

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 01/05/23 - 6:30AM

Gen. 1:26 – 2:3 / Ps. 90:2-4, 12-14, 16 / Matt. 13:58 (St. Joseph the Worker)

TUESDAY – 02/05/23 6:30AM

Acts 11:19-26 / Ps. 87:1-7 / Jn. 1-0:22-30 (St. Athanasius)

WEDNESDAY – 03/05/23 6:30AM

1 Cor. 15:1-8 / Ps. 19:2-5 / Jn. 14:6-14 (Sts. Philip and James)

THURSDAY – 04/05/23 – 7:00PM

Acts 13:13-25 / Ps. 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 / Jn. 13:16-20

FRIDAY 05/05/23 — 6:30AM

Acts 13:26-33 / Ps. 2:6-11 / Jn. 14:1-6

SATURDAY – 06/05/23 — 7:00AM

Acts 13:44-52 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Jn. 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 07, 2023 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 – ACTS 6:1-7

RES. PSALM - Ps. 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

2ND READING – 1 PT. 2:4-9

GOSPEL – JN. 14:1-12

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Vocations Sunday: Is The Lord Your Shepherd?

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year (A). The readings for the weekend remind us that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through His wounds, we have been healed and have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, Jesus. We are therefore encouraged to listen to His Voice and follow Him, the Good Shepherd. Christians thus rejoice in the Lord, our Shepherd, who calls us to Himself.

Though at this point in the Liturgical Calendar, the Church has not yet celebrated Pentecost, the entire Easter Season is marked by readings from Acts concerning events that occurred after the giving of the Holy Spirit. This is no accident, but it demonstrates that the whole Season is Spirit-Filled, from Easter Vigil to Pentecost. St Peter's Sermon in the first reading, given on Pentecost, captures the attention of his audience. In response to his proclamation of the Good News, some of the crowd are struck by the message and ask: "What are we to do?" This is a clear indication that truth cannot be entertained passively but demands a response in action. Peter's instruction – to believe and be baptized – highlights the mission of the Church, which is illustrated by the three thousand who were baptized. The proclamation of the Resurrection provokes a crisis in people's lives, demands decisions, and results in the rapid growth of the new community of faith. The second reading consoles the believers who were going through hardships and suffering as a result of persecution and the evil of slavery (many new converts were slaves). Many suffer even after doing their duties and in doing the right thing. The injunction to patient endurance, in imitation of Christ, is coupled with an expression of Christ as "Shepherd and Guidance of your souls". Their patient endurance will yield them a harvest of salvation (reconciliation through the Cross).

Every year on this fourth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel comes from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel where the Lord speaks of Himself as a Shepherd. This image is well known in the Old Testament as an image of God and for leadership within the community. Reference to "thieves and brigands" reflects the condemnation in Ezekiel of the "false shepherds" whose corrupt influence will be replaced by God's own shepherding. The contrast between the Shepherd who is Jesus and other hostile influences may also reflect the tension which developed between Christians and the leaders of the Jewish communities from which the early Church sprang. Continuing conflicts made it necessary to look to and trust Christ alone, the True Shepherd.

Relying on a common understanding of shepherding practices in first-century Palestine, Jesus presents Himself as the door of the sheepfold. In those days, sheep were gathered for the night in an enclosed area that had but one opening. The door/gate links what is inside with what is outside. The shepherd ensures that all the sheep come into the sheepfold. Once the shepherd has brought all the sheep into the sheepfold, he remains at the door or even lies down at the door at night. Thus, he watches over the sheep in the night. The presence of the shepherd who acts as the door prevents the sheep from going out of the fold. It also protects the sheep from the attack of thieves and wild animals. When Jesus uses this imagery, He assures us of His protection under His watchful care. Jesus protects His followers daily by laying down His own life for them and He gathers

them into a unique relationship with Himself. Believers can rest secure within His fold. That is why the Psalmist could say: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me".

