

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— 24/01/22 – 6.30pm

**2 Sam. 5:1-7, 10 / Ps. 89:20-22, 25-26/
Mk. 3:22-30 (St. Francis de Sales)**

TUESDAY— 25/01/22 -6:30am

**Acts 22:3-16 / Ps. 117:1-2 / Mk. 16:15-18
(The Conversion of the Paul the Apostle)**

WEDNESDAY - 26/01/22 – 6:30am

**2 Tim. 1:1-8 / Ps. 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 / Mk. 4:1-20
(Timothy and Titus)**

THURSDAY- 27/01/22 – 7:00pm

2 Sam. 7:18-19, 24-29 / Ps. 132:1-3, 5, 11-14 / Mk. 4:21-25 (Angela Merici)

FRIDAY—28/01/22 — 6:30am

2 Sam. 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 / Ps. 51:3-7, 10-11 / Mk. 4:26-34 (Thomas Aquinas)

SATURDAY- 29/01/22—7:00am

2 Sam. 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Ps. 51:12-17 / Mk. 4:35-41 (B. V. M.)

**Next Sunday January 30, 2022 –
Fourth 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 – Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19

Res. Psalm – Ps. 71:1-6, 15-17

2nd Reading – 1 Cor. 12:31 – 13:13

Gospel – Lk. 4:21-30

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Reverence for God's Word in Our Daily Living

Dear people of God, we celebrate today the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C), declared by Pope Francis as “Sunday of the Word of God” since 2019. It is appropriate for us to reflect on the inexhaustible riches in God’s Word, to appreciate, and witness to it in the world around us. We are invited to listen and to follow the Word in order to become that One Body with many members.

Our first reading narrates how the people revere the Word of God, how they listen attentively, and allow the Word to touch their hearts. It is about a long reading and sermon that lasted half a day. The people of Israel had finally returned to Jerusalem from their exile but they were divided, quarreling, and hostile to each other. Not only did the city walls of Jerusalem and the temple need rebuilding but the people themselves had to be rebuilt into a community, into their religious identity. Ezra, the priest, brought forward a copy of the Law of Moses, the Torah, and he solemnly read it to them. The people stood for the proclamation, heard an explanation to the reading, gave their assent (“Amen, Amen”) and then offered worship. When he ended, the people rejoiced not because it was over but that in his words and teaching they had rediscovered their common roots and the truth of what they could be in the Lord, a truly chosen people. The proclamation kept the people in touch with their roots and with the future to which God is calling them. It served as a great force for unity for the people as a community and as one big family.

St Paul writes that though we are many parts and serve different functions and roles in our Churches and communities, through the readings and sermons, Jesus speaks to us to form and build up His One Body. The unity in diversity of the Body is such that the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are with greater honour, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require: a body in which the members have the same care for one another. What part of Christ’s Body are we? We could be part of His mind, teaching the faith; His hands, reaching out to others; His feet, taking the Gospel to different places; His ear, listening to the anxieties of a weary culture; His lips, speaking His truth; His muscle, giving the Church strength and agility; the red blood cells, giving the Church vigor; or the white blood cells, fighting off error? St Paul invites us to know our state in life and our role in God’s plan as part of Christ’s One Body.

Our Gospel is made up of two selections from different chapters put together. The first is from the introduction to the entire Gospel where St. Luke mentions the recipient of the Gospel, how he wrote it, and why he wrote it. The second part is taken from the first appearance of Jesus in His home village, Nazareth. Jesus reads a passage from the prophet Isaiah telling His audience what His mission is about and declares Himself as the fulfilment of the prophesy He has just read to them. His mission is to bring liberty, justice, and freedom to a people held in spiritual bondage in so many ways. This mission is ongoing! The greatest reverence (attention) for the Word of God, as the readings illustrate, does not just mean to read or listen to it, but to live it out, to fulfil in our lives the message of the Scriptures. In this way we become living witnesses to God’s message contained in the Bible, and help build up the Body of Christ.

In his *mutuo proprio* of 30th September 2019, *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis declared that the “Third Sunday in Ordinary Time” be devoted to the Celebration, Study, and Dissemination of the Word of God. This “Sunday of the Word of God” should thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This day, devoted to the Bible, should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak His Word and to break Bread in the community of believers. We remind ourselves of the tripartite exhortation “to Owe, Read, and Live the Bible” daily. We will be blessed to locate and make our Bibles very handy!

