

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— 07/02/22 – 6.30pm

1 Kgs. 8:1-7, 9-13 / Ps. 132:6-10 / Mk. 6:53-56

TUESDAY— 08/02/22 -

6:30am/7:00pm

1 Kgs. 8:22-23, 27-30 / Ps. 84:3-5, 10-11 / Mk. 7:1-13 (St. Josephine Bakhita)

WEDNESDAY - 09/02/22 – 6:30am

1 Kgs. 10:1-10 / Ps. 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 / Mk. 7:14-23

THURSDAY— 10/02/22 – 7:00pm

1 Kgs. 11:4-13 / Ps. 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 / Mk. 7:24-30 St. Scholastica)

FRIDAY—11/02/22 — 6:30am

1 Kgs. 11:29-32; 12:19 / Ps. 81:10-15 / Mk. 7:31-37 (Our Lady of Lourdes)

SATURDAY— 12/02/22—7:00am

1 Kgs. 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Ps. 106:6-7, 19-22 / Mk. 8:1-10 (B.V.M.)

Next Sunday February 13, 2022 – Sixth 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. 17:5-8

Res. Psalm – Ps. 1:1-6

2nd Reading – 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20

Gospel – Lk. 6:17, 20-26

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Responding to God's Call: Here am I, Send Me

Dear people of God, we celebrate today the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). Our readings for this weekend remind us of a truth about Christian vocation: that is, God does not call the qualified; He qualifies those He calls. Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the Temple and is sent on mission. Similarly, Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor of Christians, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

The first reading, from the Book of Isaiah, describes the prophet's mystical encounter with Yahweh, in which he experienced a divine call to be the Lord's prophet. It is a typical and classic expression of the human person's encounter with what has been called the *mysterium tremendum et fascinans* (Rudolf Otto), the Absolute Mystery of God, which we find both terrifying and seductively attractive. The vision of Isaiah is a revelation of the awesome majesty of the infinite God, yet it also discloses a divinity in relationship with human creatures who wishes those creatures to know something of the divine person. The Unknowable One offers a glimpse of His divine Being, and in turn directs the prophet to speak to the people God's own words. This scene captures in a powerful fashion the conviction shared by both Judaism and Christianity that we are privileged recipients of the divine self-disclosure we term "revelation", and that this revelation is passed on to us through the medium of human messengers. In Isaiah's powerful vision of the holiness of God, he realizes that not only the Temple, but all the world, is filled with God's glory. God is not just a God of the Temple but the God of history: of individual lives and of world affairs.

St Paul, in the second reading, remembers the experience of God he had, different from Isaiah's, on a highway to Damascus. Paul, a devoted, if not fanatical Pharisee, persecuted the Christians and then somehow for reasons he could never fully understand, he was called on that road to Damascus to preach the Gospel by the very Christ whose people he was persecuting. On that dusty road, his life changed. He became, of all things, an apostle of Jesus Christ. He experienced forgiveness, redemption, mission; and it was all free. There was nothing he had done to deserve it. It was a gift, a grace. We too can be cleansed and made whole not by our own effort, but only by the grace of Christ's Cross and Resurrection.

In the Gospel, different from Isaiah's Temple and Paul's highway, we read about the calling of disciples at the seashore and the odor of fishing boats. Peter and his companions are there going about their usual work. Jesus tells Peter to go out into deep water and catch some fish. Well, Peter did not think much about that because they had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But he did what Jesus said and caught two boatloads of fish. Peter saw in that miracle the glory of Christ. There, at the seashore, he was given a mission to be a fisher of men. He knew that whatever our limitations, if we are faithful and obedient, Christ will use us to further His Kingdom. Though, Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, experienced different aspects of the majesty of God at different settings, what they learned of God from that moment marked their lives forever, and was something they brought to others. Their experience of God was a spiritual awaking (conversion) for them.

In the call of the prophet Isaiah, and the apostles Paul, Peter, James and John, we are reminded of the truth about God's call: He does not call the qualified; He rather qualifies those He calls. All He needs are disciples with a listening ear, an attentive disposition, and a willing heart. God calls us to collaborate with Him in bringing men and women to His friendship. This is the obligation that our baptism imposes upon us: to become fishers of men, to go out and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is the joy of the Gospel. Good News is not something we can keep to ourselves: we must share it with others. God is always eager to use us to accomplish great things for His glory. Are you available? Are you ready? Are you willing?

We encourage parishioners (as individuals, groups and societies) to take note and come out to support the Thanksgiving Mass of Rev. Fr. Gabriel K. Obodai, at all the Masses on the 12th-13th February 2022 and the Send-Off Mass for Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu Sarpong, at all the Masses on the 19th-20th February 2022.

To my dear Students, we keep encouraging you to make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of your life and stay on Campus and its environs. We pray life on campus returns to normalcy. Please, do take good care of yourselves! May God's Grace sustain us throughout the 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.

