

MASS SCHEDULE

• MONDAY

23/08/21– 6:30pm

1 Thess. 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Ps. 150:1-6,9 / Matt. 23:13-22 (St. Rose of Lima)

• TUESDAY

24/08/21-6:30am

Rev. 21:9b-14 / Ps. 145:10-13, 17-18 / Jn. 1:45-51 (St. Bartholomew)

• WEDNESDAY

25/08/21– 6:30am

1 Thess. 2:9-13 / Ps. 139:7-12 / Matt. 23:27-32 (St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz)

• THURSDAY

26/08/21– 7:00pm

1 Thess. 3:7-13 / Ps. 90:3-4, 12-14,17 / Matt. 24:42-51

• FRIDAY

27/08/21– 6:30am

1 Thess. 4:1-8 / Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 / Matt. 25:1-13 (St. Monica)

• SATURDAY

28/08/21– 7:00am

1 Thess. 4:9-11 / Ps. 98:1,7-9 / Matt. 25:14-30 (St. Augustine)

• NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading – Deut. 4:1-2,6-8
Res. Psalm – Ps. 15:2-5
2nd Reading – Jms. 1:17-18,21b-22,27
Gospel – Mk. 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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As For Me and My House, We Will Serve the Lord

“The Lord be with you”.

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. After celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Body and Soul into Heavenly Glory, our hope and destiny, we are invited in today's Liturgical readings to choose between the Living God and the other gods. Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? With Peter, however, we are exhorted to profess and renew our faith in the Lord, the Bread of Life, who gave Himself up for us all.

A decisive moment is one in which one makes an important and influential decision. However, it is a temptation to “follow the crowds” as they say; to float along with the stream, to live from one day to another and somehow never make any fundamental decisions. Some people resist at all cost having to decide. They let choices be made for them by events, by others or by the world around them. They do what others do; think what others think; choose what others choose; say what others say; and accept what other accept. They especially let the spiritual and moral choices that shape our life and soul be made by the surrounding culture and ideas. Something like this seems to be happening in the account of the renewal of the covenant in today's first reading.

Joshua observed that the Israelites were falling prey to the pagan culture and rituals of the Canaanites. They were actually picking up bits and pieces of the surrounding culture of the local inhabitants. He thus called them to take a decisive action saying: “Choose today whom you will serve”: whether to give their allegiance to the God of the Exodus or the gods of the surrounding culture. This was done in a detailed covenant ceremony in which all the people participated upon their entrance into the Promised Land. The ceremony serves as a conclusion to the whole Pentateuch (the first five Books of the Bible), as well as to the Book of Joshua itself, and it likewise serves as a preface to the rest of the biblical narratives concerning the life of the people in their land. The people of Israel chose the God of their fathers and their response is held up firstly as a model for us and secondly as a warning for us to be prepared, because sooner or later we all come to the point where we have to make the decision about who we will trust and serve. It is our “Joshua moment”.

It may not come to us in a Joshua manner but in other ways. It may be when a loved one or we are diagnosed with a serious illness. It may be when we are faced with financial loss because we follow the Gospel. It may be when we hear gossip and insinuation about others and are tempted to join in. It may come when we stand for the right instead of cutting corners. In all these who will you trust and serve? It may also come in marriage when a person is faced with the need to sacrifice to save the marriage. Sacrifice in marriage is almost an unpopular word today. But for St Paul sacrifice is the very heart of Christian marriage. That is the meaning of our second reading his letter to the Ephesians.

This reading may lead to a rib poking by husbands to their wives. “Wives should be subordinate to their husbands...”. In St Paul's time, a society where women were not seen as having many rights, the weight of his remarks is not to wives but to husbands. He writes, husbands sacrifice yourselves for your wives, as Jesus sacrificed Himself for His Church. The centre of Paul's teaching is not about wives but about husbands. He shows how faith in Christ can give even crisis in marriage a meaning beyond itself. The sacrifice people make in a marriage in deciding to follow Jesus is a Joshua moment in their lives.

In the Gospel, Jesus observed that some of His followers found His teaching difficult and were beginning to withdraw. He had spoken of Himself as the Bread of Life and how we must eat His flesh and drink His blood to have true life within us. This is a critical moment in Jesus' life. Before this, He is popular, heart-warming teacher Whom everyone follows. Now He calls for a decision. Some say “this is hard to take and they depart”. He then turned to the Twelve and, giving them the freedom to make a decision, asked: “Will you also go away?” Peter answered: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”. St John recorded this entire episode in chapter six for the Christian reader because every age has its own “crisis of the Eucharist”. Every generation and every person must make a choice. Choose today whom you will trust and serve!

May Mary, Our Mother, Queen of Heaven and Earth, accompany us in the rest of the month. Do not forget your Rosary!

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.

PASTORAL TEAM

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah– 0249999616

Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Victor Quagraine-0207024221

Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu Sarpong– 0208290851

Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwini-0277154777

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Jos. 24:1-2a,15-17,18b

Res. Psalm: Ps. 34:2-3,16-23

2nd Reading: Eph. 5:21-32

Gospel: Jn. 6:60-69



General Notices

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 Desk after Mass or send a WhatsApp message to 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 own a cloth or is worn out should please rush to the Chaplaincy office to purchase

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.

