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Called to the Mountaintop: Loyalty to the Giver!

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent, Year B. The readings for this Sunday invite us to climb with Abraham to Mount Moriah and with the Transfigured Christ to Mount Tabor. We reflect on Abraham's ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son to God, and the disclosure of a suffering messiahship by Jesus. Abraham was prepared to give God his only-begotten son, Isaac, in sacrifice. God would do no less. "This is my Son, the Beloved", He says to us, "Listen to Him". Our God commands us to listen to Him and to His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, whom God did not spare for our sake.

On this second Sunday of Lent, we are invited to climb three mountains with their protagonists: Abraham on Mount Moriah; the Redeemer Christ on Mount Calvary; and the Transfigured Christ on Mount Tabor. To climb a mountain is hard, but when we reach the top, we see things differently. The air is cleaner, the light is clearer; we come closer to God, and are changed by the effort. Mount Moriah calls us to serve the true God alone and to be loyal to the Giver of every good gift, especially in complex situations of life. Mount Calvary shows us Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, our Saviour and Advocate, who indeed intercedes for us at the right hand of God. Mount Tabor calls us to listen and trust in the glory that awaits us. You may climb any one of these to discover that you have come closer to God and are changed deeply.

Although we know in advance that Abraham's call to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac is a test, the horror of the situation is made very real by the text. The fire, the knife, the wood, and the child's own innocent question conjure a vivid picture. The story in its historical context was to illustrate the substitution of an animal for the child, thus reinforcing the practice of the Israelite religion, which – in contrast to that of its neighbours – forbade human sacrifice. The account falls on God's first intervention, preventing Isaac's death. In its final redaction, the angel's second intervention, lauding Abraham's faith and renewing the covenant promises, gives the story its definitive form. Although Isaac was the child through whom God's promise of numerous descendants would be fulfilled, Abraham could not transfer his loyalty to the Giver (God) to the gift (Isaac). The fidelity and obedience that God required of Abraham were still immediate and absolute. We have Abraham's awesome trust and obedience to God, in a situation where God's true intentions seem fearfully obscure, and is gifted the blessings of the covenant, renewed because of Abraham's faith. God called Abraham up the Mount of Moriah to teach him, in a very dramatic way, that human sacrifice would never be part of fidelity to the God of life. At the top of the mountain Abraham finally and completely left all the old gods of the Chaldeans behind to serve the only true God alone. We are also called during Lent to abandon the worship of the gods of the culture of our time, to discover again our fidelity to the One True God. Abraham teaches us to listen to God always, to pledge and keep our loyalty to the Giver of gifts, and never to the gift.

The Gospel reading leads us to another mountaintop, Mount Tabor, where Jesus Transfigured before Peter, James, and John, revealing something stupendous to them. We can sometimes limit our vision and hope to this world as the apostles did, but Jesus took them up a high mountain. Once there, He started to change; first His clothing, then He Himself. Then Elijah and Moses appeared with Him, re-

calling the theophanies at Sinai and Horeb in Ex 24 and 1Kg 19. The disciples did not know what to say, they were taken by surprise. Then the cloud came and the voice, "This is my Beloved Son, Listen to Him". Suddenly everything was over just as suddenly as it began. Jesus was standing there just as they had seen Him before. But now, they knew what the future held, not only for Jesus but also for them. The scene gave the apostles a preview of the eventual glorification of Jesus but differs from the Resurrection appearances. Peter's offer to build three booths probably stems from a belief that the Messiah would come during the Feast of Tabernacles. The voice of God from the cloud (the *Shekinah*, or "shadow of the Almighty") claimed Jesus as the Son and commanded the disciples to listen to him. While this command refers to all of Jesus' teachings, His revelation of the necessity of suffering is close in view. Though the disciples did not fully understand it all, they looked at themselves and each other, they realised there was more to their future than they could imagine. They knew that one day they too would shine. This world is not all there is for us.

