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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 08/01/2024 –6:30PM

Isa. 55:1-11 / Ps. Isa. 12:2-6 / Mk. 1:7-11 (Baptism of The Lord)

TUESDAY, 09/01/2024 -6:30AM

1 Sam. 1:9-20 / Ps. 1 Sam. 2:1, 4-8 / Mk. 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY, 10/01/2024-6:30AM

1 Sam. 3:1-10, 19-20 / Ps. 40:2, 5, 7-10 / Mk. 1:29-39

THURSDAY, 11/01/2024 -7:00PM

1Sam. 4:1-11 / Ps. 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 / Mk. 1^o40-45

FRIDAY, 12/01/2024 - 6:30AM

1 Sam. 8:4-7, 10-22 a / Ps. 89:16-19 / Mk. 2:1-12

SATURDAY, 13/01/2024 -7.00AM

1 Sam. 9:10-4, 17-19; 10:1 / Ps. 21:2-7 / Mk. 2:13-17

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2024 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

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 SAM. 3:3B-10, 19

RES. PSALM - Ps. 40:2, 4, 7-10

2ND READING: 1 COR. 6:13C-15A, 17-20

GOSPEL - JN. 1:35-42

The Epiphany of the Lord: Arise and Shine!

Dear People of God, today, the first Sunday of the year 2024, which happens to be the Sunday between the 2nd and 8th of January, Holy Mother Church calls on us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is the feast of the “Three Kings”. We recall the journey of wise men from the East to Christ. At this liturgical celebration, all nations are invited to sing the Lord’s praises for they have been called to hear the Good News and Worship the long-awaited Messiah and Infant King of the Jews with the gift of their lives. It is an invitation to rise from our spiritual slumber, to take up the light of Christ, and be stars to our brothers and sisters.

Epiphany has a very rich liturgical tradition, originating from the earliest Christian centuries. In the churches of the East, this day occupies a place of even greater prominence than Christmas. Rome has assimilated it into the Christmas Season where too often many think of it only as a commemoration of the historical visit of the Magi to the newly born Christ child. However, the richer meaning of the feast is suggested by translating its name, Epiphania, which means “Revelations”. It recalls how God appeared or revealed Himself to the three Oriental kings through a star. It was under the guidance of the star that they located where Christ was born. Associated with this feast historically are several “revelations” of Christ – to the Magi, at His Baptism in the Jordan, and at Cana in Galilee as He worked the first of His “Signs”. Our attention is drawn to how this feast continues to unfold the Christmas mystery, highlighting the revelation of God’s saving love in Jesus.

We focus on the universality of God’s offer of salvation, symbolized by the presence of the Gentiles, alluded to in the three readings. On arriving at Bethlehem, where the baby Jesus was lying, they fell down and worshiped Him. In that gesture, they fulfilled the words of the Psalmist: “All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord”. This act of worship acknowledges the Divinity of Christ and His Kingship over all. The Magi offered the gift of gold symbolizing kingship; frankincense symbolizing priestly ministry; and myrrh which symbolizes His suffering and death. As Christians, we are thus encouraged to give God our best gift, treasure, time, talent, resources, wealth, and our all.

The first reading reflects the joy felt by the inhabitants of Jerusalem after their return from the Exile. God’s promise of deliverance was fulfilled and that saving act is like a beacon of light shining before the entire world, revealing the compassion and love of the Lord. It is that splendid act of mercy that has drawn even the Gentiles to the Holy City, proclaiming the praises of the Lord as they stream toward Jerusalem from every corner of the earth. St Paul, in the second reading, sees his ministry to the Gentiles as a similar manifestation of God’s gracious offer of salvation to all people. He calls it a “mystery” that the Gentiles have become “sharers in the promise”, a mystery “made known to me by revelation”. He writes with wonder that Jews and Gentiles alike are “members of the same body”. The same motif is echoed in the Gospel, where the Magi – foreigners – are drawn to the Saviour by the light of a star. These pagans, unschooled in the Law and ignorant of the prophets, nonetheless found the Christ and adored him. St Matthew makes a point of contrasting their attitude with that of King Herod, the chief priests, and scribes, and indeed “all Jerusalem”. The Gentile astrologers who followed the light of the star are seen as the truly enlightened ones. “Enlightenment” in early Christian parlance referred to Baptism.

The feast of Epiphany shows that Jesus is a Saviour not only for the Jewish people but for everybody, in every land and culture. The message, power, and love of Christ are for everyone. The contrast between the Magi and the people of Jerusalem is in the fact that Jerusalem was a city proud of its power and its religious heritage. It had the Temple and the Scriptures; it had the teachers of the Law, and priests for the solemn Temple sacrifices, however, it took the pagan Magi from the East, arriving seemingly out of nowhere, to inform the Jewish people, the chosen people, of a New-Born King of the Jews. The leaders in Jerusalem were astonished, looked it up and, sure enough, there was the prophecy they had not really noticed before. Yet, all the Magi had to guide them was this star. Even after the leaders in Jerusalem read the prophecies and were told about the star, still none of them even took the time to go with the Magi to Bethlehem though Bethlehem was only a few miles south of Jerusalem. May we avoid situations of being in spiritual inertia or being diverted from seeking the Lord. We must watch out for spiritual sedatives, a way of life that emphasizes the care of the body and neglects the spirit; that feeds the body but starves the soul; that excites enthusiasm for commercial fads but dampens every honest Christian impulse with doubts and cynicism.

