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DATE: 15TH OCTOBER, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 16/10/2023 – 6.30PM

Rom. 1:1-7 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Lk. 11:29-32 (Hedwig)

TUESDAY, 17/10/2023 - 6:30PM

Rom. 1:16-25 / Ps. 189:2-5 / Lk. 11:37-41 (Ignatius of Antioch)

WEDNESDAY, 18/10/2023 - 6.30PM

2 Tim. 4:10-17nb / Ps. 145:10-13, 17-18 / Lk. 10:1-9 (St. Luke The Evangelist)

THURSDAY, 19/10/23 - 6:30PM

Rom. 3:21-30 / Ps. 130:1-6 / Lk. 11:47-54 (Isaac Jogues and John De Brébeuf and their Companions and Paul of the Cross)

FRIDAY, 20/10/23 - 6.30PM

Rom. 4:1-8 / Ps. 32:1-2, 5, 11 / Lk. 12:1-7

SATURDAY, 21/10/23 - 7.00AM

Rom. 4:13, 16-18 / Ps. 105:6-9, 42-43 / Lk. 12:8-12 (B.V.M.)

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2023 – 29TH 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 - ISA. 45:1, 4-6

RES. PSALM - Ps. 96:1, 3-5, 7-10

2ND READING - 1 THESS. 1:1-5B

GOSPEL - MATT. 22:15-21

Are You in Your Wedding Garment?

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The readings are an invitation to God's Banquet, a banquet spread before all of us. It is a banquet that can satisfy our needs, yet how often have we refused, ignored, or rejected the Lord's invitation to share in the riches prepared for us? In Christ Jesus, God fulfils all our needs, as lavishly as only God can. All of us, no matter how unworthy we may be, are invited to the wedding feast of His Son. We have only to enter. To answer God's invitation is not enough. Our lives must change.

The banquet of the finest wine and food, a favourite image of Messianic times, is used to describe the peace and joy of the Kingdom of God by the prophet Isaiah in our first reading and by Jesus in our Gospel text. The picture Isaiah paints in the first reading is that of a vast banquet on the Lord's mountain. For people in the Middle East and for us, a meal is not just a time to eat, it is a social occasion. It is a time to be with family and friends, to make deals, become acquainted, make plans, talk, and even say goodbyes. Lots of things happen at meals besides eating: we attend common breakfasts, retirement dinners, friend's lunches, office parties, wedding receptions, family get-togethers, home-comings, item 13 on programme agenda, and even during and after funerals people gather to share some food. When friends get together it can be a time of harmony and bonding, a time when people draw closer together such as gathering at Christmas, anniversaries, birthdays, and special occasions. Jesus used the Passover Meal as the place for the Last Supper to be the way that His Sacrifice of the Cross would be made present to the end of time.

A meal is a powerful human moment. That's why it is used often in the Bible as a symbol of Heaven, of the Kingdom. Isaiah used the picture of a great banquet on the Lord's mountain to illustrate God's purpose to reunite all nations and races torn apart by original sin. Jesus used the image of a wedding banquet in today's Gospel to show that all people are invited to the Kingdom of God. However, individuals can either accept, ignore, or refuse that invitation. To refuse that invitation is to cut ourselves off from our supernatural life source. God does not force salvation on us. The invitation is given, but acceptance of it is a choice we must make. Many are indeed called and all that is required seem to only enter.