First Communion: Next Sunday August 29, 2021, the Chaplain and Assisting Priests will give Communion to our children (Sunday School and Twi Catechism Classes) who are due to take it for the first time at the 8.30am and the 10.30am Masses. Please, all parishioners should take note.

Laity Commission: Members of the Laity Commission will meet on Wednesday August 25, 2021 at 5.00pm at the Chaplaincy. All members are entreated

to be present and on time.

Liturgy Committee: Members of the Liturgy Committee will have a meeting on Wednesday August 25, 2021 at the Msgr. John Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at exactly 5.30pm. All concerned are expected to be present at the meeting.

Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex Hostel: The Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex Hostel Management Committee wish to inform all students who applied for the Hostel Accommodation, that the list for the fortunate students is out at the Porter's Office.

Sale of Books: Parishioners are being informed that come next Sunday 29th August, 2021, Pauline Sisters will visit the Chaplaincy to sell their books. We are all entreated to patronise the books when they come.

Groups & Societies

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. Parents must ensure that their children wear their Nose Masks and come with water bottles, if possible. Please bear with us.

Central Region Union: All parishioners who hail from the Central Region (the Fantès) are requested to meet today Sunday August 22, 2021 immediately after the 8.30am Mass for a short and important discussion

Twì 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 Twi and English on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:00pm and 5:00pm respectively. Both new and old members are warmly welcome.

Chaplaincy Welfare Committee: The presentation of the Chaplaincy Welfare Scheme is today Sunday August 22, 2021 at all Masses.

Sincere Thanks

1. The Betanyoung family are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Knights and Ladies of Marshall, various groups/societies and parishioners for sympathising and supporting them during their bereavement. They pray for God's blessings for you all.

2. Mrs. Felicia Pelepele and family wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association and all those who prayed and supported them during their bereavement. They pray that the good and gracious Lord continues to bless you



Marriage Banns



Mr. Kwaku Okyeremah Barnor Kyei, (a.k.a. Owura) son of Prof. Dr. Yaw Bio and Mrs. Priscilla Bio, born in Kumasi, resided at KNUST, now residing at Anwomaso and **Miss. Juliet Asantewaa Wiredu**, daughter of Mr. Kofi Wiredu and Mrs. Akosua Asantewaa Wiredu, born in Kumasi, resided at Patase, now residing at Odeneho Kwaadaso. **(1st Announcement).**

Decisions become easier when your will to please God outweighs your will to please the world.

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

1. Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Kwesi Quagraine announces the funeral of his mother Obaapanyin Mary Eyiah as follows: lying in state on Saturday August 28, 2021 at 5.30am, Burial Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 9.00am followed by a Private Burial at the Catholic Cemetery, final funeral rites at the Parish Hall from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday August 29, 2021 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 9.00am, family gathering from 1.00pm to 3.00pm – All at Saltpond in the Central Region. **NB: Attire: Saturday and Sunday – ‘Black &**

White’. All parishioners are invited to mourn with Fr. Victor and his family. **Please Note:** A bus will leave the Chaplaincy on Saturday August 28, 2021 at 5.00am prompt to and from Saltpond. Parishioners who would want to attend the funeral should write their names at the Chaplaincy Office and pay a subsidised fare of **GH¢20.00.**

2. We announce the funeral of Obaapanin Hannah Osei Afriyie, (a.k.a. Auntie Achiaa) a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus as follows: lying in state on Saturday August 28, 2021 at H/No. Nk7, at 4.00am, burial Mass at the St. Paul’s Catholic Church, burial at Atwima Daako, final funeral rites at the funeral grounds from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday August 29, 2021 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church, family gathering at the funeral grounds – all at Adjamasu (off Bekwai-Obuasi Road). Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Pax Corner

Pax Romana: The IMCS Pax Romana (Local) wishes that parishioners support their Welfare System to support needy Pax members. For this reason, they have designed envelopes and parishioners are encouraged to take one and contribute their quota towards strengthening the Welfare. The

envelopes are available at the Covid -19 Desk and would be taken back at the Chaplaincy Office.

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.

Good Shepherd R/C Preparatory School – Sale of Nursery Admission Forms: The Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Preparatory School at Ahinsan Estate will be selling Admission Forms for the Nursery Class for 2022 Academic Year on Saturday September 4, 2021 from 9.00am to 10.00am at the school premises. The Registration Form will be sold at GH¢20.00. Requirements needed are:

- The child must be 3 years old before January 2022
- Original Biometric Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate and letter from your Parish Priest (Catholic applicants only)
- One (1) Passport size photograph
- Registration fee of GH¢50.00 should be paid when selected.

Parents should please note that in the wake of the Covid-19, they should kindly be ready to subject themselves to safety protocols when coming to the school premises to buy the forms.

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 GH¢30.00.

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. **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.

4. A parishioner is looking for a Live-in female House Help on campus. Interested persons should call on: 0200773486 for help.

Appeal For Fund In Aid For Maternity Block: The Management and Staff of St. Vincent De Paul Clinic Drobonso is appealing and inviting all parishioners for your support in any form to provide a befitting Maternity Block for mothers and their babies. The Climax of the Jubilee Celebration is on Saturday, 25th September, 2021. Donations can be done into the Account details:

Sr Helen Akparibo(0207469333)

Name: St. Vincent Clinic, Dobonso

Account No: 1111810006105771

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.

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