

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— 21/02/22 – 6.30pm

Jas. 3:13-18 / Ps. 18:8-10, 15 / Mk. 9:14-29 (Peter Damian)

TUESDAY— 22/02/22 - 6:30am/7:00pm

1 Pt 5:1-4 / Ps. 23:1-6 / Matt. 16:13-19 (The Chair of Peter the Apostle)

WEDNESDAY - 23/02/22 – 6:30am

Jas. 4:13-17 / Ps. 49:2-3, 6-11 / Mk. 9:38-40 (Polycarp)

THURSDAY— 24/02/22 – 7:00pm

Jas. 5:1-6 / Ps. 49:14-20 / Mk. 9:41-50

FRIDAY—25/02/22 — 6:30am

Jas. 5:9-12 / Ps. 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 / Mk. 10:1-12

SATURDAY— 26/02/22—7:00am

Jas. 5:13-20 / Ps. 141:1-3, 8 / Mk. 10:13-16 (B.V.M.)

Next Sunday February 27, 2022 – Eighth 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 – Sirach 27:4-7

Res. Psalm – Ps. 92:2-3, 13-16

2nd Reading – 1 Cor. 15:54-58

Gospel – Lk. 6:39-45

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Compassion Without Limits: Loving Enemies!

Dear people of God, we celebrate today the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). Our readings for this Sunday draw our attention to the reality that in Baptism we are called to mirror and image the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us. As David would not harm Saul his enemy, so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us.

The first and the Gospel readings can be considered as a manual on loving enemies. Loving enemies is more than an attitude. It is expressed in actions as: “do good to those who hate you”; in speech as: “bless those who curse you”; and in prayer as: “pray for those who maltreat you”. To love is to reach out: even to enemies. It is a contradiction to want to reach out and at the same time remain defensive. Our defensiveness, which is our natural reaction toward enemies, must be put aside if we deem it fit to reach out to them in love. Thus, Jesus teaches His disciples to love differently from what is the normal way of loving. The world usually invites people to love those who love them and to repay evil for evil. However, Jesus’ disciples are to use goodness of heart to overcome evil in the world and in their lives because they have seen the example of God Himself. Christians are called to love their enemies in thought, deed, word, and prayer. They should begin by forgiving and giving. Love is revolutionary and can turn the world upside down.

In the first reading, David had a golden opportunity to do away with Saul, who was after his life, but David did not harm Saul. Even when Abishai told him, “God has delivered your enemy into our grasp today”, David refused to follow such wicked counsel. David’s example of mercy and compassion is what the Gospel reading highlights in detail. Jesus takes the opportunity to give us one of the most difficult commands of our Christian religion: “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat or abuse you”. It is only when we begin to live this way that we can start to build a new world. To mirror and put on the image of Jesus means wearing the garments of mercy, love, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and meekness. If we do this, we are acting in accordance with our spiritual nature. Only then are we truly children of God.

Jesus proposes an active non-violent way to resolve problems. He advised against violent revenge and invites us to accept the fact that evil cannot overcome evil. Only good can overcome evil. He not only forbids the use of violence towards our enemies, but demands active love. There is a kind of non-violence that is, ignoring the other persons. Nothing bad is done to them, nothing good is done either. Hence, the Golden Rule: “do to others what you would like them to do unto you”. Followers of Jesus are not just to avoid violent revenge or retaliation, but they are to bless even those who curse them; to put the wrong-doer to shame by turning the other cheek; to be ready to give away the precious outer coat and the inner shirt; and to be generous to those who ask for help. The list is not exhaustive but it shows that in the face of verbal, physical, social, and legal violence, the answer is always the same: namely, overcoming evil with good. We are not asked to condone wrong-doing, evil, and injustice in our families, communities, and societies, but to fight against them by using love as the weapon.

Arguably, we all would like other people to change. We think that if only the others were to change, our society would also change. Jesus shows us that the first person to change is each one of us in a very personal way, deep down our hearts. Only such a thorough change will prepare the way for a real and lasting reformation of the society and of our communities. For this inner transformation to take place, we need to let go of what our heart holds on to so firmly in order to genuinely love our enemies as our neighbours. Christ wants His followers to be the first to take the initiative to break the spiral of violence. To love our enemies is a best proof that we are adopted children of God. Jesus gives us detailed explanation of how to love our enemies. Look at the Crucified Christ and love accordingly. Let God handle your enemies. Yours is to keep praying for them.

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for your warm reception and donations, in kind and cash, to Rev. Fr. Gabriel Obodai when he celebrated his Thanksgiving Masses with us. God bless and replenish you for all that you spend on him.