Jesus also mentions that the sheep follow the shepherd because they recognize his voice. The challenge facing every follower of Jesus today is to listen to the Master's voice in the middle of competing voices and sounds demanding our attention, conflicting noises assaulting our senses, and dissonant messages loudly challenging our beliefs, values, and loyalties. The biggest question for every believer is what voice are you accustomed to hearing? These days we hear voices of extremism, terrorism, immorality, scandal, and the sounds of those who seek to capitalize on the scandals. These sounds are powerful and we hear them on talk radio, television, in lyrics of songs, in newspapers, and spokespersons of extremist groups, and are even amplified by the media. But in the midst of all this noise, there is also the voice of the Good Shepherd speaking to us. St John reminds us that there is only one "Shepherd" and that is Jesus: we are His flock. Those who belong to His flock recognize His Voice: He guides them by leading the way. As the gate/door to the sheepfold, those who need to contact His sheep must go through Him, that is must mould their way of thinking and acting on His. Jesus is indeed the Good Shepherd, a caring companion, and the leader of His people. Is Jesus your Shepherd?

Because a shepherd is a guide and a leader so the Fourth Sunday of Easter is designated as "World Prayer Day for Vocations". Holy Mother Church calls on all Christians and people of goodwill to pray for Vocations to the Marriage Life, Diaconate, Priesthood, and Consecrated Life. We are encouraged to pray for and identify strong, healthy souls willing to commit their lives to Jesus Christ completely and so fulfil His mission. Christians are exhorted to offer special prayers for those who are "shepherds" in the Church.

We join our brothers and sisters who celebrated their birthdays, special occasions, and God's favours upon their lives in April in Thanking God for unmeasured graces. May God continue to bless you and your intentions.

Dear Students, we join you in Thanking God for the successful completion of the semester. We pray for journey mercies upon you as you go home to your families, friends, and loved ones. As we listen to the Voice of the Good Shepherd, in the midst of all the many voices, may we follow His lead in our life. Please, let your presence be felt at home, parish, and communities that you may be missed when school reopens. May God bless, protect, and keep us safe throughout the vacation. 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 and Blessed 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 Baghrwin SJ – 0277154777
 Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako – 0501154065
 CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
2nd Reading: 1 Pt. 2:20b-25
Gospel: Jn. 10:1-10



General Notices

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

Public Holiday: Tomorrow Monday May 1, 2023 is a Public Holiday. The Chaplaincy Office will not be opened. The day's Mass will be in the morning at 6.30am instead of 6.30pm. Please take note.

May, the Marian Month: As we enter into the month of May being the Marian Month, parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary at home as one family.

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.

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 Food Items for St. Gregory Seminary at Parkoso: We are taking the Offertory Gifts (non-perishable food items) and Second Collection today Sun-

day April 30, 2023 to support the Seminarians at St. Gregory the Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso. Parishioners should please give willingly and receive bountiful blessings from God.

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

Presently, there are 36 Doctors of the Church. Of these, four are females namely: St. St. Teresa of Avila, St. Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Catherine of Siena

Committees, Groups & Societies

Eucharistic Ministers: Parishioners who signed up to become Eucharistic Ministers are meeting on Friday May 5, 2023 at Msgr. Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at 5.00pm. All are entreated to be present and on time.

Vocations Committee: Members of the Vocations Committee are to be introduced today Sunday April 30, 2023 at all the Masses.

Facilities Management Committee: The Committee has commenced the process of taking inventory of all facilities/equipment of the Chaplaincy with the aim of creating/developing a Register for same. All groups/societies are kindly informed that the Committee will soon be visiting them to interact with them and to also take stock of all facilities/equipment in their possession for the running of their activities. The dates for the visits will be communicated to the groups and societies in due course. The support of all groups and societies is solicited, please.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday April 30, 2023, there will be Prayer Meeting at the Chaplaincy here at the usual meeting place. Members are encouraged to be present and on

time. 2. **Life in the Spirit Seminar (L.S.S.):** Groups and Societies who would like to organise Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) for her members should kindly contact P.E.T./Mr. Isaac Dwirah Jnr. on 0244090802.

TwI Catechism: It is announced to parishioners that TwI Catechism for all the Sacraments – Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation for year 2023 is 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.

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.

Dagaaba Mass: Members of the Dagaaba Union are informed that there will be Dagaaba Mass today Sunday April 30, 2023 at the Chaplaincy here at 1.00pm. All members are encouraged to be present at the Mass and also to bring Offertory Gifts. **Attire:** Smock for the men and Lo Waja for the women.

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 knustcatholic-chaplaincy@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.

