

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— 17/01/22 – 6.30pm

1 Sam. 15:16-23 / Ps. 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 / Mk. 2:18-22 (Virgins & Religious)

TUESDAY— 18/01/22 -6:30am

1 Sam. 16:1-13 / Ps. 89:20-22, 27-28 / Mk. 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY - 19/01/22 – 6:30am

1 Sam. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Ps. 144:1-2, 9-10 / Mk. 3:1-6

THURSDAY- 20/01/22 – 7:00pm

1 Sam. 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Ps. 56:2-3, 9-13 / Mk. 3:7-12 (Fabian – Pope and Sabastian – Martyr)

FRIDAY—21/01/22 — 6:30am

1 Sam. 24:3-21 / Ps. 57:2-4, 6, 11 / Mk. 3:13-19 (Martyr of Virgins & Religious)

SATURDAY- 22/01/22—7:00am

2 Sam. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / Ps. 80:2-3, 5-7 / Mk. 3:20-21

(B.V.M.)

Next Sunday January 23, 2022 – Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time (Cycle C):

7.00pm —Vigil Mass,

6.30am – 1st Mass,

8.00am – 2nd Mass

10.00am – 3rd Mass.

Please all parishioners should take note

1st Reading – Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Res. Psalm – Ps. 18:8-10, 15

2nd Reading –

Gospel – Lk. 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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Transforming Power of Christ: My Gift for the Common Good

Dear people of God, we celebrate today the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). This Sunday functions in the Liturgical Cycle as a bridge, linking what has gone before with what is to come. Today's Gospel completes a triad of Epiphany text (the revelation of Jesus to the Magi; at His Baptism; and now at Cana). Our readings remind us of the transforming power of God and His love and concern for His people. We are equally reminded of the role Mary plays in the Christian life: her great love, sensitivity to the needs of others, makes her resolve never to be silent, but to intercede for us, her children, continuously.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reassures the Jewish people at a time of national disillusionment and, for many, growing skepticism that Jerusalem, destroyed and abandoned, would ever regain its previous splendor. Using images evocative of Yahweh's long history of rescuing Israel from dire straits, the prophet renews God's promise to restore Jerusalem to a place of honour and prestige among the nations. The familiar description of Israel as Yahweh's spouse is used to reassure the people that God's love is faithful and unbroken. It speaks of God's power in Israel's life when they will be changed from being known as "forsaken, abandoned, or losers, failures" to being known as "chosen and blessed". Our future does not have to be the way things were in the past. In God we can be moved from failure to a new start; from experience of sin to a new birth to grace; from personal loss to a new chapter in our life; from being forsaken to being chosen and blessed. God can change our past into a different future. Believe it!

St Paul in the second reading addresses the difficulties that had arisen in the community of Corinth over the exercise of charismatic gifts (charisms). Arrogance and competition over whose gifts were more important threatened to divide the community. Paul teaches that all of the gifts – wisdom, knowledge, teaching ability, strong faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, ability to distinguish between spirits, speaking in and interpretation of tongues, – come from the One Spirit and are intended to build up the Body of Christ in a climate of harmony and mutual acceptance. He does not question the reality of the miraculous gifts that were apparently so manifest in the Corinthian community: it was a talented one. But he insists that all of these gifts were given "for the common good", rather than to inflate any individual. Are your discerned gifts, charism or talent building up or tearing apart your community? Put it/them at the service of your community or group: they are not for you! Charisms are given to us so that we might serve our brothers and sisters better. When used this way, our communities are filled with love, cheerfulness, and peace. It becomes the sign of the presence of the "wine" Jesus gives in the Gospel. In Christ, our talents become gifts to the Church, instruments of grace, vehicles of His truth, avenues of His love, and ways of building up the Church.

In the Gospel, Jesus comes to the aid of a couple: saving them from embarrassment and ridicule by a miracle (changing water into wine at a wedding). This miracle at Cana is described as the "first" of Jesus' "signs" which revealed His glory, making His disciples believe in Him. The miracle is thus about Jesus being revealed as the Messiah, the Holy One, in the midst of our ordinary human experience (at marriage), transforming our "secular" reality into the fine wine of God's grace. It speaks of the transforming power of Christ not only over water but over human lives. John rightly calls this miracle a "sign" because it points beyond itself to what Jesus does among us now: He changes the ordinary things of our life into places of extraordinary grace. This first sign performed by Jesus is very important to us at the beginning of the Ordinary Time and He does it through the intercession of His Mother. We are thus invited to observe not just the power of God but the efficacy of Mary's intercession and her sensitivity to the need of others. She appropriates the opening words of the first reading by resolving not to be silent for our sake. It encourages us to trust in her and imitate her excellence. She knows her gifts and puts them at the service of others. May we also desire the gifts of helping others, intercession, and sensitivity to the needs of others. Christ still changes water into wine among us every day!

