

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 08/04/2024 – 6:30PM

ISA. 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps. 40:7-11 / HEB. 10:1-10 / LK. 1:26-38 (ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD)

TUESDAY, 09/04/2024 - 6:30AM/6:30PM

Acts 4:32-37 / Ps. 93:1-2, 5 / Jn. 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY, 10/04/2024- 6:30AM

ACTS 5:17-26 / Ps. 34:2-9 / JN. 36-21

THURSDAY, 11/04/2024 - 7:00PM

ACTS 5:27-33 / Ps. 34:2, 9, 17-20 / JN. 3:31-36 (STANISLAUS)

FRIDAY, 12/04/2024 - 6:30AM

ACTS 5:34-42 / Ps. 27:1, 4, 13-14 / JN. 6:1-15

SATURDAY, 13/04/2024 - 7.00AM

Acts 6:1-7 / Ps. 33:1-2, 4-05, 18-19 / Jn. 6:16-21 (Martin I)

Next Sunday April 14, 2024 – 3rd 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 3:13-15, 17-19

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 4:2, 4, 7-9

2ND READING – 1Jn. 2:1-5a

GOSPEL – LK. 24:35-48

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Faith in the Life of the Community of Believers

“Peace be with you”.

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, also termed Divine Mercy Sunday. Per ancient tradition, the Church regards the eight days from the Paschal Feast to the Second Sunday of Easter as a single unit of joyful celebration (an Octave). Today completes the nine-day prayerful assimilation of Crucifixion, commemorated on Good Friday. On the merits of Jesus Christ who died on the Cross, we are granted God’s mercy. The Church gives thanks to the Lord that He has formed us into a Community of Believers. The readings demonstrate the practical consequence of the Easter faith (being baptised in the name of Jesus) in the life of the community of believers. Although we have never seen Him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, Begotten by God, Victor over sin and death. We gather like that first group of believers, united heart and soul, celebrating our victory over the world through our faith in Christ, the Son of God.

Throughout the Easter Season, the first readings of the Liturgy are taken from the Acts of the Apostles to illuminate the mystery of the Church as it developed from its beginnings at Pentecost. In today’s first reading, St Luke gives us an ideal life of the early Christian community; a community of one heart and mind. This community of believers held three basic theological visions expressed in its life: the awareness and faith in the presence of the Holy Spirit within the community; the power of the same Spirit at work in individual believers safeguarding the bold proclamation of the resurrection; and sharing of goods in common (so that none were needy) as an experience of God’s reign already present in their midst. These early Christians strongly believed that Baptism made them members of one family in Christ. As a family, they ensured that everyone was provided for equally. “Love gives”, was their principle of life, something they learnt from God who loved the world and gave His Son; and from Jesus who loved us and gave us His Body and Blood as food and drink for our nourishment; and His life for the salvation of the world. Their oneness of heart and soul propelled and made it easier for them to own things in common so that distribution was made to each as any had need. We who believe are truly God’s children, how do we practically take care of the real needs of one another within our community? The mercy of God shown us requires us to be conscious of the needs of each other. And this is Easter faith in action!

The Gospel for today is a story of mission, forgiveness, and faith. The Risen Lord appears to His followers on the evening of the Resurrection, when they are gathered behind locked doors in the Upper Room, afraid. He speaks a greeting of “Peace” and at once commissions them to continue His saving work: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you”. As God breathed on the waters of creation, so Jesus in this scene breathes on the disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, with an immediate creative effect. In giving the Spirit, Jesus imparts a particular power for reconciliation: “If you forgive sins they are forgiven; if you hold them bound, they are held bound”. Just as the earthly Jesus exercised a power to forgive sins, now His followers are given that power in the Spirit.

In addition to these, we have the apostle Thomas or the “doubting Thomas” taking centre stage and exhibiting three basic doubts.

Firstly, he hesitated about the truth of the Resurrection because he could not see the Risen Lord. He represents the transition we all have to make from looking for a visual experience of Christ with our eyes to experiencing the invisible, spiritual presence of Christ in signs and Sacraments. Although we cannot see the Lord, He is here. He is with us in the Sacraments of the Church, in the community of believers, and in the life of the Church. The Easter Candle symbolizes His presence for us. Christ is surely not the candle but it reminds us that He is among us. Even though we cannot see Him with our eyes, we can reach Him through faith. This is the beauty and majesty of our Easter faith. It means growing from physical sight with our eyes into spiritual sight through faith. Our saving contact with the Risen Lord is not visual but spiritual. Jesus says that those who are truly blessed are those who have not seen but have believed.

