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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 15/04/2024 – 6:30PM

ACTS 6:8-15 / Ps. 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 / Jn. 6:22-29

TUESDAY, 16/04/2024 - 6:30AM/6:30PM

Acts 7:51 – 8:1a, Ps, 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21 / Jn. 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY, 17/04/2024- 6:30AM

ACTS 8:1B-8 / Ps. 66:1-7 / JN. 6:35-40

THURSDAY, 18/04/2024 - 7:00PM

ACTS 8:26-48 / Ps. 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 / JN. 6:44-51

FRIDAY, 19/04/2024 - 6:30AM

ACTS 9:1-20 / Ps. 117:1-2 / JN. 6:52-59

SATURDAY, 20/04/2024 - 7.00AM

Acts 9:31-42 / Ps. 116:12-17 / Jn. 6:60-69

Next Sunday April 21, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Easter (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 – ACTS 4:8-12

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

2ND READING – 1 JN. 3:1-2

GOSPEL – JN. 10:11-18

Christian, Witness the Peace, Presence and Purpose of Christ!

“Peace be with you”.

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter. With the assurance that Christ is Risen, the readings invite us to bear witness to the wonders of the Lord: His peace, presence and purpose. Having enjoyed Christ's peace, and being assured of His presence, we are to proclaim the marvels of the Lord: the suffering Messiah, raised from the dead, has been glorified and offers new life. This Jesus, the Risen and Glorified Lord, is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace. Christ also gives us a new understanding of the Scriptures and sends us out to be His witnesses. We celebrate with the living Christ, our advocate with the Father, in whose name repentance for the forgiveness of sins is preached to humanity.

St Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, gave his speech in line with the classic Lukan pattern and a typical apostolic discourse on the Resurrection: recollection of circumstances; proclamation of the resurrection; appeal to the Scriptures; and exhortation to conversion. The last component of the apostolic discourse, that is the exhortation to conversion, is particularly prominent in today's text: “Repent, therefore, and be converted (turn again), that your sins may be wiped away (blotted out)”. Thus, Peter invites the Jewish people to repent of their sin of rejecting and crucifying Jesus, the Holy and Righteous One. With faith in the Risen Christ comes conversion, forgiveness of sins and new life. On the Cross, Jesus had said, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”. Peter does the same by telling the people that they and their leaders knew not what they were doing. Though the works of the people led to the killing of the “prince of life” and the demand of a murderer's release in his place, God's love is always the victor and succeeds in drawing good even from the worst actions of man. This indicates that conversion is the primary aim of the apostolic witness. When we excuse people who offend us, we liberate ourselves from hurt and gain the power to forgive from the heart. In that case, we offer them the chance and opportunity for reconciliation and to experience peace.

St Luke's takes us back to the Upper Room where the disciples, returning from Emmaus, narrated their encounter with the Risen Jesus. They shared with the other disciples what had happened, only to experience once again the appearance of the Risen One. The narrative follows a familiar pattern: Jesus appears, greets the disciples with “Shalom” (Peace), and then invites them to dine with him. In the course of the meal, He breaks open the Scriptures for them, and ends with a command that they are to be “witnesses of these things”. Through these appearances, the Lord takes this group of disciples, broken apart, spirted, and scattered by His crucifixion and death, and re-creates them together around the truth of His Resurrection. In the appearance, the Risen Lord established the features that will be part of every authentic Christian community until the end of time: that is His Peace, Presence, and Purpose. The Risen Lord's first words to the disciples are “Peace be with you”. He gives them His peace because they are in turmoil, confusion, agitated, guilt. These “followers” had abandoned and denied Him despite their strong claims that they would do otherwise. They knew that they betrayed their Master. They were sorry but could not turn back the clock. Jesus knows of their repentance. He comes now to offer them “Peace”; to let them know that they are forgiven. That was what turned their fear into joy: they were forgiven.

