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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Readings: Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24; Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13; 2Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43

Do Not Fear, Only Believe: Jesus Still Heals!

“The Lord be with you”.

Dear People of God, together with Holy Mother Church we celebrate the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. The Liturgical readings for today reveal to us that if we have not met Jesus, then we have not yet received our total healing. They call on us not to fear but to have faith because Jesus still performs His healing work among us. Faith leads to healing and new life.

Most of us have witnessed the “before” and “after” pictures used to advertise diet foods, exercise equipment, gymnasium and plastic surgery. We may have also experience people in bad shape that they can make a living as a professional. Today’s readings give us the “before” and “after” scenes in three extracts. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom describes our world as if it came fresh from the hand of the Creator God. We are told that “God did not make death, He fashioned all things that they might exist, and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them. For God created man for incorruption”. It shows us that creation, our world, was filled with the life of God. Then something happened! But “through the devil’s envy death entered the world”. This refers to the split from God that ruptured creation in the original sin. Thus, because of the devil and sin, sickness and death entered the world. It is as though God’s creation was a magnificent and splendid glass window, everything fits together, and then suddenly it was shattered. The shattered glass (world with sin) is the scene two, the “after” scene of creation, which is the world we know. Like the shattered glass, we can pick up each of the pieces of glass and see a little of the beauty of the original creation still there.

We are most likely aware of how all the magnificent pieces of God’s creation broken from the rest (like the glass) develop sharp edges which at times harm us. We see how human sexuality – meant to transmit life – when separated from its purpose in marriage can dominate a person’s life, even obsess a person and occupy his/her every thought and action. We know how human drive and ambition – the mind’s capacity to discover, invent, improve a community, shape the world, build a city, discover new territories as in going to the moon – can trample on people and even nations. We know how indulgence in drugs, food and drinks – meant for medication, nutrition and socialization – can destroy a life, family, and a society. We know how human beings by the evils and crimes they commit with their free will can turn a family, community or city in a war zone and how even technology can serve sinister purposes like the temptations of the internet. In each of these cases, the power of the original creation is still in them, but it is broken off from its centre, and the pieces no longer easily fit together. The inner harmony, coherence, and link to God that held everything together were lost by original sin.

Jesus came to put the broken pieces together into a new creation. We see that in the scene three (the “after” that scene) in the Gospel of today. Jesus restores a small girl to life and her family, and heals a woman with the “flow of blood” for many years because of their faith. By the healing, the Lord Jesus not only cures her illness but also restores her to community and social life. Throughout the Gospels, we witness Jesus in His teaching, miracles and now through His Church and the Holy Spirit, putting together the broken pieces of creation. But do all the pieces fit together in our life or we keep cutting ourselves on the broken edges? We could be satisfied with our broken world, look at the broken pieces and sigh a sigh of regret about original sin. On the other hand, we can profess faith and trust that repairs and healing can take place, and is on-going, in our lives and among people. The message of the Gospel is that we should not settle for broken pieces or broken lives. Jesus can help us put the pieces together; in our lives and in our world. But, like the woman in the Gospel, we must first reach out to Him in faith, go to Him, and come to Him. Mostly, we seek to mend our lives in the externals by changing neighbourhood, getting new job, new clothes, and new therapists; when in actual fact what we really need is healing and mending on the inside. Jesus offers us that deeper and profound healing, because He heals from the inside out. In fact, He is a wonderful, wise and efficient physician, always on call.

Our desire for justice, the yearning for peace, doing right, the search for perfect love and faithful friendship, are all pieces of the first creation in our lives. They are signs of God’s initial creation that can be repaired in Christ’s new creation. Those pieces of the initial creation built into us are still there, just that they are disordered by sin. Jesus can bring healing into our life. That is why the Church remembers and proclaims His miracles to us today. He can give us peace: tranquillity of order, everything in its proper place, doing what it was intended to do. A careful look at the two narratives in the Gospel of today shows that until we have met Jesus in faith, we have not yet received our total healing. The woman with the flow of blood had spent all her fortunes and resources without a cure. Touching the fringe of Jesus’ garment healed her. Jairus, president of the synagogue, also called on Jesus and his daughter was brought back to life. In both instances, true faith in Christ was demonstrated. The two stories also illustrate the healing power of Jesus. Medical science has indeed come a long way in healthcare, in curing diseases and illnesses, but there is One whose power far exceeds that of science. Hence, doctors can, and must, do their best in providing care, but it is ultimately Jesus who heals. Jesus hears the cry of those in need, healing the sick and raising the dead to life. He made himself poor that we might become rich.

To all who celebrate their Birthdays, various Anniversaries and special Thanksgiving for God’s intervention in their lives in the month of June, we say Happy and Blessed Birthday and Anniversary! May you continue to enjoy the Blessings and Favours of God.