The Lord invites us to His banquet. He promises us that there will be the best of foods and drinks for everyone. But more than material provisions, at the Lord's banquet He will destroy the covering that is cast over His people. He will swallow up death, man's greatest enemy, forever. He will wipe away all tears and take away our reproaches. His banquet is a saving feast. Our responses to the Lord's invitation are oftentimes shocking. Many of us trivialize it and go on with our lives. We embrace and occupy ourselves with other activities and reject this divine Banquet. Some go to the extent of disgracing and killing the heralds of God's invitation. In anger, the king extends his invitation to those who are hitherto not considered worthy to partake in the banquet: bad and good from the streets. What catches our attention in the Gospel reading is the person at the wedding banquet without a wedding garment. That person accepted the invitation but was not properly dressed for it. He is expelled and punished. This detail expresses an important caution for us. Receiving the Lord's invitation to life and communion with Christ Jesus is

one thing; staying in union with Him is another thing. Accepting the invitation to the Kingdom, to share God's life through Jesus Christ, means more than just showing up in Church for supernatural things to happen to us. We have to do our part by wearing the proper dress.

Let us not fall into the danger of what is being called "cheap grace": that is, seeking grace without obedience, grace without good works, grace without discipleship, grace without repentance, or grace without any cost to us. In Jesus, the very life of God is offered to everyone, but only those who actually change their way of living to follow the Gospel will experience the transforming power of God. We all need to give up our old clothes and habits and put on the new wedding clothes of Christian discipleship. This is so because, it is not just saying prayers, but opening our hearts and lives to God in prayer that counts in God's sight. It is not just the number of words we say, the elegance, the antiquity, or the quality of the indulgence attached to a prayer, but the kind of life and heart from which the prayer comes that counts for God. It is not just being in Church, but how deeply we take part fully, actively, and consciously in the Mass that counts. It is not just knowing the faith, but living it that counts. These are the keys that unlock the door to the power of Christ, the Kingdom life for us, and give us entry to the banquet of God's life.

We are all called, nevertheless we have to accept that call. Our entry to the banquet is not just a Baptismal call to which we or our parents responded to years ago. We must wear the garments of our Baptism now. It is the life that matters, not just the baptismal certificates. Hence, the questions for our reflection are: Are you properly dressed for Church? What kind of life do you bring to this Eucharistic Banquet? What is the condition of your Baptismal garment? Is your Baptism a memory or an active commitment that shapes your life and priorities? If your Baptismal promises are still shaping your life; if you accept the invitation to discipleship and come to Church clothed as one truly trying to live up to your Baptismal vows, then at this Sacred Banquet of the Mass you will receive God's promise that eternal life is yours. You will receive His guarantee that He will be your strength to help you come to the Banquet that will never end. Yes, we can do all things in Christ who strengthens us.

We share the joys of all our school leavers. Take very good care of yourselves and lend a helping hand at home. Like the Psalmist may we be convinced that it is only in the Lord's own house that we shall dwell for length of days unending. Wear the proper garment for the Lord's Banquet. Do not forget your Bibles and Catechism. Take an interest in knowing more about God, His Church, and our Moral Life. Please, let your presence be felt in your parishes; the Church needs you most! May God crown all efforts with success in our examinations. 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.

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
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Isa. 25:6-10a

2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matt. 22:1-14



General Notices

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, effective 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.

Notice of Sunday Announcements: Kindly note that all announcements to be made at Mass on Sunday should reach the Chaplaincy Office by noon on Friday. This is to aid in the proper dissemination of information. Parishioners are to kindly take note.

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

Rosary Month: October is the Rosary month and we are reminded to pray our Rosary. All the weekday Masses are in the evening at 6.30pm. and as a community, we shall meet at 6.00pm each day to pray the Rosary before the Mass starts at 6.30pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be part of the Rosary Prayers.

Appreciation for Year 2022 Financial Contribution – Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi: The Financial Administrator of the Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi writes on behalf of the Arch-

bishop to express his sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Council, groups and societies and individual parishioners for contributing to the growth and running of the Archdiocese in the year 2022. Our contribution placed the Chaplaincy in the first position overtaking All Saints Parish, Santasi/Fankylenebra and St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. He congratulates us.

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.

Dumping of Refuse in front of the Chaplaincy Office: The Chaplaincy Office is pleading with parishioners (Groups/Societies/Individuals) who are in the habit of dumping refuse in front of the Chaplaincy Office to please use the refuse dump at the back of the building instead of the front view of the office. We hope we will all adhere to this. Thankyou.