St Paul in the second reading used one of his favourite images, the Law Court, to remind us of God's acquittal of sinners. His rhetorical question shows it is unthinkable that the God who justifies us would condemn us. It is equally absurd to think that Christ, who is our advocate, would bring in a verdict against us. St Paul relates the justification of sinful humanity to God's overwhelming love shown in the sacrifice of His Son. If God is for us, who can be against us? If He did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will He not give us everything else along with Him? This is the God we serve. He is the God who invites us, like Abraham, our father in faith, to obey and journey to the mount where He will provide for us and renew His love for us even in situations where His will and intention are fearfully obscure. He is the same God who revealed His Son as the Beloved, commanding us to listen to Him and to trust in the glory that awaits us. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; we must listen to Him. Lent invites us to climb to the mountaintop where we can leave behind the gods of our past, embrace Christ as the only Saviour whom God did not spare, and trust the glory that will be ours in Christ. We can learn to thrust all our cares and worries upon the Lord, knowing that all things will work for our good and in accordance with His will.

We celebrate and wish all our brethren who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, and thanksgiving in February God's blessings and favours. Congratulations!

We pray and wish our dear students a fruitful and successful Mid-Semester Examinations. Be of good conduct. God is on your side; nothing can be against you. As we reflect, pray, fast, and give during this Season of Lent, let us learn to trust the Provident God. God bless you. 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 26/02/2024 – 6:30PM

DAN. 9:4B-10 / Ps. 79:8-9, 10, 13 / Lk. 6:36-38

TUESDAY, 27/02/2024 - 6:30AM/6:30PM

Isa. 1:10-, 16-20 / Ps. 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 / Matt. 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY, 28/02/2024- 6:30AM

Jer. 18:18-20 / Ps. 31:5-6, 14-16 / Matt. 20:17-28

THURSDAY, 29/02/2024 - 7:00PM

Jer. 17:5-10 / Ps. 1:1-4, 6 / Lk. 16:19-31

FRIDAY, 01/03/2024 - 6:30AM

Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Ps. 105:16-21 / Matt. 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY, 02/03/2024 - 7.00AM(REQUIEM MASS)

Mic. 7:14-15, 18-20 / Ps. 103:1-4, 9-12 / Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024 – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT(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 – Ex. 20:1-17

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 19:8-11

2ND READING – 1 COR. 1:22-25

GOSPEL – JN. 2:13-25

PASTORAL TEAM

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah – 0249999616
Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagrainie - 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: Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

2nd Reading: Rm 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10



General Notices

Requiem mass: There would be requiem mass on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at our chaplaincy.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm.

Stations of The Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of the period of Lent at 1.00pm and 7.00pm. Parishioners should please take note and avail themselves to journey with the Lord throughout the period.

Lenten Prayer Session: The Catholic Chaplaincy is organising an hour of Prayer Session during this year's Lenten season. Theme: *"Let Your Hearts Be Broken, not Your Garments Be Torn"*– (Joel 2:13). This will start from Wednesday February 14, 2024 and will end on Tuesday March 12, 2024. This will take place at the Main Chapel from 5.00pm to 6.00pm each day. Parishioners/groups/societies are encouraged to be part of this spiritual



Lent Fact

Lent observance lasts approximately 40 days, symbolizing the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness.

exercise.

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.

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. (0596036520)

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.

Sunday School Teacher: We invite parishioners and students who want to be Sunday School Teachers to see any of the Sunday School Teachers. Note that you have to be a baptized and confirmed Catholic.

Invitation to Birthday Celebration and Book Launch – Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Peter Kwasi Sarpong:

The Archbishop Emeritus Most Rev. Peter Kwasi Sarpong is celebrating his 91st birthday and as part of the celebration, there will be a book launch in his honor on Monday, February 26, 2024 at St. Gregory The Great Provincial Major Seminary, Parkoso at 3.00pm. The Secretary

Committees, Groups & Societies

Liturgy Committee: Members of the Liturgy Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at the Msgr. Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at 5:30pm prompt. All concerned members are entreated to be present at the meeting.

Marriage and Family Life Committee: Parishioners are to take note that there are three (3) Main Marriage Counselling sections. The first session began on Monday January 15, 2024, the second session will be from May 6, 2024 and the third session from September 9, 2024 all at 5.00pm. All would-be couples who have registered and those yet to register should kindly take note.