My dear Students, we keep encouraging you to make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of your life as you 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.

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: 1 Sam. 26:7-9, 12-13, 22-23

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:45-49

Gospel: Lk. 6:27-38



General Notices

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

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday March 2, 2022 is Ash Wednesday. There will be two (2) Masses at 6.30am & 6.30pm for many parishioners to attend Mass. We will distribute ashes at the two (2) Masses and we will therefore, be pleased if parishioners will bring some of the blessed palm branches they took home from the chapel last before Saturday February 26, 2022 for the purpose. Please, it is an obligatory for all Catholics to fast on Ash Wednesday and also on Good Friday. Please, take note.

Send-Off Ceremony for Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu-Sarpong: There will be a Send-Off Ceremony today Sunday February 20, 2022 in honour of Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu-Sarpong who is leaving the Chaplaincy on transfer. He is presiding over the 8.00am Mass and will also be present at all Masses. Individuals, Groups and Societies who have any presentations to make should kindly do so.

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.

Biblical Apostolate Formation: It is announced for the information of parishioners that the Biblical Apostolate Formation program is on-going 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.

Lenten Season! Lenten Season!! Lenten Season!!!: Parishioners are please, informed to look out for the Programme of Activities for the 2022 Lenten Season which will start from March 7 to April 13, 2022.

TwI Catechism/Sunday School Registration: Registration for the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation for the TwI Catechism and Sunday School began on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 and will end on Monday, February 28, 2021. Meanwhile, the TwI 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: We are taking a second collection at all Masses today Sunday February 20, 2022 as part of Fund Raising in support of our Chapel Building. Please, all parishioners should give willingly.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Liturgy Committee: Members of the Liturgy Committee will be meeting on Thursday February 24, 2022 at the Msgr. John Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at exactly 5.30pm. All concerned are expected to be present at the meeting.

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.

Dagaaba Union: Members of the Dagaaba Union are meeting today Sunday February 20, 2022 immediately after the 10.00am Mass. All members are endeavoring

Sincere Thanks

1. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Obodai Torgbor wishes to express his sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Council, various Groups/Societies and individual parishioners for your kind gesture shown to him on the occasion of his Thanksgiving Mass at the Chaplaincy. He prays that the Almighty God continues to bless you.

2. The Cudjoe Family is immensely grateful to the Chaplain and parishioners for the gifts, presence and prayers to their mother Mrs. Cecilia Dawson Cudjoe during the Christmas and New Year seasons. They pray for God's blessings for you all.

Marriage Banns



Youth Corner

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

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

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.

Soul Food

Love pays attention. Love listens to the fears and doubts of others and treats them with respect. Love accepts others the way Jesus accepts you.

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Announcement: 1. We announce the funeral of Mrs. Veronica Dwumoh Sarpong, a parishioner (a former member of Christian Mothers' Association) and wife of Dr. Augustine Dwumoh Sarpong as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 26, 2022 at Mampong at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at St. Joseph's Catholic Church premises from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 27, 2022 at the Chaplaincy at 6.30am, family gathering at St. Joseph's Catholic Church premises from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

2. We announce the funeral of Mr. Emmanuel Gyasi (a.k.a. Kwame Boateng) a parishioner as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 26, 2022 at his family house at Ayigya near Nana Kusi's Studio at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 8.45am, burial at Ayigya, final funeral rites at Ayigya, opposite Nana Kusi's Studio from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 27, 2022 at the Chaplaincy at 10.00am, family gathering at Ayigya, opposite Nana Kusi's Studio from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Funeral Invitation: 1. Mad. Kenkeny Bawa, a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Christian Mothers' Association is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her mother Mad. Napoa Kalilob (a.k.a. Maa Napoa) as follows: the body had since been buried, final funeral rites on Saturday February 26, 2022 at Double House, Ayigya Zongo, near Affordable Houses from 12.00noon to 6.00pm, family gathering on Sunday February 27, 2022 at Double House, Ayigya Zongo, near Affordable Houses from 12.00noon to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with Mad. Diana Bawa and her family.

2. Mrs. Augustina Dowuona-Hammond, a parishioner and member of Theresian International announces the deaths of her brothers Messrs Paul Akwasi Amoaten and Patrick Osei Amoaten which occurred in London and their bodies have since been buried. There will be a requiem Mass on Saturday February 26, 2022 at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, final funeral rites at the KNUST Community Centre from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 27, 2022 at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, family gathering after the thanksgiving Mass at the KNUST Community Centre. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.
(Mrs. Augustina Dowuona-Hammond 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.

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.

4. **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 Monday February 21, 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: 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.