The message of Jesus at every Mass and in all our Sacraments is forgiveness that comes from repentance. Forgiveness and repentance go together. Regrettably, people try to separate them. Some people love

repentance and do it all the time but do not really believe that there is forgiveness for them. Others want forgiveness but without repentance. However, when we put them together, we have a wonderful Easter truth. No matter what we may have done, whatever our past, however horrible the things we did, our repentance can bring new life, forgiveness, and peace. We can become a new creation because “Christ is expiation for our sins”. St John writes in the second reading, “If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One”. A similar thing is what St Peter says, “Repent that your sins may be wiped away”. The peace that comes from forgiveness is Jesus' first great Easter gift to the Apostles who needed it at that crucial moment, and to us who need it today. There is always forgiveness because the love of God cannot be overcome by our sins or ignorance. First, acknowledge the evil we have done, our frailty and sinfulness, then let us change our lives.

The Risen Lord assures us of His presence, His real presence among us. Christ is truly among us through His Holy Spirit when we pray and when we gather with our fellow Christians in faith. He is present in the Eucharist as the most vivid way He would remain with us. He is with us not as a memory or a model but as surely as He was with the Apostles in the Upper Room. Christ's presence is a wonderful gift to us believers. As we look at all the individuals in the Church, we can reflect on the fact that the Risen Lord is at work in the lives of each of us, each with his or her own story, needs, and aspirations, and He is present to each as though that person were the only one. He comes to each one of us in His Word and in the Eucharist with the particular graces that each needs for his/her life. This enduring, lasting, permanent, real presence of Christ to us is His gift to us as a community of believers. Besides His peace and presence, there is also His purpose. Meeting the Risen Jesus always conveys a renewed understanding of what it means to be His follower. The Lord sent the Apostles to be witnesses of this new way of life, the new truth that entered the universe: that in our world there is a new creation at work and growing. The Church has many great, heroic witnesses to Christ's life and teaching. There are many saints, canonized and not yet canonized, who had a mission to fulfil. We too are given a purpose. We can make some Easter resolutions such as sharing the peace and the presence of Christ with others or at least with one other person. We can equally sow seeds of love, care, truth, honesty, fairness, and fidelity in our communities. Let us try to share something of Christ with others.

We continue to pray with and for our dear students and wish them all the best in their exams. The victory and triumph of the Risen Lord is with you. Have no fears! Be disciplined, do your part with honesty, and God will supply the rest. Victoria is assured. 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 Quagrainie - 0207024221
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrwin SJ—0277154777
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Act 3:13-15,17-19

2nd Reading: 1Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48





**EASTER
FACT**

The liturgical season of Easter lasts for 50 days! It is the second-longest season on the Church calendar.

Each year, Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox and ends with the celebration of Pentecost.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm.

Collection of Food Items for St. Gregory the Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso:

1. The Archdiocese of Kumasi is organising the Yearly Food Collection for Seminarians at St. Gregory the Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso. The Chaplaincy is supposed to send food items on behalf of the Archdiocese to the Seminary. In view of this, parishioners are entreated to bring non-perishable food items such as Milo, Sugar, Milk, Nido, Biscuit, Oil, Rice, Gari, Sardines, Mackerel, Assorted Drinks, etc. to support them. The period for the collection is from Sunday April 14, 2024 to the last Sunday of the month. Parishioners could also bring them to the Chaplaincy Office.

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2. There will also be a second collection to support the food items for the Seminarians. Please, give willingly and receive bountiful blessings from God.

Sick/Aged/Homebound/Infirmed

Parishioners: We appeal 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 Chaplain-

cy 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.

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.

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.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Marriage and Family Life Committee: Parishioners are to take note that the first session of the Marriage Counselling has ended. The second session will start 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.

Asawase Deanery Youth Choir Visit: The Asawase Deanery Youth Choir is with is here today Sunday, April 14, 2024 on a visit.

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 Marcellin Champagnat School at Buokrom which starts from Wednesday, April 17, 2024 to Sunday, April 21, 2024. Interested people (Youth) should register either at the Chaplaincy Office or with their societal leaders. **Registration Fee: GH¢50.00** per person.