Pax Corner

Funeral Announcements & Invitations

Funeral Announcement: 1. The Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony Frangtana Naah announces the death of his father Mr. James Nauro Naah. The one-week observation is as follows: There will be a Memorial Mass tomorrow Monday May 1, 2023, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church Atwima Akropong at 9.00am then family gathering at the church premises from 10.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the Chaplain and his bereaved family.

2. We announce the funeral of Mad. Catherine Sabina Mensah a parishioner and member of the Non-Aligned Movement as follows: lying on state on Saturday May 6, 2023 at the KNUST Community Centre at 4.00am, Burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, burial at Ayigya, final funeral rites at the KNUST Community Centre from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday May 7, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 10.00am, family gathering at the KNUST Community Centre from 12noon to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Funeral Invitation: 1. Mrs. Agnes Afriyie, Mr. Stephen Afriyie and Mrs. Mary Kuntworbe (parishioners and members of the Movement of Christian Workers – MCW, Our Lady's Choir. and Theresian International respectively are inviting parishioners to the funeral of their husband, and father Mr. Paul Kwame Afriyie as follows: lying in state on Saturday the 6th of May, 2023 at Nana Krontihene's House (GPS AE-045-6159) at 4.00am, burial service at St. Mary's Anglican Church, at 9.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at the Anglican School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving service at the St. Mary's Anglican Church at 9.00am, family gathering on Sunday May 7, 2023 at the Anglican School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm – all at Fumesua. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mrs. Agnes Afriyie, Mr. Stephen Afriyie and Mrs. Mary Kuntworbe to be introduced)**

2. Ms. Millicent Asamoah, a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and St. Cecilia's Guild invites parishioners to the funeral of her father Mr. George Amoah (a.k.a. Paul Kwame Asamoah) as follows: lying in state on Saturday May 6, 2023 at 4.00am, burial Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church burial follows, final funeral rites from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday May 7, 2023 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, family gathering from 1.00pm to 6.00pm – all at Tikrom. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Ms. Millicent Asamoah to be introduced)**

3. A family invites parishioners to the one-week observation of the death of Mr. Anthony Beyelah Noble Mensah, a former parishioner on Thursday May 4, 2023 at Santasi, behind the Shell Filling Station – opposite Beauty Queen from 6.00am to 6.00pm.

4. Mad. Faustina Atupka and her children - parishioners and members of Frafra/Grushie Union and Christian Mothers' Association invite parishioners to the funeral of their husband and father Mr. Daniel Adogba as follows. He had since been buried. Final funeral rites will be on Saturday May 6, 2023 at Ayigya Zongo, near the School park from 11.00am to 6.00pm and family gathering on Sunday May 7, 2023 from 11.00am to 6.00pm.

Sincere Thanks

1. Mr. Paul Anyim wishes to express his sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee and all parishioners for sympathising with him during his bereavement. God richly bless you.

2. Mrs. Cecilia Osei Boakye and family are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Nana Agyenim Boateng, Sunday School Teacher and individual parishioners for your sympathy and generous donations during their bereavement. They pray for God's blessings for you all.

3. Mr. Michael Y. Kwaku and family wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee and all parishioners who sympathised with them during the funeral of their husband, father and relative. They ask for God's blessings for you.

4. Mrs. Belinda Loglo wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee and all parishioners for your sympathy during the funeral of her father. She asks for God's special blessings for you.

Sale of Magazines – St. Gregory Seminary,

Parkoso: Parishioners are being informed that today Sunday March 26, 2023, Seminarians from St. Gregory The Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso are at the Chaplaincy here to sell their Magazines. We are all entreated to patronise the Magazines.

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.

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

2. Please, help a parishioner who is in need of a chamber and a hall or a two-bedroom apartment around Bomso, Ayeduase New Site, Kotei, Deduako, etc. Contact her on 0508244463 / 0550269270.

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.

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

Luxe Laundry Services: Luxe Laundry Services is equipped with modern machines such as washing machines and dryers that are efficient and provide excellent results. They offer their partners (Management, Staff and Students) the comfort of receiving their laundry the same day of collection, free pick-up and delivery service in and around KNUST. Location: Luxe Laundry Services is located at the Second Floor of the KNUST Jubilee Mall @ the Commercial Area and is open 24 hours. Contact them no: 0322067232 or 0501652923 for hassle-free laundry services. Absolute Quality every time.