

## MASS SCHEDULE

### • MONDAY

06/12/21 – 6.30pm

Isa. 35:1-10 / Ps. 85:9-14 / Lk. 5:17-26 (St. Nicholas)

### • TUESDAY

07/12/21-6:30am

Isa. 40:1-11 / Ps. 96:1-3, 10-13 / Matt. 18:12-14 (St. Ambrose)

### • WEDNESDAY

08/12/21– 6:30am

Gen. 3:9-15, 20 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Eps. 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk. 1:26-38 (The Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

### • THURSDAY

09/12/21– 7:00pm

Isa. 41:13-20 / Ps. 145:1, 90-13 / Matt. 11:11-15

### • FRIDAY

10/12/21– 6:30am

Isa. 48:17-19 / s. 1:1-4, 6 / Matt. 11:16-19

### • SATURDAY

11/12/21— 7:00am

Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / Matt. 17:9a, 10-13 (St. Damasus I)

## NEXT SUNDAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

**1st Reading:** Zeph. 3:14-18

**2nd Reading:** Phil. 4:4-7

**Gospel:** Lk. 3:10-18

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## Voice in the Wilderness: Prepare the Way of the Lord

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent (Year C). The Liturgical readings, especially the Gospel, invite us to repentance for the forgiveness of sins as a sure way to prepare ourselves towards the coming of Christ and to behold the salvation of God.

The first reading from the prophet Baruch reminds us of an essential theme of Advent. It speaks of the return of the Jewish exiles into their homeland. Advent is a time of return. This is made evident in our church community with the return of people to church. Our crowds get bigger, old faces reappear and new faces become evident. We sometimes get critical of the seasonal church attendees. Yet, whatever the reason people come back or come to church in this season and at this time of the year, it still remains a moment of grace for them. We only hope that we the regular church attendees will have the patience, generosity and hospitality to let them know that they are welcome. Who knows, maybe this time around, they will realize that they can experience a deeper life and a wider love for God and His church than they have known. They might even experience the redemptive forgiveness of Christ, and the grace and power of a new life in Christ.

Advent is a time to make people feel welcome, especially those who have been away. It is also a time for a return to God. It is a great season for the Sacrament of Penance, the fresh start that comes to us from Christ. It is a chance for us to return to a deeper relationship with Christ and His church. The Gospel reading describes this second feature of Advent: the wilderness, that place apart from the normal and daily activities of life. It is a period to carve out a space in each day to be with the Lord, to regain vision and keep perspective. In this time we make ready the way of the Lord through prayer, through reading of God's Word and spiritual reading in order to develop that space within us where God can speak to us. Just as we usually prepare the offices where we do business and the homes where we live, so Advent is a time to prepare the prayer life where we meet God.

St John, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, invites us to listen to his voice crying in the deserts of our lives: "Prepare the way of the Lord". In reality, the meandering paths and winding roads of our lives are straightened; valleys are filled; mountains and hills are brought low; and rough surfaces are made smooth when we repent and receive the forgiveness of the Lord. Repentance as we know means to change one's mind and to turn one's life towards God, who embraces us in mercy, forgives and welcomes us back home. Our repentance is our response to the invitation to "see the salvation of God". With our repentance we return back home to God and our homeland, the church. By this, we fulfil the prophet Baruch's prophecy of a glorious future promised Israel. The prophet Isaiah's prophecy of future glory quoted in the Gospel: "All flesh shall see the salvation of God" will be fulfilled when we return to God through repentance and forgiveness. Thus, repentance for forgiveness of sin is an essential requirement for us to see the salvation of God. The repented and the forgiven creates a quiet time of prayer where God can speak to him/her and where he/she can recognize His voice in the midst of all others.

Advent helps us to create that space within, that zone of honesty about ourselves, which will open up a way for the Lord to come to us. A personal relationship with Christ is not for a selected few. St Paul reminds us that his prayer is that we may learn to value the things that really matter. Advent calls us to recalibrate our compass, clean our moral glasses, and reboot our spiritual life by following and imitating Christ. It is a chance to return. What meandering paths or winding roads of our lives need to be straightened; valleys need to be filled; mountains and hills need to be brought low; or rough surfaces need to be smoothed? It's not easy, but possible and rewarding.

Today is a singular opportunity we all have as a believing community, individually and collectively, "To Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good, His Steadfast Love Endures Forever" in our 2021 Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving. I believe you know what God has done for you; your family, friends, life and the work of your hands throughout the Year 2021, and you are ready to show Him your appreciation. Please, do not be left out! God loves the cheerful giver! God richly Bless and Replenish you for your Generous Thanksgiving.

