

MASS SCHEDULE

• MONDAY

06/09/21 – 6:30pm

Col. 1:24 – 2:3 / Ps. 62:6-7, 9 / Lk. 6:6-11

• TUESDAY

07/09/21-6:30am

Col. 1:6-15 / Ps. 145:1-2, 8-11 / Lk. 6:12-19

• WEDNESDAY

08/09/21 – 6:30am

Mic. 5:1-4a / Ps. 12:6-7 / Matt. 1:1-16, 18-23 11 (Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary)

• THURSDAY

09/09/21 – 7:00pm

Col.3:12-17 / Ps. 151:1-6 / Lk. 6:27-38 (Peter Claver)

• FRIDAY

10/09/21 – 6:30am

1 Tim. 1:1-2, 12-14 / Ps. 15:1-2a, 56, 7-8, 11 / Lk. 6:39-42

• SATURDAY

11/09/21 – 7:00am

1 Tim. 1:15-17 / Ps. 113:1-7 / Lk. 6:43-49 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

• NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading – Isa. 50:5-9a

Res. Psalm – Ps. 115:1-6, 8-9

2nd Reading – Jas. 2:14-18

Gospel – Mk. 8:27-35

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He Has Done All Things Well: He Heals Our Deaf and Dumb

“The Lord be with you”.

Dear People of God, we celebrate today the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. The readings for today serve to encourage and give us hope that the advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. God’s Kingdom is made manifest and visible around the Eucharistic Table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

Today’s delightful passage from Isaiah expresses confidence in God’s gracious efforts to bring the people of Israel back from exile. As in the Exodus, God leads them, and all kinds of evil fall away. Not only is moral evil overcome, but physical suffering is alleviated, and burned, desolate land is regenerated by the presence of God. The prophet Isaiah uses the image of the deaf person to show us what God would one day do for His people. The Israelites had shut their ears and no longer listened to the Lord. We like them are equally deaf to each other. But one day God was to cure their deafness. The signs of that day will be when the deaf hear, the lame walk, the blind see; when we care about them and no longer push them to the edges of society.

The Epistle of James offers a vivid example of what might be called a “preferential option for the rich” – the habit of favouring the wealthy over the poor. The author fiercely criticizes this preference in the forms of discrimination, favouritism or prejudice as a “corrupt” judgment that contrasts sharply with God’s own judgment. He points out that the gift of faith – the greatest “wealth” one can possess – has been given also to the poor, thereby signalling God’s favour toward them. God’s action, therefore, invites us to see things differently and live by a new scale of values. In the light of the Gospel, fine clothes, jewelry, and other material possessions no longer define who is important or who is to receive special privileges. We all need the gift of sight, of hearing and of speech to see, hear and speak as God does, else will be deceived by image-makers. Every individual, though not as physically attractive as others may be, has a value, worth in God’s sight, and is deeply loved by Christ.

St Mark, in the Gospel, uses the image of deaf and impeded speech to connect the healing Jesus brings with the divine salvation promised in the Isaiah reading. The episode related to takes place in a Gentile territory. The healing story, unique to Mark, is told in a typical structure: illness described; action of Jesus; and complete cure. Jesus takes the deaf man and impeded in speech aside to perform this healing, and afterwards tells him to keep it secret. His action is highly physical: He sticks his fingers into the man’s ears; spits and touches his tongue; looking up to heaven He emits a groan; and says to the man *Ephphatha* (Be opened). Despite its mysterious elements, the healing is not magic but a miracle pointing to the Reign of God breaking upon humankind. The man could not have been born deaf, for he knows language and speaks immediately upon being healed. He was probably stricken with an illness that deprived him of hearing and impeded his speech. The early Church, seeing in this story a paradigm for liberation leading to witness, developed a Ritual known as the “Ephphatha Rite”, which uses some elements of this story to prepare candidates for Baptism.

The man brought to Jesus was deaf and had an impediment in his speech. It was only when his ears were opened that he began to speak clearly. This reminds us that our ability to speak depends very much on our capacity to hear. Hearing comes before speaking. This is also true in our dealings with others. Our capacity to hear someone is more important than what we speak to him/her or do for him/her. That act of listening can be life-giving in its own right. When people are listened to in a non-judgmental way, they begin to come alive in new ways. Also, in describing the healing, the Gospel is saying that the Messianic Times promised in the first reading have arrived. Ears are now opened, tongues loosened in order to announce the Good News. This is our core mandate!

