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MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, 25/09/2023 -
6.30pm**

Ezra 1:1-6 / Ps. 126:1-6 / Lk. 8:16-18

**Tuesday, 26/09/2023 -
6:30am**

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Ps. 122:1-5 / Lk. 8:19-21 (Cosmas & Damian)

**Wednesday, 27/09/2023 -
6.30am**

Ezra 9:5-9 / Ps. Tob. 13:2-5, 8 / Lk. 9:1-6 (Vincent de Paul)

**Thursday, 28/09/23 -
7:00pm**

Hg. 1:1-8 / Ps. 150:1-6, 9 / Lk. 9:7-9 (Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz)

Friday, 29/09/23 - 6.30am

Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 / Ps. 138:1-5 / Jn. 1:47-51 (Michael, Gabriel & Raphael – Archangels)

**Saturday, 30/09/23 -
7.00am**

Zec. 2:5-9, 14-15a / Ps. Jer. 31:10-13 / Lk. 9:43b-45 (Jerome)

**NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER
1, 2023 – 26TH 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 - Ez. 18:25-28

RES. PSALM - Ps. 25:4-9

2ND READING - Phil. 2:1-11

GOSPEL - MATT. 21:28-32

God Does Not Think The Way We Do

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The readings invite us to reflect on the thoughts and ways of God, as well as His generosity that is motivated by love. How different the Lord's thoughts and ways are from ours! He is gracious and good to all: equally generous in compassion and love to both those who are quick to respond to his invitation and those who are slow to hear His call.

Today's parable about workers who are given employment at different times of the same day in the vineyard shows how concerned God is when Christians are idle. Idleness does not only mean doing nothing but acting like busybodies. God created humans to be productive. When we do not engage in something positive, we are prone to evil actions. That is why the Master tries to get each person to work in His vineyard no matter what time of the day it is. So long as it is day, God calls us to be productive in His work. This, however, may not fit into the ideal working conditions of our business world. In the business world, people employed are rewarded according to the length of labour, and probably, years of experience. The more hours one works the more one receives. In the language of heaven, however, the pay is not based on the length of labour and energy, but on grace. This means there are no privileged groups in the Kingdom of Heaven. Though some may respond to God's call before others, they do not have much of a claim to God's love than those who come later to faith. Those who started the faith early and have lived it for years, and those who come to the faith very late or towards the end of their years of life on earth, are rewarded equally by the Lord. God rewards each out of a heart of care: He shows mercy to the latecomers in the form of a full wage, while justice is shown to the earlier workers as a full wage.

Our life in God is a demonstration of God's care and grace. Though in the parable our expectations are not realized, it seems justice has been done. The employer had been careful to come to an agreement with all his workers about their wages before he employed them. The wage he offers is considered a "fair wage" by all of those he employs. But on the other hand, we feel it is unfair. We expect that a person who has worked for hours or years be paid more than those who began recently. An employer should respect a scale of salaries that corresponds to hours of work done. For us, justice means "much work deserves much pay". Anything less is regarded as exploitation. Hence, the workers who had worked from the early morning had every right to expect something more than the late-comers. They waited in the queue hoping to receive more. Yet, it turns out to be the same wage for everybody irrespective of their working hours. The late-comers are happy to be treated with such generosity; the early-comers are annoyed by their fair wage.

God's ways are not our ways indeed. He calls and expects our human response. His goodness and generosity invite all people to live in His presence. What is important is not how long we work, but that we answer the call when it comes to us. God equally wants us to realize that in His Kingdom there is no privileged class. Whether we work for God all our lives, or we answer His call very later on, we all will share the same Heaven. God guarantees us only one thing: just as a worker needs a day's wage to survive, everybody gets the grace necessary for

salvation. No service in the Christian community gives one more rights than the other. Christians are all workers in the Lord's vineyard: each person contributes in her/his own way to the building up of Christ's Body and receives the grace needed for doing so.

People are called to Christ and His Church at different times in their lives: some are baptized in the "morning" as babies; others experience a call from the Lord in their teenage years, in "mid-morning"; in "mid-afternoon" as adults; or even in the "evening" as senior citizens. At any age, we can be drawn to Christ or called closer to Christ. The Lord does not compare one group to another. Each has a unique combination of talents, challenges, and opportunities in life. These enable people to bring a special strength to work in the Lord's vineyard. At each hour of the day and each season of our life – young, adult, mid-life, senior, – the Lord calls us to work in His vineyard. He assures us of a fair wage if we respond to His call. We only need to let our manner of life be worthy of God's call and the Gospel of Christ.

At the end of the parable, it is observed that "the last will be first, and the first, last". It is Matthew's style of making the message of Jesus relevant to his community. The people of Israel were the first to receive God's word, but the last to accept the Messiah. The Priests and Pharisees thought they were the first to be God's friends, but failed to recognize His ways. We can fall into the same trap. We may claim a better place in God's kingdom for ourselves and think we deserve it more than others. We can call ourselves "saved" and think that God loves us more than those whom we think are not. We may think we have received great gifts from the Holy Spirit and look down on other Christians as second class. Jesus warns us to put away all such claims for God calls each person at the hour and in the way, He wants. He gives everyone what they need for salvation. When we start comparing ourselves to others, or the work we do to what others do, we no longer have the mind of God. May the Lord Jesus always be our life!