We pray for and wish our dear students a Fruitful and Successful Mid-Semester Examinations. Do your best and God will supply the rest. Be of good conduct. Good Luck!

Please, remember to stay well, healthy and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Wear your nose mask and observe all the safety protocols. Your life is dear to us. God bless and keep you safe.

Have a Blessed and Fruitful Week.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH NOTICES:

Weekday Masses and Readings are as follows:

Monday, 28/06/21 – 6:30pm - Gen. 18:16-33 / Ps. 103:1-4, 8-11 / Matt. 8:18-22 (St. Irenaeus)

Tuesday, 29/06/21- 6:30am/7:00pm - Acts 12:1-10 / Ps. 34:2-9 / 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18 / Matt. 16:13-19 (Sts. Peter and Paul)

Wednesday, 30/06/21 – 6:30am - Gen. 21:5, 8-20 / Ps. 34:7-8, 10-13 / Matt. 8:28-34

Thursday, 01/07/21 – 7:00pm - Gen 22:1-19 / Ps. 115:1-6, 8-9 / Matt. 9:1-8

Friday, 02/07/21 – 6:30am - Gen. 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67

Saturday, 03/07/21 – 7:00am - Eph. 2:19-22 / Ps. 117:1-2 / Jn. 20:24-29 (St. Thomas)

Please come early to go through the Safety Protocols.

Next Sunday July 4, 2021 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B): Usual 5 Masses.

1st Reading – Ez. 2:2-5

Res. Psalm – Ps. 123:1-4

2nd Reading – 2 Cor. 12:7-10

Gospel – Mk. 6:1-6

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

Chaplaincy News Bulletin: Please, sign up to receive News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy. You can do so at the Covid-19 Registration Desk after Mass or send a WhatsApp message to this number: 0596036520.

NB: You need to save the number to receive messages from the number on WhatsApp.

Dues (Membership) Cards and Registration: All parishioners who haven't got 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 Cloth on Sale at a Reduced Price: We have a large quantity of the Chaplaincy's Cloth on sale at a reduced price which now goes for Six Ghana Cedis (GH6.00) per a yard. Parishioners/Students who do not have or whose are old should please rush to the Chaplaincy Office for theirs.

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 charges.

Reverting to the old System of taking Collection: The Chaplaincy, has from Sunday June 6, 2021, reverted to the old system of taking collection within the Mass. Please all parishioners should take note.

Sincere Thanks: 1. The Widow, Children and Family of Mrs. Anthony Kwasi Gyambibi are expressing their sincere appreciation the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Joseph's Choir, Catechist, Mass Servers and Ushers for your prayers, sympathy and generous donations during their bereavement. They pray for God's blessings for you all.

2. Mr. Emmanuel Kofi Owusu Kuma wishes to extend his sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Non-Aligned Movement and parishioners for mourning with him and supporting him in diverse ways during the funeral of his mother. He prays for God's blessings for you.

COMMITTEES, GROUPS AND SOCIETIES

Liturgy Committee: There will be a meeting of the Liturgy Committee on Wednesday June 30, 2021 at the Msgr. John Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at 5.30pm prompt. All those concerned are expected to be present at the meeting.

Pax Romana – Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS): All students who would want to be enrolled in the Life in the Spirit Seminar are being informed that it has commenced on this Saturday and Sunday at 4:00pm at the Sarpong Hall.

Youth Empowerment Program (YEP): Tertiary students who want to be enrolled into the Youth Empowerment Program for the next Academic Year should pick and submit forms from the Chaplaincy Office from Monday June 28, 2021 to Monday July 12, 2021 between the hours 8.00am and 5.00pm each working day.

Request for Support – Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity (FST): The FST Sisters of the Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi are requesting parishioners to support them with used (or new) clothing, food stuff, stationary, and / or funds to support their Rural Outreach to aid their tradition of reaching out regularly to rural communities. As we know 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few' so we need more labourers to support them wholeheartedly to make a meaningful impact in the lives of needy people. Your support in this matter will be very much appreciated. For more enquiries, please, call on this number – 0244976656.

Sunday School Classes: Parishioners (Parents/Guardians) are being informed that Sunday School Classes have resumed. However, only children from the Pre-Communion Class (age 7-9) to the Confirmation Class are admitted. Children in the Nursery Class are not starting now due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. You should also take note that Catechumens who were prepared for last year will be allowed to receive the 1st Communion. All new entrants would have to wait for the next period. Parents must ensure that their children wear their Nose Masks and come with water bottles, if possible. Please bear with us.

