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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 24/07/23 - 6:30PM

Ex. 14:5-18 / Ps. Ex. 15:1-6 / Matt. 12:38-42 (Sharbel Makhluuf)

TUESDAY - 25/07/23 6:30AM & 6:30PM

2 Cor. 4:7-15 / Ps. 126:1-6 / Matt. 20:20-28 (St. James)

WEDNESDAY - 26/07/23 6:30AM

Ex. 16:1-5, 9-15 / Ps. 78:18-19, 23-28 / Matt. 13:1-9 (Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

THURSDAY - 27/07/23 - 7:00PM

Ex. 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b / Ps. Dan. 3:52-56 / Matt. 13:10-17

FRIDAY 28/07/23 - 6:30AM

Ex. 20:1-17 / Ps. 18:8-11 / Matt. 13:18-23

SATURDAY - 29/07/23 - 7:00AM

Ex. 24:3-8 / Ps. 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 / Jn. 11:19-27 (Martha, Mary and Lazarus)

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 30, 2023 - 17TH 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 - 1 KGS. 3:5, 7-12

RES. PSALM - Ps. 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

2ND READING - ROM. 8:28-30

GOSPEL - MATT. 13:44-52

God's Patience, A Second Chance!

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year (A). The Liturgy gives us the parables of the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast for our reflection. In His patience, the Lord allows both weeds and wheat to grow together, both saints and sinners to respond to salvation in the Kingdom. The Kingdom is also compared to a tiny seed that grows into a big shrub. And like the yeast in baking bread, God's Kingdom has great potential. Though God's reign looks small and humble in the beginning, it is meant for all and in the end will embrace all. The kingdom is the result of the constant battle between good and evil forces inherent in individuals and institutions. We come to appreciate some truth about God, the Church, and the World, where all kinds of people grow: "wheat" and "weeds", saints and sinners. In it all, God is good and forgiving, lenient to all, desiring repentance for our sins.

Our dislike for weeds in our surroundings makes us always want to get rid of them. But like the owner in today's parable, God is a patient God. This is affirmed by the first reading from the Book of Wisdom that, though God is master of might and has the power to act whenever He chooses, He judges with clemency, and with much leniency and forbearance, He governs us. God's care is for all, the good and bad, and teaches us to be kind towards all. Often, we are tempted to want otherwise; expecting God to punish swiftly, surgically, and severely. But do we really want our God to be quick to clear the "weed" (the bad, evil, sinful, wrong) out of the "wheat" (the good, holy, righteous, right)? We all can look back into our lives at the times we sinned, drifted away, and did wrong, and how comforting to know that God is not as impulsive as we are and that God is indeed patient. In the end, there will be a judgment and a reckoning for everyone. We know people do slip through human justice systems but none can slip through God's justice and judgment which are eminently fair and final. God most times gives us early warning signs, wake-up calls, or fire bells at night. These are moments of Grace and signs of His love. He is a God of second chances that is why in His patience He allows all to grow together till the harvest. We all at some time in our lives have badly needed a second chance.

The parable also teaches us a truth about the Church. All kinds of "wheat and weeds" abound in the Church. The Church is a mixed bag. It is not a Church of the perfect, a chemically pure elite. Centuries ago, there was a group called the Donatists, that wanted only the perfect in the Church. And this tendency resurfaces from time to time in the Church and among us. We are used to hearing "Wouldn't it be good to weed out the Church from time to time?" However, a Church restricted to saints might be nice and great but it would not be Christ's Church. The Church is not only a gallery for the display of saints, it is also a school for the transformation of sinners. While we have life, our souls are not finished products, we are not finished, Christians. There is some growing and learning to do. We need to be careful about coming to final judgment about others. None of us has an X-ray powerful enough to look into another's soul to see what God sees there. As St Paul tells us in the second reading, God alone searches hearts. Christ's Church is a blend of "wheat" and "weed", good and bad, right and wrong, holy and sinful; it is the terrain of a second chance and a school of transformation. God wishes us all to be that wheat.

