

## MASS SCHEDULE

### • MONDAY

13/12/21 – 6.30pm

Num. 24:2-7, 15-17a / Ps. 25:4-9 / Matt. 21:23-27 (St. Lucy)

### • TUESDAY

14/12/21-6:30am

Zeph. 3:1-2, 9-13 / Ps. 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 / Matt. 21:28-32 (St. John of the Cross)

### • WEDNESDAY

15/12/21– 6:30am

Isa. 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 / Ps. 85:9-14 / Lk. 7:19-23

### • THURSDAY

16/12/21– 7:00pm

Isa. 54:1-10 / Ps. 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b / Lk. 7:24-30

### • FRIDAY

17/12/21– 6:30am

Gen. 49:2, 8-10 / Ps. 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 / Matt. 1:1-17

### • SATURDAY

18/12/21— 7:00am

Jer. 23:5-8/ Ps. 72:1-2,12-13,18-19/ Matt. 1:18-25

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

1st Reading: Mic. 5:1-4

2nd Reading: Heb. 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk. 1:39-45

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## Rejoice, Be Reconciled To God!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent (Year C), traditionally called “*Gaudete* Sunday”, marking the mid-point of Advent. *Gaudete* is a Latin word meaning “rejoice” – an imperative taken from the readings of today. There is a mutual and lasting joy when sinful people return to God: they rejoice for being reconciled with God; and God rejoices over them.

The Liturgical readings for today are very cheerful. Although the prophet Zephaniah spoke to the people of Israel about the darkening clouds of judgment that were looming for them, a beam of light emerges as he tells them about the coming joy of deliverance: “shout for joy, O daughter of Zion. The Lord is in your midst, a mighty saviour... He will renew you”. Likewise, St Paul exhorts the Philippian faithful to “rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again, rejoice”. St Paul wrote this letter about joy from prison. Both readings make reference to a joy deeper than “holiday cheer”. “Cheer” they say is created from our surroundings: “joy” on the other hand emerges from within. It is thus expedient to pause to reflect on how to experience the joy of this Season. For most people, this is the season of the year that produces not joy but stress, anxiety, friction, exhaustion and even debt. There is a great deal of stress because the preparations for Christmas can overwhelm us. In addition, we are surrounded by images of the perfect Christmas, tree, food, decorations, family gathering, guests, and harmony. Ironically, Christmas is never that perfect; the perfect Christmas eludes most people every year.

St John the Baptist, in the Gospel, presents us with the way to profound joy that is at the spiritual heart of this season. Moved by his prophetic preaching about God’s coming judgment, people from all walks of life come forward asking: “What are we to do?” They want to know how they should prepare for the Messiah. John recommends compassion to them: that ability to feel the pain and suffering of others. He tells them to share what they have with others, the opposition of selfishness and greed. To the tax collectors, he says do not extort money from people. To soldiers who came to him, he says do not abuse your power. For John, we clear the Messiah a path by repentance not so much by reading, singing or decorations. The Baptizer tells us in plain language to reform our lives in ordinary ways specific to our life situations. Moral conversion is thus a necessary preparation for the new era which begins with the coming of the Messiah. An era in which we see ourselves mirrored in those whose lives are fragile for lack of food, shelter, medical care, love, friends, and hope. Truly, those who are naked, hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick and lonely experience deep joy when someone, out of compassion, cares for them. Joy is rediscovered and celebrated when compassion is shown in real ways. Selfishness and greed, on the contrary, breed sadness. We are to be an instrument in God’s hands so that people can discover and celebrate joy.