Knights and Ladies of Marshall – New Members wanted: The Knights and Ladies of Marshall Council 78 KNUST are inviting new members to join. Interested persons should contact Prof. Jacob Agbenorhevi on 0208954223 or Dr. Joseph

Bentil on 0241133879 for the membership application form.

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.

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:

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>

Pilgrimage! Pilgrimage!! Pilgrimage!!!: Pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel. Interested persons should contact Nana on 0266757231 for forms. Closing date is May 15, 2024.

Marriage Banns



1. **Mr. Rudolph Ekow Simpson**, son of Mr. Rudolph Ebenezer Simpson and Mad. Cecilia Bonsu, born in Kumasi, resided at KNUST Campus, now residing at Kentinkrono and **Ms. Emmanuella Kunadu**, daughter of Mr. Prince Kwabena Konadu and Mrs. Rosemary Konadu, born in Kumasi, resided at Maakro, Kumasi, now residing at Jema. **(3rd Announcement)**
2. **Mr Isaac Boateng Dwamena**, son of Mr Kwame Dwamena and Mad. Christiana Konadu, born at Cape Coast, residing at Wenchi, and **Ms. Adwoa Aboraa Tufuor**, daughter of Mr James Attakora Tufuor and Mrs. Theresa Tufuor, born at Wa, now residing at Ayigya-Maxima **(3rd Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses)**
3. **Mr Stanislaus Yendor Banamen**, son of Mr Mathias Yendor and Mrs. Felicia Yendor, born at Obuasi, used to reside at Obuasi-Nyinamu, now residing at Parakou-Estate, Accra, and **Dr. (Ms.) Elizabeth Akua Asaase Nkum**, daughter of Prof Bernard C. Nkum and Mrs. Gifty Nkum, born in Kumasi, used to reside at KNUST/Brofoyedu, now residing at Korle-Bu, Accra. **(2nd Announcement)**

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.

Youth Corner

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

Funeral Announcement

1. Mr. Gregory Debzie Tang, a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Union and St. Peter's Choir announces the death of his wife Mrs. Eunice Debzie-Tang (a.k.a. Adwoa) also a parishioner, member of the Dagaaba Union, Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association and the Ushering Ministry. The one-week observation of her death comes off next Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Ayigya Zongo School park from 6:00am to 6:00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with Mr. Gregory Debzie Tang and the family.
2. Madam Felicia Agana, a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Union and also one of the Chaplaincy Sweepers announces the funeral of her son Mr. Anabila Agana (a.k.a. Afoko) as follows: wake-keeping on Friday, April 19, 2024 At Ayigya Zongo School park, laying in state on Saturday, April 20, 2024, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy, burial follows, final funeral rites at Ayigya Zongo School park, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Chaplaincy, family gathering after Mass. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Madam Felicia Agana to be introduced)**

Sincere Thanks

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. Natural Bouquet and Wreath for sale at St. Louis Senior High School. Please contact Sr. Evelyn Serwaa Adjei on 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.

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/

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.

3. Good Shepherd R.C. Preparatory School – Sale of Nursery Admission Forms

for 2024/25 Academic Year: The Good Shepherd R.C. Preparatory School at Ahinsan Estate, Kumasi is informing parishioners of the sale of Nursery Admission Forms on Saturday April 20, 2024 at the School premises from 9:00am – 10:00am. Vacancies are limited and admission is purely on merit. The Original Biometric Birth Certificate should be produced during the interview. Please, note that those without proper documents will not be considered. **Registration Form is GH¢50.00.**

Requirements:

- The child must be three (3) years old by September 30, 2024
- Original Biometric Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate and Letter from your Parish Priest (Catholic Applicants Only)

One (1) Passport Size Photograph

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.

1. House for Rent: A Two-Bedroom apartment with bath, toilet, and kitchen at Nahuniso, 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. 3-bedroom apartment with two washrooms is available and ready for rent at Top High. Interested persons should call 0244028323.

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.