As wheat and weed both grow and have power, such is the world in which we live. Evil in our world is not just an error, mistake, imperfection. It is a power to destroy, so intense that it is driven by a personal being, the Evil One. Evil is alive, but Grace also has real power. Grace is present and growing in our world like a mustard seed and yeast. If we get overwhelmed and tired of reading about the weeds, let us take time to notice the "wheat" that shows the work of Grace and the presence of Christ in our world. If you do nothing in a garden, weeds will inevitably show up. The proof of the presence of one who cares for the garden/farm is not in the weeds but in the wheat. Hence, it is not the violence but the acts of goodness, sometimes extraordinary, that we see that should encourage us. Despite the weeds in every generation and in every Christian community or parish, there is still a harvest of people who want to know, love, and serve God and humanity in this world. God, at the end of time, will reward us according to our deeds.

May we not be distracted by the weeds that we forget the wheat among us, the Christian harvest, which is the sign of Christ's final triumph. The wheat, the good in the world, is the assurance that there will be a harvest. The Kingdom of heaven, the wheat, the good, will triumph. We contribute to it when we allow our positive intentions and choices to override our negatives. It might be very small like a mustard seed: however, we know that small beginnings often lead to great endings. Though it started as a small community, the Church is meant to grow and provide shade for all peoples, all cultures, and nations of the world. It is also expected to be like the yeast capable of positively influencing and transforming society. This is possible because of the role of the Holy Spirit in transforming our lives so that we in turn work towards the transformation of the world. May the Spirit assist us in our weakness as we respond to salvation in the Kingdom.

Dear parishioners, as we celebrate the "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly", we have a singular opportunity to LUNCH "The 2023 Annual Harvest and Thanksgivings" to God for unmeasured blessings and graces upon our lives as individuals, families, and community. Let us come prepared to offer Thanks to God and to give Him all that we promised. Remember to show our Grandparents and the Elderly some love!

Dear Students, our God is a Merciful Judge, patient, and One who gives a second chance. We stand in continual need of the mercy and forgiveness of God, we are assured of His forgiveness when we repent because He has sent us the Spirit of His Son to help us and to plead for us in our weakness. May we never misuse our second chance or the opportunity to spread God's Kingdom! 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 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 - 0249999616
Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagrainie - 0207024221
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin SJ - 0277154777
Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako - 0501154065
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Wis. 12:13, 16-19

2nd Reading: Rom. 8:26-27

Gospel: Matt. 13:24-43



General Notices

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

Marriage Counselling Registration: Parishioners who wish to solemnize their marriages are being informed of an upcoming marriage counselling session for couples. Interested couples are to register at the Chaplaincy Office.

Thanksgiving of 10th Anniversary in Priesthood: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah, the Chaplain, and his Classmates (brother priests) will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary of Priesthood on Thursday July 27, 2023. They will be at Mass at 6:30pm. All parishioners are encouraged to join them to give thanks to God for how far He has brought them. Meanwhile, the Chaplain will celebrate his Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday July 30, 2023 at the 10:00am Mass. We encourage all parishioners to join him to thank God and also give him our pre-

sents.

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.

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”**

Chaplaincy Cloth on Sale: The Chaplaincy Office has a large quantity of the Chaplaincy Cloth on sale. Please, visit the Chaplaincy Office for yours.

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

There are four major Basilicas, all in Rome. They are: Saint Peter's Basilica, The Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, The Basilica of Saint John Lateran and The Basilica of Saint Mary Major. All other churches that have the title of "Basilica" are Minor Basilicas .

Committees, Groups & Societies

Liturgy Committee: Members of the Liturgy Committee will be meeting on Wednesday July 26, 2023 at the Msgr. Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at 5.30pm prompt. All concerned are entreated to be at the meeting.

Representatives to 2023 Harvest Committee: 1. We are calling on all groups and societies to nominate their representatives to the 2023 Harvest Committee.

2. **Launching of 2023 Harvest:** The Harvest Committee is launching the 2023 Harvest today Sunday, July 23, 2023 at all Masses. We are also taking the envelopes you took home during the pre-launching.

Dr. R.P. Baffoe Complex Hostel Accommodation: The Management of Dr. R.P. Baffoe Complex Hostel, wish to inform all Catholic Students who would want to have accommodation at the Hostel next academic year that, the Hostel Accommodation Forms will be out from Monday July 24, 2023 to Saturday July 29, 2023. There will be no extra forms or days after the said period. All Pax Students should please, take note.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday July 23, 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 their 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.