Knights and Ladies of Blessed Sacrament (KLBS – Mass Servers): The Knights and Ladies of Blessed Sacrament are inviting new members to join them. Meetings are held on Saturdays at the Chaplaincy at 3.00pm. interested parishioners are to take note.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): Members are being reminded of their usual meeting

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.

Twí Catechism: It is announced for the information of parishioners that Twí Catechism for all the Sacraments will be on every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Chaplaincy. Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Please, take note.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:

1. Students/ Parishioners who wish to join the confraternity should please contact **Maa Joe on 0554023363** or interested members are invited to give their names to Mr. Lambert Nakpi (the Sacristan).

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary, Twí 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.

Sunday School (Children's Liturgy): All parents who have their children/wards at the Sunday School (Children's Liturgy) are to call on the following numbers to be added to the Sunday School (Children's Liturgy) P.T.A. WhatsApp Page: 0202629253 – Kyere Yeboah Emmanuel, 0207609053 – Bernadette Agbavor or join through the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/IKd2LJdxOSm8ppy6Eup43Q>

Marriage Banns



Pax Corner

1. **Students' Mass** – Students Mass – This and every Tuesday at 6.30pm. Please, all students should take note.

2. **Students' Catechism** – Students Catechism – This and every Saturday at Room 7 of the Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex at exactly 4.00pm. Students who would want to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation should be part of the Class.

3. **ITI-CCR National Conference 2024:** The ITI-CCR National Conference is an annual conference organised for all Tertiary Students across the country. This year, it is hosted at UCC but hosted in the Ndoum School of Business from 1st to 3rd March, 2024 and we are all called to participate to be fruitful in our Christian lives. Theme: **“Be Fruitful”** (Jn.15:4-8 & Gal.5:22-25). Rate: GH¢200.00 (this includes transportation, registration, feeding, accommodation, etc.). A google form has been shared on the various Pax Subgroups pages, kindly tap on it or contact any of the CCR Service Team members to register.

Night Of Hymns'24: Pax Choir comes again with Night of Hymns, and this year promises to be exceptional. Join us as we countdown to the 10th of March, 2024 at exactly 5:30pm. Be prepared to grace us with presence as we sing hymns to our God. N.O.H. 2024.... Come let us sing a hymn to God.

Youth Corner

Youth Mass comes off this and every **Thursday at 7pm.**

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

Funeral Announcement

Funeral Announcement: We announce the death of Mr. Jonas Abeo, a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Union and also the husband of Mrs. Augustina Abeo also a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Union/Christian Mothers' Association and again the father of Ms. Gloria Abeo (Youth Choir) and Paul Abeo (CYO & Brass Band). The One-week observation will come off on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at Affiduase-Dadiease Roman Catholic Church premises from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Funeral Invitation: Mrs. Theresa Amissah Cudjoe, a parishioner, is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her mother Obaapanyin Felicia Clarke as follows: wake-keeping on Friday, March 1, 2024 at Kweikumah, Essikafo Ambantem, burial service on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Bethel Methodist Church, Takoradi at 8.30am, burial at Anomabo, final funeral rites at the Bethel Methodist Church premises, Takoradi, thanksgiving service on Sunday, March 3, 2024, family gathering at the Government Secretariat School, Kweikuma. **(Mrs. Theresa Amissah Cudjoe to be introduced)**

We announce the final funeral rites of Prof. (Mrs) Ernestine Agnes Addy(A.K.A Akosua Nyarko Jantuah), a parishioner as follows: pre-burial and laying in state on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at The Holy Rosary Catholic Church, KNUST from 7:00AM to 8:30AM, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at

9.00am, internment at Kenyase Kwabre, final funeral rites at the KNUST Pool Side Lawn, Kumasi from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 8.00am at the chaplaincy, family gathering at the KNUST Pool Side Lawn, Kumasi from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Her family to be introduced).**

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

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.

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. 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.

Sales experience will be an added advantage.

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.

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.