We say Welcome to our Freshers, encouraging them to make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of their life and stay on Campus and its environs. To our dear Continuing Students, we say Welcome to those who are in and pray Journey Mercies for those yet to arrive. May God's Grace be with us throughout this Semester.

Please be reminded to 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 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 Baghrmwini-0277154777

CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Is 62:1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel: Jn 2:1-11.



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.

Archdiocesan Synodal Dialogue – Discerning and Deciding

Dear Parishioner(s), greetings of peace in the New Year. Kindly find below some questions given to the Chaplaincy to reflect on as part of the preparations for an Archdiocesan Synodal Dialogue.

Please give your views on the questions asked on discernment and decision-making so that we can collate responses for onward submission to the Archdiocese. Your views are important so please take some time to pray about and give your input.

You may post your responses via WhatsApp to me for collation.

Together, let us make our Church stronger!

Thank you and God bless you.

Discerning and Deciding

In a Synodal style we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through the whole community.

1. What methods and processes do we use in decision making?
2. How can they be improved? How do we promote participation in decision making within hierarchical structures?
3. What is the relationship between consultation and decision making, and how do we put these into practice?
4. What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability?

Rev. Sr. Prof. Emily Owusu Ansah - 0208198270

Resumption of Grotto Service – Christ The King Parish, Ahensan:

Parishioners are being informed that the Grotto Service held at Christ the King Parish, Ahensan has resumed after the Christmas break on Tuesday January 11, 2022 and subsequent Tuesdays.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Charismatic Renewal (Local): Members of the CCR – Local are reminded of the City Prayer Meeting today Sunday January 16, 2022 at the Cathedral Basilica at 2.00pm. In view of this, there wouldn't be any Prayer Meeting at the Chaplaincy today. Please all should 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: Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary Praesidium meet on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:00pm and 5:00pm respectively. Both new and old members are warmly welcome.

Parish Council Election - Groups/Societies Representatives: Representatives of the undermentioned groups and societies should submit their passport-size pictures to the Electoral Committee latest by Mid-January, 2022.

- Prayer Group – 2
- Women's |Groups – 2
- Youth Council

Prayer Groups (2) is also to submit the name of its representatives and picture to the Electoral Commission

Dagaaba Union: All Dagaaba Union members are meeting today Sunday January 16, 2022 immediately after the 10.00am Mass. All members are expected to attend this important meeting.

Sincere Thanks

1. Mr. & Mrs. Akyin Arkoh wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Marriage & Family |Life Committee, St. Joseph's Choir, Pax Choir Alumni, MCW and parishioners for your prayer, presence and support during their holy matrimony. They pray for God's blessings for you all.

2. Mr. Dominic Nti Buabeng wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the Chaplain and all parishioners who sympathised with him during the one-week observation of the death of his mother. He prays for God's blessings and protection for you all.

Youth Corner

Youth Corner – Home Coming! Home Coming!! Home Coming!!!: The Youth Council is inviting all youth of the Chaplaincy to its Maiden Homecoming.

Theme: "Let us Return and Rebuild the Tent, Oh Catholic Youth" (Acts 15:16)

Climax: Today Sunday January 16, 2022

Venue: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, KNUST – Kumasi

Marriage Banns



1. Mr. Richardson Arthur Yeboah, son of Mr. Arthur Yeboah and Mrs. Beatrice Arthur Yeboah, born in Kumasi, resided at KNUST, now residing at Spintex Road, Accra and **Ms. Ethel Seiwaa Boateng**, daughter of Mr. Ampadu Boateng and Mad. Rose Koranteng, born at Pepease – Kwahu, now residing at Adenta – Accra (**3rd Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses**).

2. Mr. Gilbert Amponsah, son of Mr. Ernest Yaw Darkwa and Mad. Ernestina Hoenyedzi, born at Tema, resided at Tema Community 1, now residing at Tarkwa Esuoso and **Ms. Mercy Kudebong**, daughter of Mr. Daniel Kudebong and Mad. Leticia Kudebong, born at U.S.T., Kumasi, residing at Ayyiga Zongo, Kumasi. (**2nd Announcement**)

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Dr. Eric Paul Tudzi, a parishioner announces the funeral of his mother Mad. Theresa Yeboah. The funeral came on yesterday January 15, 2022 at KNUST Pool Side, the thanksgiving service is today Sunday January 16, 2022 at Compassion Centre A/G at Afasiebon at 9.00am. parishioners are invited to mourn with Dr. Tudzi and his 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:

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.archbishopporterspoly.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.

House for Rent: 1. 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.

2. A four-bedroom house and a two-bedroom flat at Asokwa is ready for renting. Interested persons can contact: 0277712314 / 0209915934 for help

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.