth, apathy, pride, greed, and unbelief that blocks God's grace, to let into our lives the peace of Christ, appreciation of our human dignity, the grace of gratitude, of temperance, of spiritual energy and enthusiasm, of honesty, and uncover the spiritual wealth in Christ. We are to strike the rock through penance and confession, by changing the way we live for the new life that Christ offers. Truly, reading, listening to talks, seeing beautiful banners, hanging pictures at home, collecting books, singing songs, hearing sermons, or participating in talks about water will never quench our thirst. It takes drinking water to quench one's thirst. Jesus Christ is the living water that will bring life to our life. Do not just come to Him but drink of Him! Lent offers us the opportunity to come and drink from the living Spring, who is Christ.

Dear Students, Lent invites us to come and drink of Jesus Christ, the living water. We gather in Church, at the Sunday Mass, our well/spring of living water, to meet the Lord, to confront our past, confess our sins, and come to know Jesus as the Saviour in our lives. This is the best way to remain Catholic on campus with a balanced Spiritual and Academic life. Only God can satisfy our deepest thirst. God, through the Holy Spirit, pours His grace into our hearts at Mass. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity. May God bless, protect, and keep us safe for the rest of 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 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  
 Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako - 0501154065  
 CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655

**READINGS FOR THE DAY**

**1st Reading: Ex. 17:3-7**

**2nd Reading: Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8**

**Gospel: Jn. 4: 5-42**



## General Notices

**Frafra/ Grushie Special Mass:** There will be a special Mass for all Frafra and Grushie Catholics today, Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Aketego. All members are entreated to take note.

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

**Stations of The Cross:** There will be Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of the Lenten period at 1.00pm and 7:00pm. Parishioners should please take note and avail themselves to journey with the Lord throughout the period of Lent.

**Lenten Prayer Session:** The Catholic Chaplaincy is organising an hour of Prayer Session during this year's Lenten season with the theme: *"The Word of God is the Source of our Life"*– (Jn. 1:1). This started on Monday February 27, 2023 and will end on Wednesday March 15, 2023 at the Klaver Hall of the Parish Centre from 5.00pm to 6.00pm each day. Parishioners/groups/societies are encouraged to be part of this spiritual exercise.

**Reception of the Marian Statue:** The Archdiocesan Marian Statue is at the Chaplaincy here. Groups, societies and individual parishioners are being en-

treated to come and pray and present their intentions before our Mother Mary.

**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 infirm parishioners to enable our Catechists and Eucharistic Ministers visit and give them Communion.

**Candle Light Procession with Marian Statue:** The Chaplaincy is inviting parishioners to a Candle Light Procession with Mary's Statue next Sunday March 19, 2023 at the Chaplaincy to climax the Reception of Our Lady of Fatima at 6.00pm. The procession will commence in front of the Dr. R.P. Baffoe Complex. All parishioners are encouraged to come along with candles for the procession. There will be a small talk on the message of Fatima or Promise of the Rosary and Benediction.

**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

So far only two popes - Pope John Paull I and Pope John Paul II have taken compound names in the history of the Papacy.

## Committees, Groups & Societies

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal (Local):** The C.C.R. – Local members are being reminded that today Sunday March 12, 2023, there will be prayer meeting at the usual meeting place. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

**Pax Corner:** 1. **Students' Catechism:** Students Catechism is on-going 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.

2. **Mass for Students:** This and every Tuesday at 6.30pm.

**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 is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays i.e. from February 7, 2023 at the Chaplain-

cy. Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Interested parishioners should please take note and register before it is too late.

**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 [knust-catholicchaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:knust-catholicchaplaincy@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

## Marriage Banns



### Youth Corner

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

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

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## Funeral Announcements & Invitation

**Funeral Announcements:** 1. Mr. & Mrs. Santos Beyogle, parishioners and members of St. Peter's Choir and Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association respectively announce the death of their daughter Ms. Eunice Soregregbang Beyogle. The one week will be observed on Saturday March 18, 2023 at their residence at Ejisu Adadientem, near Church of Christ Senior High School from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

2. We announce the death of Mad. Catherine Sabina Mensah (a.k.a. Ante Kate) a parishioner and member of the Non-Aligned Movement. The one-week observation will be on Thursday March 16, 2023 at Domeabra, near Anwomaso. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

**Funeral Invitation:** Mad. Faustina Atubiga, a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Union and Christian Mother's Association announces the death of her husband. The one-week observation comes off next Sunday March 19, 2023 at Ayigya School Park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

## Sincere Thanks

1. Mr. George Osei Boakye and his sister Mad. Grace Boakye are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Catechists, various groups and societies and parishioners for your prayer support, sympathy and generous donations during their bereavement. They pray that the good Lord continues to bless your handy works to prayers and bless all your entire families as well.

2. Mrs. Sarah Arthur wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Assisting Priests, Parish Council, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Joseph's Choir, all groups and societies, individual parishioners, especially those who travelled all the way to Breman Esiam for your sympathy and generous donations. She asks for God's special blessings for you all.

3. Mrs. Mary Amanfo and children are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Cecilia's Guild, Christian Mothers' Association and parishioners for sympathising with them during the funeral of their husband and father Mr. Joseph Amanfo. They pray that the good Lord blesses you.

4. Mrs. Cynthia E. Wilson wishes to express her sincere gratitude to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Christian Mothers' Association, Knights and Ladies of St. John International for your prayers, support, generosity and warm words of condolences during

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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.

**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.

2. A woman between the ages of forty (40) and fifty-five (55) is wanted to take care of an old woman at Ayigya. Interested person should contact 0558522551 or 0208115349

**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:** A parishioner is in need of a two-bedroom apartment around Maxima, Ayigya, Bomso, Ayeduase, Kotei, or Deduako. Please call on 0504741374 to help.

**Rooms for Rent:** 1. A Two-Bedroom apartment with bath, toilet, and kitchen at Nahiniso, closer to Kotei is ready for renting. Interested person should call 0547402059

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**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