

MASS SCHEDULE

• MONDAY

29/11/21 – 6.30am

Isa. 2:1-5 / Ps. 122:1-9 / Matt. 8:5-11

• TUESDAY

30/11/21-6:30am

Rom. 10:9-18 / Ps. 19:2-5 / Matt. 4:18-22 (St. Andrew)

• WEDNESDAY

01/12/21– 6:30am

Isa. 25:6-10 / Ps. 23:1-6 / Matt. 15:29-37

• THURSDAY

02/12/21– 6:30am

Isa. 26:1-6 / Ps. 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 / Matt. 7:21, 24-27

• FRIDAY

03/12/21– 6:30am

Isa. 29:17-24 / Ps. 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Matt. 9:27-31 (St. Francis Xavier)

• SATURDAY

04/12/21— 7:00am

Isa. 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps. 147:1-6 / Matt. 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

NEXT SUNDAY

2nd Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd Reading: Philp. 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Lk. 3:1-6

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Look Up and Raise Your Head, Your Redemption is Near!

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent (Year C) to mark the beginning of the New Year of the Church. As per the tradition of the Catholic Church, each New Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, not with looking back to our origins but with looking forward to our future. The Liturgy invites us to become a church of expectancy and hope, because we live in the light of a particular future. The Coming of the Lord at the end of time is a theme for our personal reflection.

We remind ourselves of the two-fold character of Advent: a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered; and likewise a time when by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight; a time we recall the cry of the early Christians: *Maranatha!* "Come, Lord Jesus". This requires of Christians a serious preparation: not the kind done in the markets, banks, bakeries, fashion shops and hair salons. Our actual preparation should be mainly done on our knees. We commemorate an event which took place many years ago but whose effect remains ever-present; we prepare to welcome Christ born anew in our hearts and homes; we get ready for the Second Coming of the One who loves us unconditionally; and we deepen our relationship with the reason of the season: Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel describes the Second Coming of Christ, the Son of Man, in cosmic terms. Rather than an image of servants facing a master's unexpected return home, or a householder guarding against a thief, St Luke portrays a cosmos wracked with upheaval. The sun, moon and stars, the powers of the heavens, and the roaring sea conspiring to terrify whole nations and making individuals die of fright. It not only speaks about the end of the world, but describes a new beginning, the final and complete establishment of the new, redeemed creation. When everything seems to have collapsed, people will see the Son of Man coming with great power and glory. Before the new world comes, the old has to be cleared away. The Lord assures us: "When these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your head, because your redemption is near at hand." This passage breathes assurance that believers will not only endure these and any other disasters, but in the midst of them all they will find their salvation revealed.

We are blessed to have this reading at the start of Advent because Advent is new beginning, a chance for a fresh start for the soul and spirit. The prophet Jeremiah in today's first reading looks to a new future for his people. Having experienced a history of failure in their kings, leading to situations of grim, Jeremiah says there will be a new bud, "just shot", on the old family tree of David and he will be the Messiah. Jeremiah gives us, as he did for the people of Israel of old, God's words of hope. God will raise up a "just shoot" to reign in the line of David, and of a time when the Lord God will rule over a Jerusalem fully restored and made whole. God's promises and His Covenant were not dead. There will be a new beginning with "Someone" greater than David.

Sometimes we are like Israel in Jeremiah's time: considering the great promises of God as dead and in the past. We are even tempted to be cynical when we see the behaviour of other Christians. Then comes Advent, we light the candles on the wreath and notice at this time of the year something odd. Deep, half-forgotten stirrings come to life inside us: the desire to reconcile; to get closer to Christ and His Church; to get in touch with friends and family; to set things right; to be at peace inside and out. The feeling of nostalgia may come to us with Advent, but for us Advent is about the future: stirring the drive, the search, and the need to fulfil something deep and holy that exists in us. Our world has changed a lot requiring of us to find new ways to express community, to show faith and to strengthen the bonds of family, friends and faith. Advent is a time of personal renewal, a time to prepare for Christmas and the Coming of Christ into our life with new power. Remember that what is at hand for the watchful and prayerful follower of Christ is not disaster but redemption. Rise up to it!

Next weekend, we all have the singular opportunity "To Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good" in our 2021 Annual Harvest/Thanksgiving. Think of what God has done for you, your family, friends, life and the work of your hands throughout the Year 2021, and show Him your appreciation. Please, do not be left out! God loves the cheerful giver.

Please stay well, healthy and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Remember to wear your nose mask and observe all the safety protocols. Your life is dear to us.

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

Have a Fruitful Season of Advent.

PASTORAL TEAM

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

Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine - 0207024221

Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu Sarpong – 0208290851

Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin - 0277154777

CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Jer. 33:14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Lk. 21:25-28, 34-36



General Notices

2021 Harvest/Thanksgiving: Parishioners are reminded of 2021 Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving on 4th and 5th December 2021 at all Masses. It is an opportunity for each and every one of us to thank God for His goodness to us. **University Long Vacation Holidays:** In line with the University's Directive to observe the long vacation for Staff, for the Month of November, the office will be opened from 8:00am-1:00pm. Parishioners should take note.