Epiphany reminds us that there are signs today that can awaken us from spiritual slumber, from all spiritual sedatives that numb us to the need for God in us, and blind us to the action of God among us. Epiphany is not just about a visit by the Magi to Jerusalem centuries ago. It is a revelation of deep truths that apply to all of us. For unbelievers, it reveals that God gives every person on earth a sign of His presence. For people of faith, it reminds them that Christ’s embrace is for everyone: shepherds and kings, rich and poor, males and females, Jews and Gentiles. For believers who are drifting, Epiphany reveals that there is a sign, a very personal sign, in our lives that is a guide back to the life of the Church and Christ. The message of Epiphany, of the Magi traveling through the night guided only by a star, is that whatever our darkness, however deep the night, God’s light is also there to guide us to that perfect Light which is Christ. Epiphany assures us that God is no stranger to anybody’s life. Be a star to others!

My dear students, is good to see and have you! We thank God for journey mercies upon you and pray for the safe arrival of those yet to come. May God lead each one to their destination safely. As you find yourself in schools, remember your God, and like the Wise Men from the East, fall down and worship Him always. Note that you are the Star to lead many of your colleagues to God and the Church. You are a sign in the lives of many to guide them to God. Never forget your Catholic identity and the star that you are. Please, make the Chaplaincy, its environment, facilities, and activities your own, and you will enjoy the favours of God. Welcome! We wish you a happy and fruitful stay. 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!

Blessed 2024! 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: Isa. 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matt. 2:1-12



General Notices

Benediction: There will be Benediction today Sunday January 7, 2024 at 7.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

Infant Baptism: There will be Infants' Baptism on Saturday January 13, 2024 at 4:00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday January 12, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Chaplaincy with their children/wards' godparents.

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

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

Public Holiday: Tomorrow Monday, January 8, 2024 is a Statutory Public Holiday and as such, the Chaplaincy Office would not be opened all day. Parishioners should please take note.

Aged/Homebound/Infirm Parishioners: We are appealing to parishioners

ers 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.

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. Thank you.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord (also known as the Theophany in the Eastern Church) is derived from the Greek word *epipháneia*, meaning manifestation or appearance.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Marriage and Family Life Committee: Parishioners are to take note that there are three (3) Main Marriage Counselling sections. The first session begins on Monday January 15, 2024 at 5.00pm. All would-be couples who have registered and those yet to register should kindly take note.

Visit of Seminarians: Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Kumasi would be visiting the Chaplaincy and interact with parishioners on next Sunday January 14, 2024 at all Masses. Parishioners are to take note.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday January 7, 2024, 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 subse-

quent 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: 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. Richard Sena Otio, son of Mr. Joseph Kojo Adzagli and Mad. Florence Abliza, born at Tamale, resided at Denmark, now residing at New Jersey and **Ms. Cyndi Lomokie Doe**, daughter of Mr. Emmanuel Narthey Doe and Mrs. Gifty Aku Atandor Doe, born at Effiduase (Koforidua), resided at Koforidua, now residing in Kumasi. **(3rd Announcement)**

2. Mr. Augustine Senanu Komla Kukah, son of Mr. Bernard Kwesi and Mad. Mary Theodora Akosua, born at Korle-Bu – ex Ho, resided at Asuoeyeboah, Kumasi, now residing at Australia – Sydney and **Ms. Debora Mansaxya Kakora**, daughter of Mr. Leopold Naab-Kakora and Mrs. Susana Naab-Kakora, born in Kumasi, now residing at KNUST, |Kumasi. **(3rd Announcement)**

3. Mr. Hubert Owusu Boateng, son of Mr. Manu Boateng and Mrs. Faustina Manu Boateng, born at U.S.T., used to reside at KNUST, now residing at Kotei and **Ms. Abigail Nana Akua Osei-Wusu**, daughter of Mr. Osei-Wusu and Mrs. Osei-Wusu, born at Asokwa, now residing at Ahinsan **(1st Announcement)**

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

The Chaplain, Parish Council and Pax Romana Local Executives wish to welcome all continuing and fresh students to school (KNUST Campus) and pray that the good Lord guides and be with you throughout your studies.

Funeral Invitations

Sincere Thanks

1. Calendars from Catholic Standard: We have on sale Calendars from the Catholic Standard @ Fifteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢15.00) per a copy. Please, visit the Sales Desk and get your copy.

2. Sale of Books – 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.

3. 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).

4. 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.

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

6. Banana Bread: Healthy Banana Bread with seeds and nuts available for sale and delivery as well. Contact – 0243750444.

<u>Harvest 2023 Levies</u>	<u>GH¢</u>
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 parishioner is looking for a female to work as a house help. Please interested persons should contact her on 0202027360 / 0208198270 for help.

2. 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.

3. 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: 0204020362.

4. 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 HND.

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 may contact 0206744951 or 0595421091.

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 at the Commercial Area and is open 24 hours. Contact them no: 0322067232 or 0501652923 for hassle-free laundry services. Absolute Quality every time.

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.

2. Blessed Trinity Leadership Academy: The FST Sisters of the Archdiocese of Kumasi would like to inform all Catholics (parishioners) that their school, Blessed Trinity Leadership Academy, located at Akokoamong in the Ejisu Municipality is enrolling pupils from the Creche to Basic 9 (JHS 3). They have Day and Boarding facilities and buses that convey the students in the morning to school and in the afternoon to their various destinations. Parishioners are to send their children to the school to be well trained and rooted in the Catholic faith. For further information, please contact (1) the Headmistress – Sr. Theresa Arthur on: 0248149391, (2) the Assistant Head – Sir George on 0248505726, and (3) the Secretary – Madam Benedicta on 0247186619.

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

3. 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.

4. There is A 2-Bedroom flat for rent at the Affordable Housing Unit at Asokore Mampong. Please, contact Atta Poku on 0246415027 / 0502781310.

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.