We say Welcome to our Freshers and Continuing Students, encouraging all and sundry to make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of your life and stay on Campus and its environs. 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 Baghrmwin-0277154777

CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: Ps. 18:8-10, 15

Gospel: Lk. 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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

Chaplaincy News Bulletin: Please, sign up to receive News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy. You can do so at the Covid-19 Registration Desk after Mass or send a WhatsApp message to this number: 0596036520.

NB: You need to save the number to receive messages from the number on WhatsApp.

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 Ro-

sary 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.

Induction of new Parish Council: The New Parish Councillors will

be inducted into office on the 29th and 30th of January, 2022.

The Executives are to be introduced at all Masses starting from the Vigil Mass on Saturday 29th January, 2022

All Outgoing and Incoming Councillors are to be present at the 8.00am Mass for the full induction.

All should please take note and comply.

Sincere Thanks

1. Mrs. Elaine Owusu wishes to express her sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, various groups and societies and parishioners for sympathising with her during her bereavement. She asks for God's blessings for you all.
2. Mrs. Rose Sarfo Asante is expressing her sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, St. Cecilia's Guild and individual parishioners for your support and generous donations during her mother's funeral. May the good Lord richly bless you.



Marriage Banns



Pax Corner

1. 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 Aiyiga Zongo, Kumasi. **(3rd Announcement – To be introduced)**

Students' Mass comes off this and every Tuesday at 7pm

There would be a Welcome Ceremony for all Freshmen at the forecourt of the RP Baffour Complex right after the Second Mass.

We are still urging parishioners and students who took envelopes in support of the Pax Welfare System to return them with their donations. Envelopes are still available.

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Announcement: We announce the death of Mr. Isaac Acquah, a parishioner as follows: The one-week will be observed on Thursday January 27, 2022 at Ejisu Besease Chop Bar Junction, behind African Market (Bs. 124 Ejisu Besease New Site). All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Funeral Invitation: 1. Mr. Gordon Adu-Gyamfi, a parishioner and member of St. Joseph's Choir invites parishioners to the funeral of his father Opanin Peter Kwasi Sarpong (a.k.a. Bishop) as follows: lying in state on Saturday January 29, 2022 at his family house, burial service at his family house, burial follows, final funeral rites at the funeral grounds from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving service on Sunday January 30, 2022 at the Deeper Life Church – all at Adansi Ayaasi. Parishioners are invited to mourn with Mr. Adu-Gyamfi and his family. **(Mr. Gordon Adu-Gyamfi, to be introduced)**

2. Miss Constance Obeng, a parishioner is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her father Okyeame Kwabena Obeng as follows: lying in state on Saturday January 29, 2022 at the Chief's Palace at 4.30am, burial service at the Presbyterian Church at 9.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at the Palace Park from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving service on Sunday January 30, 2022 at the Presbyterian Church, family gathering at the Palace Park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm – all at Kwamo. Parishioners are invited to mourn with Miss Constance Obeng. **(Miss Constance Obeng to be introduced)**

3. Mrs. Ernestina Owusu Banahene, a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and Knights and Ladies of St. John Int. invites parishioners to the one-week observation of the death of her mother Madam Eva Theresa Kyeremateng. This comes on Saturday January 29, 2022 at Asokwa McKeon, near New Asafo Girls' School – on the Kumasi Mall Road from 6.00am to 6.00pm.

4. Mad. Gertrude Mary Buabeng and her children Mrs. Jennifer Osei Bobie of Knights and Ladies of St. John Int. and Mr. Samuel Kuranchie Akompong also of Knights and Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament invites parishioners to the final funeral rites of their husband and father Mr. Samuel Yaw Akompong on Saturday February 5, 2022 at the KNUST Community Centre from 12noon to 6.00pm. **(Mad. Gertrude Mary Buabeng and her children to be introduced)**

5. Mr. Fabian Kobkuu (a.k.a. Gentleman), a parishioner and member of the St. Peter's Choir and Dagaaba Union invites parishioners to the funeral of his mother Mad. Lucida Kobkuu on Wednesday and Thursday 26th and 27th January, 2022 at his hometown Nandom Ko. The thanksgiving Mass will be on Sunday January 30, 2022 at the St. Theresa Parish, Nandom Ko. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the family. **(Mr. Fabian Kobkuu to be introduced)**

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 (ICT)

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.