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

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 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.

Parish Council Elections:

1. Executives

• The Electoral Committee apologises to all parishioners for the postponement of the Executives voting scheduled for this weekend to the 12th of December, 2021.

• The reason is, we now have two Nominee Treasurers who need to be introduced for us to know them before voting.

• The Committee regrets for any inconvenience caused.

2. Groups/Societies

Please copies of the list are available on the Elections Table

• Leaders are to pick the list and the Nomination Form and fill for their representatives.

• Continuing Representatives should also fill Form for the records of the Electoral Committee.

Nominations close on Sunday the 28th of November, 2021.

Special Invitation - Sisters of Mary

Immaculate @ 75: The Most Rev. Richard Kuuia Baawobr (M. Afr.) Catholic Bishop of Wa, Sr. Christiana Pogbeyir, Superior General of SMI, the General Council and the entire Religious Institute of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate cordially invite the Chaplain, Assisting Priests and all parishioners to the climax of their Diamond Jubilee Celebration on Wednesday December 8, 2021 at Mother House, Daffiama, UWR.



Committees, Groups & Societies

Charismatic Renewal (Local): The CCR Local will be meeting today at their usual place for prayers. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

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

welcome.

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, especially those who recently received 1st Communion and Confirmation.

St. Vincent de-Paul: Members of St. Vincent de-Paul Society will meet today Sunday November, 28, 2021 immediately after the 8.30am Mass. All members

Sincere Thanks

1. Mrs. Aurelia Lillian Mawusi Mensah wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Youth Choir, St. Cecilia's Guild, Ayigya Youth, Knights & Ladies of Marshall, C.C.R. Local and individual parishioners for your sympathy, prayer and generous donations during their bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for you all.

2. Mr. Mandela Martin Donkor and family wish to express their profound thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee and parishioners for your prayers, presence and generous donations during their bereavement. God bless you all.

3. **World Day of the Poor:** The Asawase Deanery wish to thank all Parishioner for their contribution towards the World Day of the Poor. The Deanery prays for God's blessings and favour upon all help made this a success.



Marriage Banns



1. Mr. Peter Opoku Mensah, son of Mr. Daniel Asamoah Boateng and Mad. Georgina Amponsah, born at Effiduase, used to reside at Fumesua, now residing at Manso Adubia and **Miss Luciana Kwakye (Ataa Danquah)**, daughter of Mr. William Kwakye and Mad. Mary Adwoa Appiah, born at Tebeso No. 2, used to reside at KNUST, now residing at Manso Adubia. (**3rd Announcement**)

2. Mr. William Abeiku Hayford, son of Mr. James Hayford and Mad. Grace Ackon, born in Cape Coast, resided in Accra, now residing in Kumasi and **Ms. Evelyn Antwiwaa Gyamfi**, daughter of Mr. Bismarck Addai Gyamfi and Mrs. Eunice Amankwa Gyamfi, born in Kumasi, resided in Takoradi, now residing in Cape Coast. (**3rd Announcement**)

3. Mr. Joseph Osei, son of Mr. Emmanuel Osei Affram and Mad. Elizabeth Inkabi, born at Winneba, residing at Bawku and **Ms. Vivial Dompreeh**, daughter of Mr. John Agbenowosi and Mad. Elizabeth Saka Donkor, born at Ejisu, resided at Top-High, Kumasi, now residing at Winneba. (**2nd Announcement**)

4. Mr. Johannes Marshall Kow Baidoo, son of Mr. Ignatius K. Baidoo and Mrs. Elizabeth Baidoo, born in Kumasi, residing at Kyirapatre, Kumasi and **Ms. Bernice Kwakye**, daughter of Mr. Isaac A. Kwakye and Mad. Dorothy Kyere (A. Kwakye), born at Akim-Awisa, residing at Asereso Adagya, Kumasi. (**1st Announcement**)

5. Mr. Bernard Doodery, son of Mr. George Doodery and Mrs. Mary Doodery, born at Ayigya Zongo, Kumasi, now residing in the United States of America and **Ms. Stella Ofori**, daughter of Mr. Kwabena Bania and Mad. Vida Kwarteng, born in Kumasi, residing at Amakom, Kumasi (**1st Announcement**)

6. Mr. Reuben Mbandol Gibil, son of Mr. Gilbert Sebik Gibil and Mrs. Alice Sebik Gibil, born in Tamale, resided at Kotei, Kumasi, now residing at Effiduase and **Ms. Irene Kubesigne Ali Dery**, daughter of Mr. Albert Ali Dery and Mad. Leticia Bodi, born in Sunyani, now residing at Teshie, Accra (**1st Announcement**)

Chaplaincy Revival/Retreat - 2021: The Chaplaincy Revival/Retreat starts from next Monday 29th November to Friday 3rd December, 2021 at the Chaplaincy at 6.30pm every evening. **The theme for the programme is "Spiritual Awakening" (2 Chronicles 7:14).** The activities of the programme are as follows:

Praises & Worship by CCR Worship Team

Prayers and Talk under the following Topics and Speakers

Mon. Nov. 29 - "**Exposition of the Theme**" - Speaker Mr. John Osei-Tutu

Tue. Nov. 30 - "**We will never turn away from you, keep us alive**" - Speaker Mr. John Osei-Tutu (Ps. 8:0:18)

Wed. Dec. 1 - "**Remain in the Lord**" - Speaker Mr. John Osei-Tutu (Jn. 15:7)

Thurs. Dec. 2 - "**One ought to pray and not to give up**" - Speaker Mr. John Osei-Tutu (Lk.18:1)

Fri. Dec. 3 - "**The Lord will heal our land**" - Speaker Mr. John Osei-Tutu (2 Chron. 7:14ff)

Messrs Boakye Ansa Duah and Lambert Nakpi will be the Masters of Ceremony. All parishioners are entreated to take active part in this spiritual program.

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

1. We announce the funeral of **Mr. Yamba Ben, (a.k.a. Gbang Gbang)** a parishioner and husband of Mad. Jane Frances Kuubebr also a parishioner and member of Dagaaba Union and St. Peter's Choir as follows: There will be wake-keeping on Friday December 3, 2021 at the Family House at Appiadu Kokoben, lying in state on Saturday December 4, 2021 at 4.00am, Burial Mass at the Chaplaincy, burial follows, final funeral rites at Appiadu Kokoben funeral grounds, Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday December 5, 2021 at the Chaplaincy at 10.30am. parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Mad. Janes Frances To be introduced**).

2. **Mr. Gregory Debzie Tang**, a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Union, St. Peter's Choir and Harvest Committee announces the funeral of his mother Mad. Leticia Debzie Tang on Saturday December 4, 2021 at his

hometown Hamele. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

3. Mr. Alex Boakye Babo and siblings announce the funeral of their father Rtd. ACFO Albert Duncan Kofi Babo as follows: Eucharistic Celebration on Saturday December 4, 2021 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, behind Ashanti Regional Fire Service Headquarters, Atonsu Agogo-Chirapatre at 6.30am, family and Kumasi Community gathering at Ashanti Regional Fire Service Headquarters, Atonsu Agogo-Chirapatre from 10.00am to 6.00pm, memorial and thanksgiving Mass on Sunday December 5, 2021 at St. Michael's Catholic Church at 7.00am. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

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.

Admission: The ABCD Montessori School located at Appiedu /Apemso Junction is admitting wards in Pre-school from the ages of 3 months to 5 years. Interested parishioners should contact Mariam on 0509313665.

Admission: 1. Admission to St. Hubert Seminary – Senior High School Entrance Examination: Admission is going on at the St. Hubert Senior High School for both Seminarians and Non-Seminarians. The Entrance Examination is scheduled for Saturday November 27, 2021 at 8.00am at the school premises.

Registration: One (1) endorsed recent passport size photograph and a registration fee of GH¢50.00 to be given to the Parish Priest to be sent to the school.

Requirements:

- (a) J.H.S. Graduates
- (b) Baptised and confirmed
- (c) Name of last J.H.S. school attended and Index No. of B.E.C.E.

Non-Seminarians: Baptised Catholic Non-Seminarians are encouraged to take part in the Entrance Examination.

Job Opportunity: : 1. A parishioner is looking for a young catholic woman to serve as a Househelp (cook and cleaner). Interested persons should call 0208198270 and 0543145943. Pay is attractive.

2. 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.

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

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

5. **Home Teacher:** Parishioners who are in need of a home teacher for their Wards 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.

Archbishop Porter Girl's Polytechnic: The Archbishop Porter Girl's Polytechnic at Elmina is admitting students for the following programs – For B.E.C.E. Holders: **Certificate in Business Studies:** Accounting, Keyboarding Processing, Information and Communication Technology (ITC)

Professional Courses: Typist, Stenographer, Stenographer Secretary, Private Secretary

Diploma Programs: DBS Accounting, DBS Management, DBS Secretarial, DBA (Diploma in Business Administration), Diploma in Catering

Higher National Diploma Programs: HND Secretaryship and Management, HND Hospitality, Catering and Institutional Management

The cost of Admission Form is GH¢50.00 and is available at the school or can be downloaded on the school's website (www.archbishoppporterspoly.edu.gh). Downloaded forms would be paid for upon submission.

Please, contact these numbers for more information: 0245126556 / 0242078516 / 0544107279. You may also visit the Notice Boards to read for yourselves.

Accommodation: For the information of parishioners who may be interested in renting an accommodation, there is one available at Feyiase (barely 15 to 20 minutes from KNUST Campus. Interested persons may please call on: 0202027360.

Book Store: The Paulines Publications Book on the 'History of Catholic Church' and other related Catholic books and Bibles are now available at the sales desk. Parishioners are entertained to pass by for copies.

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.