We take this opportunity to wish ourselves a Happy and Blessed Month of September. To our dear Examination Candidates, be assured of our prayers. Fear not, God is in control. Conduct yourselves well, do your best and God will supply the rest. Victory is assured!

Please, remember to stay well, healthy and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Get vaccinated when you have the opportunity. Continue to 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 Baghrmwin-0277154777

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Isa. 35:4-7a

Res. Psalm: Ps. 146:7-10

2nd Reading: Jas. 2:1-5

Gospel: Mk. 7:31-37



General Notices

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

Sacrament of Confirmation: There will be Confirmation next Sunday September 12, 2021 at the Chaplaincy at the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses. Please, all parishioners should take note.

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

Creation Story Talk: All Parishioners are invited to a talk on "Creation Story: Myth or Reality" by Rev. Fr. Michael Targett and Rev. Sr. Mary Anne Hoopes, today at 10:30am at the R.P. Baffour Complex.

Infant Baptism: Parishioners who would want their children to be baptised should come for instructions on Fri. September 10, 2021 at 5.30pm. The baptism would be on Sat. September 11, 2021 at 4.00pm. Parents must be parishioners, and are to come with the potential Godparents of the children.

First Communion Pictures: All Parishioners whose wards received First Communion are been informed that pictures taken during the Mass are ready for collection. Please meet the photographer in front of the Chapel after each Mass.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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

1. Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine and family are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Pax Romana Choir, various groups and societies and individual parishioners for your prayer, presence, sympathy and generous donations during their bereavement. They pray that the good and gracious Lord continues to bless you all.

2. Rev. Fr. Kirk Okyere Siabour and his Family wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Mass Servers, Choirs, Ushers, Lectors, groups and societies, individual parishioners and all who sympathised with them during their bereavement. They ask for God's special blessings for you all.

3. Patrick Ayandoo Akuribire and his Family wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, various groups and societies, individual parishioners and all who sympathised with them during their bereavement. They ask for God's special blessings for you all.

Marriage Banns



1. **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. **(3rd Announcement—To be Introduced).**
2. **Mr. Peter (Naaba) Azure**, son of Mr. Aklegoudi and Mad. Anyelma, born at Bongo-Dua, resided at Ayigya, now residing at Santasi-Ampatia and **Mad. Janet Anii**, daughter of Mr. Aklemu Apeema and Mad. Ayelapoyia Anbeng, born at Bolgatanga, residing at Ayigya Zongo. **(1st Announcement)**
3. **Mr. Francis Lartey Ofoe**, son of Mr. John Wornor Ofoe and Mad. Florence Kpabitey, born at Asesewa, resided at Darkuman, Accra, now residing at West Legon and **Ms. Wilhemina A. Pels**, daughter of Mr. Lewis Theophilus Pels and Mrs. Gloria Bamfo Pels, born in Kumasi, residing in Sunyani. **(1st Announcement)**

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

1. 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. The One-Week will be observed on Tuesday September 7, 2021 at the KNUST Community Centre from 12noon to 6.00pm. The Family will attend the 6.30am Mass before the gathering. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.
2. We announce the funeral of Mad. Angela Haba Diku a parishioner and member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity as follows: wake-keeping on Friday Sept. 10, 2021 at Ayigya School park, burial Mass on Saturday Sept. 11, 2021 at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, burial at Ayigya, final funeral rites at Ayigya School park from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday Sept. 12, 2021 at the Chaplaincy at 10.30am, family gathering at Ayigya School park from 12noon to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

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.

Soul Food: Horses are prepared for battle but victory comes from the Lord. You have done your best, toiled day and night and left no stone unturned. At this point, just sit tight and let God take the wheel, for the battle indeed has been won.
FINISH HARD

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.

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

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

4. **Home Teacher:** Any parishioner in need of a home teacher for his/her child in J.H.S or S.H.S should contact Mr. Adu Yaw Amoako on 0546720154.

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.

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
Bank: Kumawuman Rural Bank Limited Branch: Drobonso

Nothing is too small to contribute, be it money or building materials.

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

2021 Harvest Levies

Senior Members/Businessmen/ women — GHS. 300.00

Senior Staff — GHS. 150.00

Junior Staff/House Wife — GHS. 100.00

Tertiary Students — GHS. 50.00

Senior High/Tech. Schools — GHS. 30.00

Junior High/Prim./Kindergarten — GHS. 20.00

NB: All Parishioners are encouraged to pay their levies.