Two Catechism – 1st Communion and Confirmation Classes: All parishioners who were attending 1st Communion and Confirmation Classes last year and had to stop due to the Covid-19 Pandemic are all expected to resume classes this and every Tuesday at 5.00pm. Please take note.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): Members of the Local CCR are being informed of their usual meeting. Please take note.

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.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity: All members are informed that Church has resumed. Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary Praesidium has resumed their meetings for both Two and English on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:00pm and 5:00pm respectively. Both new and old members are warmly welcome.

House Wiring, CCTV Camera & Solar Installations etc.: Do you need a quality work done in the field of House Wiring, CCTV Camera and Solar installations? Please, contact 0246103830 for enquires.

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 GHC30.00.

Job Opportunity: 1. A parishioner is in need of Live-In Domestic staff, male and female. Interested persons should please call on the following numbers: 024427633 and 0203085867.

2. **Holy Family School** at Ahensan Estate, near the Ahensan Youth Centre and behind the Mc Kenzie Hospital is looking for Care Givers, Teachers and Cleaners. Interested persons should kindly leave their application letters at the school premises or the Chaplaincy Office and also call any of these numbers: 0208168643 / 0209488403.

3. **Central University, Kumasi Campus:** There is a vacancy for a Security Personnel at the Central University, Kumasi Campus. Interested persons should please contact the Co-Ordinator on 0244662487.

4. **Wings for Life Academy:** Wings for Life Academy, located at First Eye Avenue 32E, Kumasi, is looking for interested Psychology, Education, Social Work Students or Post National Service Personnel who are hardworking, passionate about children with special needs, responsible and intelligent, seeking to make extra income on their own to be provided with training from international Experts to help make a difference to children with the following disorders: Autism, Asperger, ADHA and Persuasive Developmental Disorder (PDD/PDD-NOS). Interested persons should please, sent their Application and CV to: wflaghana@gmail.com or call Ms. Philo on: 0240050758.

Rent Accommodation: 1. A parishioner needs a single room apartment around Bomso, Maxima, The Cabin and Sussanso. Please, call to help him/her on 0248588860.

2. A parishioner is in need of a single room accommodation to rent for occupation. Please, call and help him on: 0548991681 / 0553605278. Thank you.

3. A parishioner needs an accommodation around KNUST Campus – Emena, Apemso, Kotei, Boadi, Ayeduase, Kentinkrono, Ayigya, Maxima, Bomso, Susanso, Oduom, Gyinyase, etc. to rent. Please, call on 0545174080 to help.

House for Rent: A 3 Bedroom Flat with hall, kitchen, toilet, bathroom, spacious frontage veranda overlooking Phimady Pub located at Ayeduase New Site on the Main Road opposite Rhema Salvation Ministry is available for Rent from 1st July, 2021. For further enquiry, please contact: 0244416770 / 0502693796.

Sale of Peanut Butter: Thy Grace Natural Peanut Butter has in stock unadulterated butter (groundnuts paste) ideal for soup and bread-spread. For domestic and commercial (schools, restaurants, canteens, chop bars, food joints eateries) needs, contact the following for delivery: 0244158635 / 0244077147.

MARRIAGE BANNS: **Mr. Emmanuel Aboagye**, son of Mr. Anthony Akwasi Aboagye and Mad. Mary Amankwa, born in Kumasi, residing at Kotei-Twumduase and **Ms. Lois Ohemaa Twum-Barimah**, daughter of Mr. Anthony Twum-Barimah and Mad. Lovia Omang-Agyei, born in Kumasi, residing in Jamesburg, New Jersey. **(1st Announcement)**

Funeral Announcement: We announce the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Obeng Acheampong, a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus also the wife of Mr. Obeng Acheampong. Her body had since been buried. The final funeral rites come off on Saturday July 3, 2021 at City of Kumasi School park from 12.30pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving on Sunday July 4, 2021 at the Chaplaincy, family gathering follows at City of Kumasi School park from 12.30pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mr. Obeng Acheampong to be introduced)**

Funeral Invitation: Mr. Frederick Boamah, a parishioner and member of the Local CCR and a Sunday School Teacher invites parishioners to the funeral of his father Opanin Emmanuel Kwaku Ahenkan as follows: lying in state on Saturday July 3, 2021 at H/No. BE 92 Benewaaso – AR – 0050-5991 at 4.00am, burial service at H/No. BE 92 Benewaaso – AR – 0050-5991 at 9.00am, final funeral rites at the Methodist Primary School park near the roundabout at 1.00pm, thanksgiving service on Sunday July 4, 2021 at the Church of Pentecost at 9.00am, family gathering at the Methodist Primary School park at 1.00pm – **All at Oyoko-Effiduase**. Parishioners are invited to mourn with Mr. Boamah and his family. **(Mr. Frederick Boamah to be introduced).**