

## MASS SCHEDULE

### • MONDAY

30/08/21– 6:30pm

1 Thess. 4:13-18 / Ps. 96:1, 3-5,  
11-13 / Lk. 4:16-30

### • TUESDAY

31/08/21-6:30am

1 Thess. 5:1-6, 9-11 / Ps. 26:1, 4,  
13-14 / Lk. 4:31-37

### • WEDNESDAY

01/09/21– 6:30am

Col. 1:1-8 / Ps. 52:10-11 / Lk.  
4:38-44

### • THURSDAY

02/09/21– 7:00pm

Col. 1:9-14 / Ps. 52:10-11 / Lk.  
4:38-44

### • FRIDAY

03/09/21– 6:30am

Col. 1:15-20 / Ps. 100:2-5 / Lk.  
5:33-39 (St. Gregory the Great)

### • SATURDAY

04/09/21– 7:00am

Col. 1:21-23 / Ps. 53:3-4, 6, 8 /  
Lk. 6:1-5 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

### • NEXT SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isa. 35:4-7a  
Res. Psalm – Ps. 146:7-10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Jas. 2:1-5  
Gospel – Mk. 7:31-37

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### The True Worship, Purity of Heart!

“The Lord be with you”.

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. The readings for this weekend remind us that through the observance of the Lord’s commands, we experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God’s will frees us from all casuistry about good and evil. We are thus called to welcome God’s Word and to let it take root in our hearts because the true worshipper does so with purity of heart.

If today’s Gospel were not read in the context of the first two readings and the Psalm, it might mistakenly be interpreted as a put-down of religious law, and specifically the Mosaic Law. The Liturgy, however, keeps in balance the true importance of law, and Jesus’ own revolutionary teaching, which emphasizes the conditions of the heart underlying outward observance. Through the lens of these diverse readings, today’s Liturgy of the Word presents a rich, multi-dimensional teaching on principles of the moral life, which begin with the dispositions of the heart and blossom into actions.

The first reading praises the Law of God and declares that it must not be interfered with. It may be rejected, but not modified. It presents us with the very positive view of God’s Law adopted by the chosen people. Far from feeling constricted or inhibited by the Law, they felt that it illumined their path in life. Because it was considered a divine gift, rather than a human creation, they held it in high esteem. Through keeping the Law, the people expressed their adherence to the covenant, and therefore could draw close to God in an unprecedented way. The benefits of heeding and obeying the Law included the blessing of life in the Promised Land and renown among the nations.

In addition to the Law contained in the Pentateuch, a collection of additional, highly detailed, specific laws had developed in Judaism over the centuries up to the time of Christ. It is to this body of minute and exacting legislation that Jesus is reacting when He rails against those who criticize His disciples for failing to observe the religious law. The custom of washing, not to be confused with modern hygienic practices, was a religious one relating to ritual purity. In a harsh confrontation with His critics, Jesus condemns them as hypocrites for attending to details of outward observance while neglecting the more important inner dispositions of the person. In a sense, the teachers in Israel had distorted the commandment of God with their traditions and put external cleanliness among the strictest observances of the Law. As did Moses in the first reading, Jesus solemnly enjoins us to “listen” as He describes the inner origin of moral evils that makes a person “impure”, that is, unfit to worship God. Jesus strips away the superficial details of pious practice to reveal the fundamental issues of the heart.

Jesus in the Gospel teaches a new understanding of religion, our relationship with God, and worship. The old idea of religion emphasized external piety while the new idea is about interior spirituality. When religion becomes a game of pretence, we tend to practise it to impress others and we do things out of a deep desire for praise, approval and applause. The instructions of Jesus regarding our spiritual exercises are well summarized as “do the right thing with the right intention”. Interestingly, there are a lot of people today who consider themselves good Christians because they practise certain rites and perform certain devotions. Are these what determine who is a true disciple of Christ or a true worshiper of God? The readings provide us with a reply to this question and put us on our guard against the danger of placing on the same level the commandment of God and human traditions. Jesus draws our attention instead to the need for purity of heart.