Dear Students and Graduates, we hope you are taking good care of yourselves and lending a helping hand at home. If Jesus is our life, all our manner of life will be worthy of the Gospel of Christ. With that, we can celebrate God's generosity, kindness, compassion, and goodness to all. As we reflect on God's thoughts and ways which are different from ours, let us deepen our knowledge and understanding of our faith through the Word of God and the Magisterial documents of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church can be a starting point. Wishing you a fruitful vacation. Please, let your presence be felt in your parishes; the Church needs you most! We continue to pray for our WASSCE candidates that God will keep them and crown their efforts with success. May God bless, protect, and keep us safe. Pax!

Please be reminded to stay well, healthy, and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Remember to observe the safety protocols. Your life is dear to us!

Have a Fruitful and Blessed Week!

God bless and keep you safe.

PASTORAL TEAM

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah – 0249999616
Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine - 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: Isa. 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Phil. 1:20c-24,27a

Gospel: Matt. 20:1-16





FUN FACT

Saint John Chrysostom (349-407) was a monk who became bishop of Constantino ple and a Doctor of the Church. His name means “golden-mouthed”. He was a powerful preacher and his homilies sometimes lasted two hours!

Adjusted Working Hours: The University authorities have adjusted the working hours from 8.00am to 1.00pm instead of the normal working hours of 8.00am to 5.00pm. This takes effect from Monday September 26, 2023 to Tuesday October 31, 2023 and resume on Wednesday November 1, 2023. The Chaplaincy Office will adhere to this adjustment. Please, kindly take note

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

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 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.

Playing and learning how to play the Organ: The Chaplaincy is calling on parishioners who know how to play the organ and those who want to learn how to play it to write their names at the Chaplaincy Office for the next steps to be taken.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Laity Council: 1. Submission of 2022 Laity Week Evaluation Questionnaire: Laity Council is expecting all Groups and Societies to submit the 2022 Laity Week Questionnaires which were sent to them. Groups.

Laity Council Meeting: Members of the Laity Council will be meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 5.30pm. All groups and societies are encouraged their representatives to be present at the meeting and on time.

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

2. **Payment of 2023 Harvest Levies:** The Harvest Committee is encouraging all parishioners to pay their 2023 Harvest Levies.

Launching of Children and Youth Harvest: The Children and Youth Harvest will come off next Sunday October 1, 2023. As such, they are to launch it today Sunday September 24, 2023 at all Masses. Harvest envelopes will be distributed during the launch. Parishioners should please take note.

Harvest 2023 Levies

Senior Members/Business Men & Women— Ghc 500.00

Senior Staff— Ghc 300.00

Junior Staff/House Wife Ghc 150.00

Tertiary Students-Univ./Poly. /Post Sec.— Ghc 50.00

Senior High/Tech. Schools - Ghc 30.00

Junior High/Prim. /Kindergarten - Ghc 20.00

Charismatic Renewal (Local) Members are being reminded that today Sunday September 24, 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.

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.

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

1. We announce the death of Mr. Lawrence Nantuuro who is a parishioner. The one-week observation will be held on Thursday September 28, 2023 at Kentinkrono-Nsenie Taxi Station (the last stop) from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.
2. The Archdiocese of Kumasi invites all parishioners to the final funeral celebration of our two (2) priests , Rev. Fr. Isaac Opoku Agyeman and Rev. Fr. Augustine Amoako on Tuesday 26th September, 2023 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, Roman-Hill Kumasi. The funeral arrangements are as follows: Filing past will start at 4:00am and the Requiem Mass at 9:00am.

Sincere Thanks

1. The family, widow and children of Mr. Nelson Kwame Agyapong Poku wish to express their profound gratitude to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Our Lady's Choir, Catechists, Ushers, Lectors and parishioners for your prayers, support, donations and presence during his funeral celebration. May God richly bless you.
2. Children's Liturgy (Sunday School) Teachers wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Council and all who contributed to the success of their Camp Meeting. They pray that the good and gracious Lord continues to bless and be with you in all your endeavours.

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.

Mist Blower Machines: A parishioner is selling Mist Blower Machines at affordable prices. It is used perfectly for plant spraying and fumigation. Interested parishioners should contact this number: 0558212546 (Maame Nyarko).

Admission 1. 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.

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

Job Opportunity: : **1.** 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 call 0558522551 or 0208115349.

2. A parishioner is looking for a female to work as a house help. Please interested persons should contact her on 0202027360 / 0208198270 for help.

3. A vocational school leaver is needed for employment with a Food Service Company. She must live around KNUST, be pleasant and ready to work for long hours. Interested persons must call 0244759985.

4. Louisville Drinking Water: Louisville Drinking Water is looking for a fulltime truck and tricycle drivers to work approximately 48 hours a week, should have at least two years driving experience, required to have a Class 'C' Driver's License, excellent driving skills and must be at least 18 years old. Interested persons should send their applications and CV to the Manager, Louisville Drinking Water, situated at St. Louis Senior High School, Oduom. They also need sales girls/woman. Contact the following numbers: 0244805779 / 0204020362.

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

3. 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.

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

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.

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.

Insurance Company: A leading General Insurance Company seeks to recruit interested persons as Insurance Sales and Marketing Executives to help drive the Company's sales. The Job location will be Kumasi.

Job Summary: The Insurance Sales and Marketing Executive will sell Vehicle, Home and other types of non-life insurance policies.

Education and Experience: Bachelor's Degree or HN|D.

Sales experience will be an added advantage.

Interested applicants should call 0559190821 / 0501392199.