

MASS SCHEDULE

• MONDAY

20/12/21 – 6.30pm

Isa. 7:10-14 / Ps. 24:1-6 / Lk. 1:26-38

• TUESDAY

21/12/21-6:30am

Song 2:8-14/ Ps. 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 / Lk. 1:39-45 (Peter Canisius)

• WEDNESDAY

22/12/21– 6:30am

1Sam. 1:24-28/ Ps.1 Sam. 2:1, 4-8/ Lk. 1:46-56

• THURSDAY

23/12/21– 7:00pm

Mal. 3:1-4, 23-24/ Ps. 25:4-5, 8-10/ Lk. 1:57-66 (John of Khanty)

• FRIDAY

24/12/21– (Christmas Eve)
8:00pm

Isa. 62:1-5/ Ps. 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,29/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Matt. 1:1-25

• SATURDAY

25/12/21— 8:00am & 10:00am

Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)

1st Reading: Isa. 52:7-10

Res. Psalm: Ps. 98:1-6

2nd Reading: Heb. 1:1-6

Gospel: Jn 1:1-18

The Holy Family Day (Cycle C)

1st Reading: 1 Sam. 1:20-22,24-28

Res. Psalm: Ps. 84:2-3,5-6,9-10

2nd Reading: 1 Jn. 3:1-2,21-24

Gospel: Lk. 2:41-52

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In Humility and Simplicity, I Come to Do Your Will

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C). As Advent draws to a close, the readings call our attention to the mystery of Christ's coming in the flesh. The reading shows that the power of God manifests itself through weakness.

The reading from the prophet Micah compares the people of Israel waiting for divine deliverance to a woman in labour, giving birth to a child. Micah tells us that the Lord will behave just as He always did. He will not have the Saviour come from a great city like Jerusalem, but from a small village, Bethlehem. He will not be from a rich powerful family, but from a poor one, just as with David at the beginning of the kingdom. Micah delights in announcing that the small and comparatively insignificant place of Bethlehem-Ephratha will be the place of origin of the king who will rule in the line of David and with the strength of God. This promised ruler will also be shepherd of the people and he shall be their peace, touching a profound longing in human heart. The letter to the Hebrews takes special account of the importance of the body of Jesus. His body is accepted by the pre-existent saviour as "prepared for me" by God's will. His body is obediently offered in sacrifice, surpassing all the sacrifices of the old covenant. We are invited to be ready and obedient as Jesus was, so that God can manifest His love through our weakness.

Today's Gospel reading speaks of the mystery of life taking shape in the womb of Mary. Our attention is drawn to two women, Mary and Elizabeth, who share their Good News. They will be the mothers of Jesus and John the Baptist respectively. Mary has heard of the news that Elizabeth is expecting to give birth soon and promptly goes to visit her. Elizabeth shares in Mary's joy and declares her blessed. The meeting of the two mothers is at the same time the first meeting of Jesus and the one who will prepare the way for him, John the Baptist. Mary, pregnant with Jesus, goes in haste to see Elizabeth, who is also with child in unusual circumstances. The scene between the two women, honoured in the tradition as "the Visitation", is both a human encounter and a moment of transcendent significance. When she sees Mary, Elizabeth is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and the baby within her "leaps for joy". Under the influence of this Spirit, she speaks a powerful truth, calling Mary "blessed" and her unborn child "my Lord". Mary Visited Elizabeth and they were in each other's company in a most extraordinary way. Present and active in their meeting was the Holy Spirit overshadowing Mary to conceive the Saviour of the world; inspiring Elizabeth to praise Mary and "the fruit of her womb"; and prompting the unborn John to leap for joy in Elizabeth's womb. The Holy Spirit brought intensity to each encounter, pointing to the uniqueness and significance of all these events: Mary "went in haste"; Elizabeth "cried out in a loud voice"; and John "leaped for Joy".

As Christmas draws closer, let us open ourselves to receive from the Holy Spirit that same intensity. The same Holy Spirit overshadows, inspires, and prompts those of us who believe, "to set out in haste" to touch others with the divine presence. In our act of reaching out to others in love, God is present. In our visit to the sick, God is also present. Doing God's will is an incarnation of the divine presence. Mary goes to share in the joy of her cousin Elizabeth, but in fact it is Elizabeth and the unborn John the Baptist who share in the joy of Mary and the unborn Jesus. Behind the meeting of the two future mothers is the meeting of their children also. In a society where age is important, there is reversal of roles. Elizabeth, the older one, considers herself fortunate at the visit of younger Mary. John the Baptist is older by six months but Luke describes him as leaping for joy at the visit of Mary and Jesus. Such joy is possible because there is no jealousy among the two women. Each accepts the role given her by God. Jealousy so often kills our relationships in the community. May we all in simplicity and humility avail ourselves to do the will of God, following the examples of Mary, Elizabeth, and the unborn Jesus and John the Baptist.

Dear students on vacation, take good care of yourselves, be helpful to your families, and be true ambassadors of your schools. We love you and hope you miss us! We hope to see you more involved in Parish activities. There is no better way to celebrate Christmas than to allow Christ into our hearts and to share Christ with others. This, you can achieve by making a conscious effort to deepen your faith and understanding of the Church and Her doctrines. In so doing, you will be forming your conscience against ideologies.

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 Blessed Sunday and Fruitful Week.

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: Mic. 5:1-4

2nd Reading: Heb. 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk. 1:39-45



General Notices

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, 1st Communion and Confirmation for the Twi Catechism and Sunday School will begin on Tuesday December 7, 2021 and end on Monday February 28, 2021.

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.

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): 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.

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Dagaaba Union: All members are reminded of their meeting today Sunday 19th December, 2021 after the 10:30am Mass. New members are welcome

Sincere Thanks

Parish Council Elections 2021: The Chaplaincy Electoral Team will like to say a Big Thank You to all parishioners for your turn out last weekend to vote for our Council Executives. God bless us all.



Marriage Banns



1. **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. **(3rd Announcement – To be Introduced)**
2. **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 Prof. Kwadwo Yeboah-Gyan and Mrs. Agyeman (Joana) Yeboah-Gyan, born in Kumasi, now residing at Anwomaso, Kumasi. **(2nd Announcement)**
3. **Mr. Bernard Akyin-Arkoh**, son of Mr. Kwame Arko and Mad. Elizabeth Duah, born at Assin Manso, resided at Assin Asamankese, now residing at Oyarefa – Accra and **Ms. Anna Akosua Gyamfua Domfeh**, daughter of Mr. Matthew Kofi Domfeh and Mrs. Helena Osei Domfeh, born at KNUST, Kumasi, residing at Ayigya (C.C.C.) – Kumasi **(1st Announcement)**.



Funeral Announcement & Invitation



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, (35 to 40 years) in Accra . Interested persons should please call on 0576336002 for further enquiries.

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). 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.

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.