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

St. Ignatius of Antioch was a disciple of St. John the Apostle. He was the third Bishop of Antioch after St. Peter and St. Evodius.

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. **2. Laity Week! Laity Week!! Laity Week!!!:** The Laity Week Celebrations comes off at the Chaplaincy from tomorrow Monday October 16, 2023 to Friday October 20, 2023 at 6.30pm each night. In view of that, the Laity Books are out on sale with the Ushers at GH¢10.00 per copy. The program is to be launched today Sunday October 15, 2023 at all Masses. Please, all parishioners are encouraged to be part of this program.

Harvest Committee: Representatives to 2023 Harvest Committee – 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: Sincere thanks from Harvest Committee to all parish-

ioners for their contributions to the 2023 Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving thus far. The Committee is encouraging all parishioners to pay their 2023 Harvest Levies.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday October 15, 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: Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

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. Asiedu Effah Amponsah, son of Mr. Isaac Kojo Amponsah and Mrs. Lydia Amponsah, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Atonsu, now residing at Ayigya Residential Area and **Ms. Cornelia Frimpomaa Gyimah**, daughter of Mr. Paul Kwame Gyimah and Mrs. Beatrice Akosua Gyimah, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Ayigya, now residing in London. **(3rd Announcement)**

2. Nana Baffoe Biney, son of Mr. George Biney and Mad. Ellen Opoku, born at Tema, now residing at Borteyman, Accra and **Ms. Emanuella Kumah (Sarpong)**, daughter of Mr. Dickson Kumah and Mad. Rose Asebi Antwi, born in Kumasi, resided at Ayigya, now residing at North Legon, Accra **(1st Announcement – To be Introduced)**

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

Funeral Announcements

- 1.** Mrs. Agnes Broni (a.k.a. Agnes Afrakomah), a parishioner and Patroness of St. Joseph's Choir announces the funeral of her daughter Ms. Hannah Broni, also a parishioner and former member of C.Y.O as follows: laying in state on Saturday October 21, 2023 at the Broni's Residence, Ayeduase New Site, near UCOMS at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at the Broni's Residence, Ayeduase New Site, near UCOMS from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday October 22, 2023 at 6.30am, family gathering at the Broni's Residence, Ayeduase New Site, near UCOMS. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **((Mrs. Agnes Broni – a.k.a. Agnes Afrakomah to be introduced)**
- 2.** We announce the death of Mr. Augustine Edward Essiaw, a parishioner and husband of Mrs. Grace Addai (a.k.a. Mrs. Grace Essiaw) also a parishioner and member of Christian Mothers' Association, Local Charismatic, and Harvest Committee. The one-week observation will be held on Wednesday October 18, 2023 at UCOMS, near Jackson College of Education, Afrifa Junction, (Infant Jesus – School Junction) Ayeduase New Site from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.
- 3.** Mad. Bridget Mensah (a.k.a. Sister Fio) announces the death of her mother Obaapanin Elizabeth Yaa Manu. The one-week celebration of her death will be held on Saturday October 21, 2023 at the KNUST Community Center from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with Sister Fio and the bereaved family. **NB: Attire - "Black and White"**

Sincere Thanks

Dr. Joseph Asankomah Bentil and Family wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Association, Knights and Ladies of Marshall and individual parishioners for sympathising with them during their bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for us 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.

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.

Harvest 2023 Levies

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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.** 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.

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.

5. A 3-bedroom newly built house is available for renting at Anwomaso. Interested persons should contact 0208178286 / 0245021581.

6. A 3-bedroom flat with kitchen, bath and toilet rooms is ready for occupation at Ayeduase New Site, opposite Rhema Salvation Ministry on the KNUST-Ayeduase Road, suitable for 3 students. Interested persons can call 0244416770/ 0502693796.

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.

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.