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:** Baruch 5:1-9

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

**Gospel:** Lk. 3:1-6



## General Notices

**Infant Baptism:** There will be Infant Baptism on December 11, 2021 at 4:00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday December 10, 2021 at 5:00pm at the Chaplaincy with their children/wards' godparents.

**Harvest/Thanksgiving 2021:** Parishioners are encouraged to participate fully and actively and also give generously towards 2021 Harvest today Sunday December 5, 2021.

**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 Chaplain-

cy'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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 in-

convenience 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 28<sup>th</sup> of November, 2021.

#### Twi Catechism/Sunday School Registration:

Registration for the Sacraments of Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation for the Twi Catechism and Sunday School will begin on Tuesday December 7, 2021 and end on Monday February 28, 2021.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 must do well to attend.

## Sincere Thanks

The Baffoe Family are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Mass Servers, Catechists, various groups and societies and individual parishioners for your prayer, presence and generous donations during the burial and funeral of their mother, grandmother, relative and in-law Mrs. Elizabeth Baffoe. They pray that the good Lord continues to bless you all.

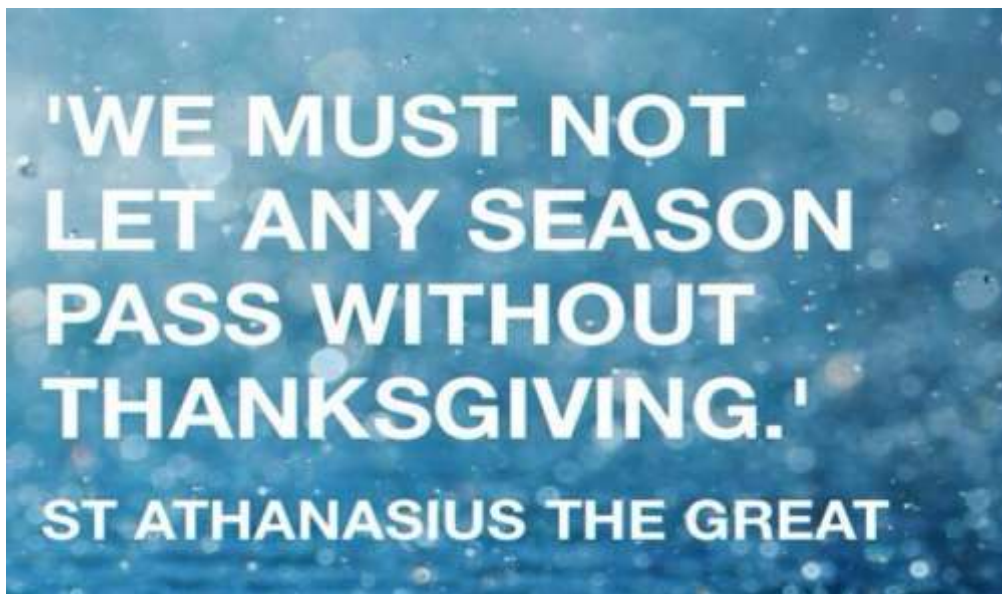


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## Marriage Banns



1. **Mr. Joseph Osei**, son of Mr. Emmanuel Osei Affram and Mad. Elizabeth Inkabi, born at Winneba, residing at Bawku and **Ms. Vivian Dompseh**, daughter of Mr. John Agbenowosi and Mad. Elizabeth Saka Donkor, born at Ejisu, resided at Top-High, Kumasi, now residing at Winneba. **(3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement – To be Introduced)**
  
2. **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. **(3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement – To be Introduced)**
  
3. **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 **(2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement)**
  
4. **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 **(2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement)**
  
5. **Mr. Anthony Osei Nyarko**, son of Mr. Matthew Adu Acheampong and Mrs. Veronica Eva Adu Acheampong, born at Asokwa, Kumasi, now residing at Deduako, Kumasi and **Ms. Princess Sharon Anane**, daughter of Mr. Charles Anane and Mrs. Rebecca Anane, born in Kumasi, now residing at Boadi, Kumasi. **(1<sup>st</sup> Announcement)**



**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.

**Our Lady of Grace (OLAG) S.H.S. – Mampong:** Our Lady of Grace Senior High School is a Private Catholic Senior High School located at Mampong (15kms away from Kumasi) within the Catholic Diocese of Konongo-Mampong. They offer the following courses:

- General Science
- General Arts
- Business

Vocational Skills (Visual Arts and Home Economics)

Please, contact them on: 020-3709298, 0554-8093814, 024-9291896. You may also visit the Notice Boards to read for yourselves

**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.archbishopsporterspoly.edu.gh](http://www.archbishopsporterspoly.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.**