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 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



1. **Mr. Gideon Aboagye Nuamah**, son of Mr. Sylvester Osei Nuamah and Mad. Georgina, born at Konongo, residing in Kumasi, and **Ms. Joan Sedinam Sabibah**, daughter of Mr. Michael Kwaku Sabibah and Mad. Valerie Abra Adjai, born at Ho, now residing in Kumasi. (**2nd Announcement**)
2. **Mr. Babalola Ayodele Samuel**, son of Mr. Babalola Hezekiah Adewale and Mrs. Babalola Grace Omolabake, born at Abeokuta, Ogun State – Nigeria, and **Ms. Gbadewole Antoinette Opeyemi**, daughter of Mr. Gbadewole Alphonsus Adesola and Mrs. Gbadewole Clara Olufunmilayo, born at Ilaro, Ogun State, Nigeria. (**2nd Announcement**)

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

1. **Students' Catechism:** Students Catechism is on-going on Saturdays at the Committee Room 7 at Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex at exactly 4.00pm. Students who want to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation should be part of the Class.
2. **Mass for Students:** This and every Tuesday at 6:30pm.
3. **Pax Catechesis:** The Pax Catechesis with Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine continues this Tuesday at 6.30pm. all students are kindly entreated to come and learn about our faith.
4. **Pax Harvest:** This Tuesday, as part of activities for the Pax Harvest, there will be inter-subgroups collections. All are entreated to come and contribute generously.

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Announcement: We announce the funeral of Mad. Cecilia Oppong (a.k.a. Aunty Cece), a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus as follows: lying in state on Saturday July 29, 2023 at her residence Plt. No. 25, Blk.'M'- Boadi (near Terrazzo Junction) at 5:00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 8:00am, burial at her hometown Jamasi, final funeral rites at the KNUST Community Centre from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. thanksgiving Mass on Sunday July 30, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 10:00am, family gathering at the |KNUST Community Centre from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Please note: **Attire:** - Saturday: 'Black & Red' and Sunday: 'Black & White'. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Funeral Invitation: Mr. Santos Alizie, Mad. Martina Ziem and Mad. Regina Alizie who are parishioners and members of the Dagaaba Union and Dagaaba Christian Mothers Association announce the final funeral of their mother Mad. Leticia Sunday Alizie as follows: lying in state and traditional morning on Friday July 28, 2023 at 5.00am, burial service at the traditional funeral grounds at 12noon, burial follows, final funeral rites continues until 6.00pm, family gathering at the family house on Saturday July 29, 2023 all at Brutu-Nandom. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Mr. Santos Alizie, Mad. Martina Ziem and Mad. Regina Alizie to be introduced**)

Sincere Thanks

1. The leadership of the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) Pax Romana wish to express their deepest gratitude for your thoughtfulness and presence to their 65th Anniversary Celebration. Honouring their invitation, your presence, your prayer and support throughout the programme has touched their hearts in the most profound way. They wish to extend their sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of this anniversary. They ask for God's abundant blessings for you.
2. Mad. Akua Tsiaba wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Non-Aligned Movement and all parishioners for supporting her during her bereavement. She asks for God's blessings for you all.

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.

Harvest 2023 Levies	GH¢
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

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

3. A parishioner is looking for a female to work as a house help. Please interested persons should call 0242979358 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.

House 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.

2. A Chamber and Hall self-contain apartment is ready for rent at Kotei Deduako-Apemso. Please, call on these numbers for help: 0558330643 / 0205090161 / 0201144825

3. A one bedroom and a small room (boys' quarters) at Fumesua, near Noda Hotel is ready for renting. Interested person should call 0277712314 for help.

4. A 3-bedroom including a master bedroom is ready for accommodation at Apirade, near the Church of Pentecost. Interested persons should please call 0240428478 for help.

5. A 3-bedroom flat with a borehole water facility is available for rent at Appiadu. Interested persons should contact 0243049675

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.

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.

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

Luxx Laundry Services: Luxx 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: Luxx 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.

A parishioner has some Pure Honey for sale. Contact: 0240776529.