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: Isa. 6:1-2a, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:1-11

Gospel: Lk. 5:1-11



General Notices

Sacrament of Reconciliation: There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm. All safety Protocols will be observed.

Benediction: There will be Benediction today Sunday February 6, 2022 at 7.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

Infant Baptism: There will be Infant Baptism on Saturday February 12, 2022. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should come for instructions on Friday February 11, 2022 at 5:30pm with their children/ward's godparents.

Thanksgiving Mass – Rev. Fr. Gabriel Obodai Torgbor: Rev. Fr. Gabriel Obodai Torgbor, a parishioner and a Mass Server who was ordained as a Catholic Priest in the Archdiocese of Accra last year will say his Thanksgiving Mass at the 8:00am Mass next Sunday, February 13, 2022. He will be at all the Masses. Individuals, Groups and Societies who have any presentations to make should kindly do so. Parishioners should please take note.

Send-Off Ceremony for Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu-Sarpong: There will be a Send-Off Ceremony on Sunday February 20, 2022 in honour of Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu-Sarpong who will be leaving the Chaplaincy on transfer. Individuals, Groups and Societies who have any presentations to make should kindly do so. Please, take note.

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.

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 a large quantity of the Chaplaincy's Cloth on sale at a reduced price which now goes for Six Ghana Cedis (GHS6.00) 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.

Invitation to Final & First Profession Ceremony: The Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity (FST Sisters) are inviting parishioners to witness the Eucharistic Celebration of the Final Profession of Vows of Sr. Georgina Inkum and the first profession of vows of three (3) of their Novices of whom Sr. Charity Tuzie one of them is our parishioner. This will take place on Saturday February 12, 2022 at

St. Theresa's Parish, Asawase at 9.00am.

Biblical Apostolate Formation: It is announced for the information of parishioners that the Biblical Apostolate Formation program is ongoing at the Pastoral Centre – Christian Village. The duration is two (2) years and participants meet on the third weekend of every month. Interested parishioners should register with Mr. Isaac Dwirah Jnr. or at the Chaplaincy Office.

Twii Catechism/Sunday School Registration: Registration for the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation for the Twii Catechism and Sunday School began on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 and will end on Monday, February 28, 2021. Meanwhile, the Twii Catechism comes off every Tuesday at 5.30pm.

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,

Chapel Fund Collection: There will be a second collection at all Masses on Sunday February 20, 2022 as part of Fund Raising in support of our Chapel Building. Please, all parishioners should take note and come prepared

Vodafone Sim Cards Registration: Personnel from the Vodafone Services will be here next Sunday February 13, 2022 to register Vodafone Sim Cards. Parishioners should please take note.

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: 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.

Nigerian Catholic Community (NICCO): All Nigerian Catholics residing in the Ashanti Region as Missionaries, Businessmen/Women, and Students are kindly requested to attend an All-Nigerian Mass next Sunday February 13, 2022 at St. Joseph's Parish, Tarkwa Maakro at 12noon.

Sincere Thanks

1. Ms. Constance Obeng wishes to express her sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee and parishioners for sympathising with her during her father's funeral. She asks for God's blessings for you all.
2. Mr. Gordon Adu-Gyamfi is expressing his sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Joseph's Choir and parishioners for your prayer support and generous donations during his bereavement. He prays for God's favours upon you all.
3. The family and children of Mr. Joseph Addai are giving thanks to the Chaplain, St. Cecilia's Guild and parishioners for your support during his burial and final funeral celebration. They pray that the Almighty God continues to bless you.

Marriage Banns



Youth Corner

1. Youth Mass comes off this and every Thursday at 7pm.

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

2. The Chaplaincy Youth Council wishes to invite you to their Pre-Valentine's Day Dinner next Sunday February 13, 2022 at the R.P. Baffour Complex at 6.00pm prompt. The theme for the Dinner is "Growing a Healthy Social Relationship before and after Marriage".

Pax Corner

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

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.

Students Catechism: All Students who would want to receive any of the Sacraments are been informed that classes for all Sacraments begin come next week Saturday 12th February, 2022 at 4:00pm at Room 5 of the R. P. Baffour Com-

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Invitation to One (1) Year Anniversary of Death: Mr. Kwame Obeng Acheampong, widow and his family are inviting parishioners to the first anniversary of the death of their wife and relative Mrs. Elizabeth Obeng Acheampong next Sunday February 13, 2022 at H/No. Plt.1, Blk. 'G', Ayigya Ext. near City of Kumasi Preparatory School or Semanhyia Hotel at 12noon.

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.

3. **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.

3. **Cooks, Receptionists and Bar Attendants wanted:** A parishioner is looking for qualified persons to be employed in a Hotel as Cooks, Receptionists and Bar Attendants. Interested persons should leave their applications at the Chaplaincy Office latest by the close of Tuesday February 15, 2022.

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.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.

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

Accommodation: A parishioner is in need of a single room self-contained apartment around Kotei, Deduako, Gyinyase or Boadi. Please, call her on: 0277677978 to help her.

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.