

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Telephone: +233596036520



UNIVERSITY POST OFFICE

KUMASI, GHANA

DATE: 17TH MARCH, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 18/03/2024 – 6:30PM

DAN. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Ps. 23:1-6/JN. 8:1-11 (COMMEMORATION – CYRIL OF JERUSALEM)

TUESDAY, 19/03/2024 - 6:30AM/6:30PM

2 Sam. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Ps.89:2-5, 27, 29 / Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a (St. Joseph, Husband of The Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity)

WEDNESDAY, 20/03/2024- 6:30AM

Dan. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Ps. Dan. 3:52-56 / Jn. 8:31-42

THURSDAY, 21/03/2024 - 7:00PM

Gen. 17:3-9 / Ps. 105:4-9 / Jn. 8:51-59

FRIDAY, 22/03/2024 - 6:30AM

Jer. 20:10-13 / Ps. 17:2-7 / Jn. 10:31-42

SATURDAY, 23/03/2024 - 7:00AM

Ez. 37:11-28 / Ps. Jer. 21:10-13 / Jn. 11:45-56 (Turibius de Mongrevejo)

Next Sunday March 24, 2024 – Passion (Palm) Sunday (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 – ISA. 50:4-7
RESP. PSALM – Ps. 22:8-9,
17-20,23-24**

2ND READING – PHIL. 2:6-11

GOSPEL – MK. 14:1 – 15:47

Dying to Self to Produce a Much Fruit

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B. As we draw closer to Holy Week, the themes of suffering, surrender, and dying are repeated. The readings remind us of God's promise to make a New Covenant with us in which His Law shall no longer be written on stone, but inscribed in our hearts. To gain new life in this covenant we need to give up our old ways of life. The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by repentance, sacrifice, obedience, suffering, persecution and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness. Our sufferings, despite their painfulness, are also filled with purpose and usefulness.

We read a dramatic moment in John's Gospel immediately following the Raising of Lazarus when Jesus announces that His "hour" has come. This proclamation is precipitated by the arrival of some "Greeks" – Gentiles who came over to Judaism and were in Jerusalem for the Passover – who say they wish to see Jesus. The Greeks came to the disciple Philip and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus". This simple statement seems very refreshing in its civility, especially in the middle of the growing hostility swirling around Jesus at this point in John's Gospel. Philip told Andrew, and together they went and told Jesus. This occasioned Jesus to give us two profound teachings about Himself. These Greeks or Gentiles were most likely attracted by the miracles they had heard Jesus perform and they came wanting to see Jesus. Who do we want to see in life? We ought to seek to see Jesus in life, at Mass, at Group and Societal meetings, at prayer meetings, and during spiritual activities. Christians must imitate the efforts of these Gentiles who sought to see and encounter Jesus through Philip and Andrew. Philip and Andrew also served as the channel, signpost, and conducted them to Jesus. As Christians, our greatest call is to lead others to Jesus, to God and His Church, and never to ourselves. How faithful are we in this all-important task? These Gentiles expressed their need to see Jesus and the apostles played their roles in leading them to Jesus.

Jesus used the opportunity to teach all of us where to discover the greatest of His power and miracles. He speaks of His "hour" which is a time of both suffering and glory as He returns to the Father through His Death, Resurrection and Ascension. His hour is a manifestation of His love: He giving up His life for others. What for the world is defeat and shame, for Him is victory and glory! He added that "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit". With this, Jesus insists on the necessity of death as the means of fecundity. Only the dead can come to life! Thus, Christians can fulfil their goal and grow to maturity only when they are capable of love: that is when we give our life for others. The grain of wheat that must fall on the ground clearly points to Jesus' death as the seed of new life for those who convert to Him. It took Jesus' death on the cross to break the shell, the limitations of His human nature so that, now risen, He is present in countless places, to countless lives.

The Lord also speaks about a deep and wider truth about every Christian life: something about us has to die for new life to be born and be released. We experience "dying" in our lives many times. We have to die to carefree youth life for the maturity that comes with responsibility to be born. We must die to self-preoccupation to sacrifice for our partners, children, grandchildren and others. We have to die to a familiar routine to make room for a new job, a new direction in our life. These ruptures in our life can mean a new life.

The seed that does not die, literally, "remains alone". Christians are to bear fruits and this is possible by dying to self through repentance, sacrifice, obedience, suffering or persecution. In addition, "anyone who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life". To hate one's life, to serve Christ in others, and to follow Christ, is a sure way to be with Christ where He is. This brings honour from the Father. The motif of death producing life is applied to the believer in a non-parable form.

Believers must die to self in order to experience a spiritual rebirth. Dying to self is necessary to receive New Life. It is important to keep "dying to self" and "new life" together. If they are divorced, we end up deceiving ourselves. If we forget that new birth is what Lent is all about, we may do many things without any real change on the inside. We will observe lots of practices but have a heart cold as ice, or as the prophet Jeremiah says, hard as stone. We end up with a religion that is busy with lots of things but divorced from daily life. We may end up with a religion of symbols, rhetoric, and music on Sundays, while during the week all the old sarcasm, vindictiveness, envy, jealousy, hatred, backing biting continue. We could end up with a religion of childhood memories but little adult commitment, a religion loaded with nostalgia but unable to transform us today. When we die to self and crack open the shell of sinful behaviours in our life, it is to bring something else to life: spiritual wisdom in our daily affairs, a powerful and personal relationship with God, closeness to Christ, the strength of the Holy Spirit in any storm, the power to enhance the lives of others through forgiveness and intelligent, wise, discerning love – all that Jesus stands for. That is what our dying to self is to bring forth and that is what Lent is all about.