We can make John’s message our own because the joy of this *Gaudete* Sunday, or the Sunday in the Advent to rejoice, comes from appreciating the fact that Christmas does not have to be picture-perfect to be truly Christmas. Christ can come to us, and indeed He comes to us, even in our imperfection. His Kingdom can begin to take root in our life today, this year. But, we need to prepare the way for the Lord, to clear Him a straight path to come. Whatever our limitations in life, we will be able to experience the joy of His presence. In Zephaniah’s words, He will renew us on the inside with love: a promise of spiritual renewal, rejuvenation no matter our age and the condition of our health. For St Paul, the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds. This is a powerful security system; to possess the very peace of God within us no matter what is happening around us.

Repentance is thus the key to a joy-filled Christmas. With repentance clearing the way of the Lord, Jesus becomes and remains an important part of our life. With prayer of supplication and thanksgiving, our request is made known to God and surely God’s peace will keep our hearts and minds in Christ. May our joy, excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that Christ is always near!

Sincere thanks goes to everyone who generously adhered to our invitation “To Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good, His Steadfast Love Endures Forever” in our 2021 Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving. May our thanksgiving and appreciation this year be a springboard for many more blessings and favours from God. Please, do not be left out, it is not over! 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. Get vaccinated if you have not. Your life is dear to us.

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

Have a *Gaudete* Sunday and Week 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 Baghrmwini - 0277154777**

**CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655**

### READINGS FOR THE DAY

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

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

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



## 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 pay their harvest levies.

**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.

**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.

**Parish Council Elections 2021:** The voting of the Council Executives takes place on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December, 2021 after all Masses.

**Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi Media (DEPSOCOM):** Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Yaw Anokye, Archbishop of Kumasi, Emeritus Archbishop Peter Kwasi Sarpong, Very Rev. Dr. Louis Tuffour – Vicar General and Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Effah Adjei – CAK Director Media present CAK Family Day to you on Monday December 27, 2021 at the Samaritan Villa – St. Hubert S.H.S., Santasi from 10.00am (till you drop).

### Side Attraction:

Children's Corner – Face Painting, Swimming Pool, Bouncy Castle, Triple, etc.

Adult's Corner – Live Band, Family Dancing Competition, Photo shots, etc.

**Rate: Adults – GH¢10.00**

**Children – GH¢5.00**

You are invited to come with your family to make merry

## Committees, Groups & Societies

**Charismatic Renewal (Local):** Members are being reminded that today Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 is City Prayer Meeting at the Cathedral Basilica at 2pm hence there will be no prayer meeting today at the Chaplaincy. However, meeting continues next week Sunday.

**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.

**Dagaaba Union:** All members are reminded of their meeting next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 after the 10:30am Mass. New members are welcome

## Sincere Thanks

1. The Chaplain, Parish Council and Harvest Committee are thanking parishioners, various groups and societies and all who contributed in making the 2021 Harvest a success. They pray that the good Lord continues to shower His bountiful blessings upon you all.
2. Mr. Anthony Alex Boakye Babo and family wish to express their sincere appreciation to parishioners for sympathising with them during their bereavement. God richly bless you.
3. Mad. Jane Frances Kuubebr and family are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Dagaaba Union, St. Peter's Choir, Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Assoc., groups and societies and individual parishioners for your prayer, presence and generous donations during their bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for you.

## Marriage Banns



**1. 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 (**3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement – To be Introduced**)

**2. 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 (**3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement**)

**3. 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. (**2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement**)

**4. Mr. Kwaku Antwi Osei**, son of Mr. Thomas Baxton Osei and Mrs. Grace Owusu, born in Kumasi, now residing at Birmingham, Alabama USA and **Ms.**

**Amma (Akamah) Yeboah-Gyan**, daughter of Mr. Kwadwo Yeboah-Gyan and Mrs. Agyeman (Joana) Yeboah-Gyan, born in Kumasi, now residing at Anwomaso, Kumasi. (**1<sup>st</sup> Announcement**)



## Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Madam Elizabeth Wongere and Madam Millicent Wongere are announcing the funeral of their mother Mad. Pognaa Susanna. The final funeral rites has since been performed at Nadoli Tangasia.

**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. **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](http://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.

**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 entreated 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.**