The apostle’s second doubt had to do with the nail marks, the wounds. He doubted that these wounds which he had seen could lead to Risen Glory. He knew that they led to death, but not to Risen Life. Thus, he wanted to see the scars on Jesus to believe that He is truly Risen. Jesus has really conquered death. Through our Easter faith, we not just only survive sufferings and setbacks, but also come through them to new life. Easter faith means that we do not have to stay behind closed doors, fearful of what might happen in our lives. Out of any kind of “death”, the Risen Lord can bring forth new life. Jesus rose from death to new life and with Him so can we. Thirdly, Thomas doubted the Crucified and Risen Lord actually forgave the Apostles for abandoning Him. Maybe we have doubts that Jesus actually forgives us. This is also part of our Easter faith. Our life as individuals and as a community is not always as ideal as that portrayed in the first reading today. The gift of Christ’s forgiveness gives us the power to seek healing and to receive a new start from Him. Jesus’ forgiveness that we receive in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is the healing power of Easter at work in our souls. Forgiveness is Easter Sunday active in our hearts (Divine Mercy).

Beloved, it is by faith, not by visions, that we can know the salvation, forgiveness, grace, favours, and union with Christ that the Apostles knew. It is not sight but surrender to Christ that saves. May the Thomas in us not allow us to miss the recognition of Christ when visits and salutes “Shalom, Peace”.

We wish our dear students the very best as they start 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. Victory is assured!

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
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Act 4:32-35

2nd Reading: 1Jn 5:1-6

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



General Notices

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Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Sunday origin is from a revelation to Saint Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. Between 1930 and 1938 Jesus requested numerous times a Feast of Divine Mercy. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of Saint Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

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

Benediction: There will be Benediction today Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 7:00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

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

Otumfour's Project: The Archdiocese of Kumasi is soliciting for funds to support Otumfour's initiative to "**Heal Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital**". We will take a second collection today The Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024 in this regard. All parishioners should please give willingly.

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 sup-

posed 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.

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 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.

Sunday School (Children's Liturgy) Annual Charity Visitation: The Children Liturgy (Sunday School) are embarking on their Annual Charity Visitation to the Kumasi Children's Home today Sunday, April 7, 2024. In line with this, they are appealing to parishioners to support them with food items, monies toiletries and school supplies. Donations can be made at the Chaplain's Office.

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 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.

Asawase Deanery Youth Choir Visit: The Asawase Deanery Youth Choir will pay us visit next Sunday, April 14, 2024. Parishioners should please 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 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: GHC50.00** 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.

Twii Catechism: It is announced for the information of parishioners that Twii 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, Twii 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>

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. Paul Mwinsung Gyeng**, son of Mr. Kenneth Gyeng and Mad. Marceline Gookyi G, born at Gambaga, used to reside at Tamale, Accra, Kumasi, now residing at Ghana Flag-Oyarifa, Accra and **Ms. Grace Danlugu**, daughter of Mr. H.A. Danlugu and Mad. Cathrine Gariba, born at Tamale, residing at Ghana Flag-Oyarifa, Accra. **(3rd Announcement)**
2. **Mr. Richard Apatewen Azerigyik**, son of Mr. Robert Azerigyik and Mrs. Helen Adumpo Azerigyik, born at Kadema-Wiaga, used to reside at KNUST, Kumasi, now residing at Koforidua-Trom and **Ms. Cynthia Sonbodon Kaminta**, daughter of Mr. Yaw Kaminta and Mrs. Martina Kaminta, born at KNUST, Kumasi, now residing at Appeadu, Kumasi. **(3rd Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses)**
3. **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. **(2nd Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses)**
4. **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 **(2nd Announcement)**
5. **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 **Ms. Elizabeth Akua Asaase Nkum**, daughter of Mr Bernard C. Nkum and Mrs. Gifty Nkum, born at Kumasi, used to reside at KNUST/ Brofoyedu, now residing at Korle-Bu **(1st 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

Funeral Invitation: 1. Mrs. Serwaa Osei Kankam, a parishioner and member of the Twi Lectors' Ministry announces the death of her mother Mrs. Paulina Bamfi-Adomako. The one-week observation of her death will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Deduako-Kodieokrom (Kodua Street) behind Amazing Grace Preparatory School from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with bereaved family.

2. Mr. & Mrs. Ayariga who are parishioners and members of the Frafra/Grushie Union and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus announce the funeral of their son Mr. Moses Ayaaba (a.k.a. Asaga) as follows: laying in state on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Ayigya at 5.00am, burial at Ayigya cemetery, final funeral rites from 12.00noon to 6.00pm, family gathering on Sunday April 14, 2024 from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mr. & Mrs. Ayariga 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. There is A 2-Bedroom flat for rent at the Affordable Housing Unit at Asokore Mampong. Please, contact Atta Poku on 0246415027 / 0502781310.

4. 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.