A grain must be buried in the ground to become a rich harvest. Deep within us is the Holy Spirit we received at Baptism and Confirmation. Lent is a time to crack the shell of sin in our life. We might not need total transformation immediately, just a crack in that outer shell, to allow the new life of grace to grow. We are invited, even in our flesh, to imitate Christ who offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to God the Father who can save us. By this, we perfect ourselves as we learn obedience through what we suffer. What in your life has to die for a new life in Christ to be born?

Dear students, make activities at the Chaplaincy an essential part of your Campus Life, especially the Holy Week activities. Never forget how and why you are here. As we intensify our Lenten Observance through reflection, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving note that there is always a lesson of obedience we can learn in what we suffer. 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.

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: Jer 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Heb 5:7-9

Gospel: Jn 12:20-33



General Notices

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

Passion (Palm) Sunday: Please, parishioners should take note that next Sunday March 24, 2024 is Passion (Palm) Sunday. The 8.00am and the 10.00am Masses will start with a procession from the Swimming Pool at 7.30am and 9.30am respectively after the Palm Branches have been blessed by the Celebrant. For the Vigil and the 6.30am Masses, the Celebrant will bless the Palm Branches in front of the Chapel before the start of the Masses. Parishioners are entreated to bring Palm Branches to Mass next week.

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 exercise.

Easter Picnic! Easter Picnic!! Easter Picnic!!!: The Social Action Committee would like to inform parishioners about the Easter Picnic which will come off on Monday April 1, 2024 at the KNUST Basic School (JHS) at 9.00am. As usual, there are going to be a lot of activities such as: inter-societal football competitions, indoor games (i.e. ludu, table tennis, playing cards, tag of peace, sack race, musical chairs, eating competition) etc. Parishioners who would want to partake in these activities should register at the Chaplaincy Office from now.

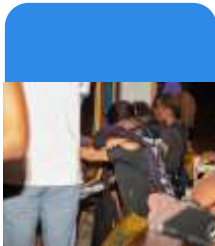
Aged/Homebound/Infirm Parishioners:

We are appealing to parishioners to furnish the Chaplaincy Office with the names and house addresses of sick, aged, homebound, and 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.

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.



Lent Fact

While Lent is traditionally a 40-day observance, Sundays are not included in this count. This exception is rooted in the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, which occurs on Easter Sunday.

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 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.

Asawase Deanery Youth Camp Meeting: The Asawase Deanery Youth Council wishes to inform all the Youth in the Asawase Deanery of the upcoming Deanery Youth Camp at St Marcelin Champagnat School at Buokrom which starts from Wednesday, April 17, 2024 to Sunday, April 21, 2024. Inter-

ested people (Youth) should register either at the Chaplaincy Office or with their societal leaders. **Registration Fee: GH¢50.00** per person.

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

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.

TwI Catechism: It is announced for the information of parishioners that TwI 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:

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, 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.

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/IKd2LdxOSm8ppy6Eup43Q>

Marriage Banns



Mr. Joseph Osei-Tutu, son of Mr. Emmanuel Kwaku Bugyei and Mad. Mercy Nyarko, born at Kokofu-Asaaman, used to reside at Oforikrom, now residing at Domeabra and **Ms. Grace Naab**, daughter of Mr. Sylvester Naab and Mad. Alice Naab, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Heman, now residing at Domeabra. **(2nd Announcement)**

2. Mr. Stephen Lassong Binandam, son of Mr. Lassong Ndegma and Mad. Mabinku Lassong, born at Saboba, residing in Kumasi and **Ms. Millicent N-Yokuni Ngmal Bini**, daughter of Mr. Upel- N-Yokuni and Mad. Nyoja Yajabrum, born at Saboba, residing at Tamale. **(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' 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.

Funeral Announcement

1. We announce the funeral of Mr. Jonas Abio, a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Union and the husband of Mrs. Augustina Abio, also a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Union/Christian Mothers' Association and again the father of Ms. Gloria Abio (Youth Choir) and Paul Abio (CYO/Brass Band) as follows: laying in state on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Ayigya Zongo School park, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at Ayigya Zongo School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 10.00am, family gathering from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mrs. Augustina Abio and children to be introduced)**

2. We announce the death of Obaapanin Faustina Ayine Awore, a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of The Child Jesus and Sacred Heart of Jesus. The one-week observation of her death comes off next Sunday, March 24, 2024 at Aboabo Kese park from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

The CCR-ITI National Conference Committee has a very short message of thanksgiving to the congregation (Parishioners).

2. Mr. Enoch Anning is expressing his sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Ushering Ministry, Knights and Ladies of The Blessed Sacrament, and individual parishioners for sympathising with him during his bereavement. He asks for God's blessings for you.

1. 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.

2. 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).

3. 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.

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

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

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. 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.

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.

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.

1. House for Rent: 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. 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.