We take this opportunity to congratulate our dear children who have been preparing themselves for some time now for their First Communion. May their joy be complete in the Eucharistic Lord Whom they receive today and always with a pure heart.

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**

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#### READINGS FOR THE DAY

**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



## 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.

**Benediction:** There will be Benediction next Sunday September 5, 2021 in the evening at 7.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

**First Communion:** Today Sunday August 29, 2021, the Chaplain and Assisting Priests are giving 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 bear with us.

**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be a General Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday September 1, 2021 at the Msgr. John Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at 5.30pm prompt. All concerned are entreated to be present.

**Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex Hostel:** The Dr. R.P. Baffoe 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 today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Twi Catechism – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation Classes:** All parishioners who were attending 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Saint Vincent De Paul:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will meet today Sunday August 29, 2021 immediately after the 8.30am Mass. Members must

endeavour to attend. Please, remember also that, the **2<sup>nd</sup> and the last Sundays of every month** are our meeting days.

**Movement of Christian Workers (M.C.W.):** Members of the M.C.W. will meet on Tuesday August 31, 2021 at the usual meeting place. All members are entreated to be present.

**Non-Aligned Movement:** There is going to be a meeting today Sunday August 29, 2021 immediately after the 10.30am Mass. All members are to be at the meeting and on time.

**Legion of Mary:** 1. 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. 2. Legion of Mary (Ghana) Centenary Celebration: Legion of Mary – Ghana is celebrating its One Hundred (100) years (Centenary). **Theme: 'Love, mercy and sacrifice: Mary's way to her son'** It will be climaxed from Friday September 10 to Sunday September 12, 2021 at St. Mary's Sanctuary – Buoho Grotto. All parishioners are encouraged to support them by taking their envelopes.

## Sincere Thanks

"BECAUSE GOD HAS MADE US FOR HIMSELF, OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN HIM."

## 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. (**2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement**).



## Funeral Announcement & Invitation

1. We announce the funeral of Mr. Steve Paul Ocran, a parishioner and also the husband of Mrs. Sophia Ocran also a parishioner as follows: he has since been buried, final funeral rites on Saturday September 4, 2021 at the Forecourt of the Boadi Palace, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday September 5, 2021 at the Chaplaincy at 6.30am, family gathering at the Forecourt of the Boadi Palace. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Mrs. Sophia Ocran to be introduced**)

2. We announce the death of **Mr. John Quansah**, a parishioner and

member of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall and also the husband of **Mrs. Mary Quansah**, a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and Knights and Ladies of Marshall which occurred on Tuesday August 24, 2021. The One-Week observation will be announced later on. Parishioners are invited to visit and pray for the bereaved family.

3. **Rev. Fr. Dr. Peter Addai-Mensah, the immediate past Chaplain** announces the funeral of his mother and sister Obaapanin Hannah Forson and Mad. Martha Addai respectively as follows: Mad. Martha Addai has since been bur-

ied; burial Mass for Obaapanin Hanna Forson on Thursday September 2, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Pankrono Estate, near Adua ne Gari Junction at 9.00am, burial at her hometown – Mankesim in the Central Region, final funeral rites (Obaapanin Hannah Forson and daughter Mad. Martha Addai) on Saturday September 4, 2021 at Grace Action Faith International School, Pankrono Estate on the Buokrom Estate Junction to Pankrono Road near the Methodist Church or the former Ash FM Station from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday September 5, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church at 7.00am, family gathering at Pankrono Estate, near the Methodist Church from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **Please Note: Attire: 'Black & White'**

## Pax Corner

**Pax Romana:** Parishioners and Students are reminded to return the envelopes taken last Sunday in support of the Pax Welfare. You can leave your sealed envelope with the Ushers, at the Covid Desk or at the Chaplaincy Office. Envelopes are still available if you wish to take one. God bless you for contributing.

**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](mailto: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.

**5. Driver Wanted:** A parishioner needs someone (Driver) to drive his Urvan Bus (Commercial Use). Interested parishioners should please call him on: 0249913300.

**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, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. Donations

**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