

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— 28/02/22 – 6.30pm

1 Pt. 1:3-9 / Ps. 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10 / Mk. 10:17-27

TUESDAY— 01/03/22 - 6:30am/7:00pm

1 Pt. 1:10-16 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Mk. 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY - 02/03/22 – 6:30am/6:30pm

Joel 2:12-18 / Ps. 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 / 1 Cor. 5:20 – 6:2 / Matt. 67:1-6, 16-18 (Ash Wednesday)

THURSDAY— 03/03/22 – 7:00pm

Deut. 30:15-20 / Ps. 1:1-4, 6 / Lk. 9:22-25

FRIDAY—04/03/22 — 6:30am

Isa. 58:1-9a / Ps. 51:3-6, 18-19 / Matt. 9:14-15

SATURDAY— 05/03/22—7:00am

Isa. 58:9b-14 / Ps. 86:1-6 / Lk. 5:27-32

Next Sunday March 06, 2022 – 1st Sunday of Lent (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 – Deut. 26:4-10

Res. Psalm – Ps. 91:1-2, 10-15

2nd Reading – Rom. 10:8-13

Gospel – Lk. 4:1-13

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By Your Fruit We Know You!

Dear people of God, we celebrate today the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). Our readings invite us to reflect on the power of the tongue, thus inviting us to be true to ourselves in words, thoughts and actions. However, the fruit of our speech and actions will wither and die, unless we first recognize the plank in our own eyes. By humbly admitting our own sins, we can more fruitfully persevere in the work of the Lord.

In four short, simple statements, Sirach in our first reading offers us deep wisdom for ordering our lives. What we say reveals who we are. In other words, “by their fruits, you shall know them”. From our thoughts emanates evil plans; times of tribulation are real test of who we are; speech is a disclosure of our mind’s content, requiring our being praised or blamed. The advice of Sirach is clear and obvious: one’s speech is a sure guide that reveals the inner character of the person. One who is desirous of the moral life is well advised to avoid the company of a person whose speech betrays a corrupt heart. The power of the tongue, of speaking or speech is such that with words we are able to give comfort, strength, encouragement, praise. We can sing with our tongue to glorify God or we can hurt people, destroy reputations, spread suspicion, and slander. Our words can clarify and clear the air much as they can deceive and create confusion. Words can cause war or begin the process of peace. Most of our interaction with the world is through words. What we say is more powerful and lasting than anything we do with our fist. We are thus encouraged to use the gift and power of the tongue to heal and to set free, rather than to tear down and destroy. Always remember the power of the good word, healing word, helping word, when we let our words be the words of the Lord to others.

Jesus gives a similar advice in the Gospel with three parables: a blind leader; a master and his disciple; and the tree and its fruits. It seems obvious that a blind person trying to lead another blind person will end up in the ditch they try to avoid. Leaders must be cured of their blindness in order to be good and competent leaders. If not, they will be incompetent, hypocritical guides, and be a disaster for themselves and the entire Christian community. To those who want to lead, Jesus asks the question: how much of my vision has entered into your life and transformed it in order to chase away your blindness? The only way to become a true Christian and a good leader is to look at Jesus the way a student looks at the teacher, the young adult at the elders who initiate him or her, the way a disciple sees the master. A disciple is a person who wants to learn from the master. Discipleship is an initiation into a way of life, as young people in our cultures are initiated

into the way of life of the clan or ethnic community. The disciple must trust that the master knows the way. There must also be true love between master and disciple.

The proof that our contact with Jesus has really transformed us and made us His disciple is through the fruits that we bear or show in daily life. “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit”. These words challenge us to make a sincere examination of conscience: what kind of fruit do you bear? As you can only bear what is within you, what are the things you feed yourself with? Good or evil thoughts? In the evening of our lives, all our words and works will be passed through the testing fire. If we have produced good fruits, they will be incorruptible. If we have produced bad fruits, they will be corruptible. Now is the time to decide. The assurance is that, in God’s garden of grace, even broken trees bear fruits.

God willing, Wednesday, 2nd March 2022, is Ash Wednesday, and hence the beginning of the Season of Lent. This is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. “Scripture and the Fathers insist on three forms of interior penance: fasting, prayer and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by baptism or martyrdom, they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: efforts at reconciliation with one’s neighbor; tears of repentance; concern for the salvation of one’s neighbor; the intercession of the saints; and the practice of charity ‘which covers a multitude of sins’” (CCC, 1434).

My dear Students, we encourage you to make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of your life as you stay on Campus and its environs, especially now that 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.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:54-58

Gospel: Lk. 6:39-45

PASTORAL TEAM

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah— 0249999616

Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine- 0207024221

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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.

Stations of The Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross on all Fridays during the period of Lent at 1.00pm and 7.00pm. Parishioners should please take note and avail themselves to journey with the Lord throughout the period of lent.

Lenten Prayer Session: The Catholic Chaplaincy is organising an hour of Prayer Session during this year's Lenten season with the theme: *"My Year of Perfection"* – **Ps. 19:7.** This will start from Monday March 7, 2022 and will end on Wednesday April 13, 2022 at the Klaver Hall of the Parish Centre from 5.00pm to 6.00pm each day. Parishioners/groups/societies are encouraged to be part of this spiritual



exercise.

Meanwhile, this program will be launched next Sunday March 6, 2022 by PET at all Masses.

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. Parishion-

ers 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.

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 respec-

tively. Both new and old members are warmly welcome.

Sincere Thanks

1. Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu-Sarpong wishes to express his sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Council, various groups and societies, individual parishioners and all who contributed in making his send-off ceremony a success. He asks for God's blessings for us all.
2. Mr. Dominic Nti Buabeng is expressing his sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Sacred Heart Confraternity, various groups and societies and individual parishioners for sympathising with him during the funeral of his mother and sister. He asks for God's blessings for you all.
3. Mr. Fabian Kobkuu is expressing his thankfulness to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Peter's Choir and parishioners for your sympathy during his bereavement. He asks for God's blessings for you.

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 6:30pm**

Soul Food

Do you only pray because you are in trouble or need a favour from God? Do you see prayer as a gift and an opportunity to be in close communion with your Father in Heaven? How do you perceive prayer?

Invitation to Debut Concert of the Kumasi Symphony Orchestra

The Director/Organisers of Kumasi Symphony Orchestra is inviting parishioners to the first concert of the newly formed Kumasi Symphony Orchestra **next Sunday March 6, 2022** at the **New Apostolic Church, New Amakom, Kumasi at 5.30pm**. They hope to have the privilege of your presence.

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Invitation: Ms. Senita Osei Badu, a parishioner and member of St. John Int. invites parishioners to the One-Week observation of her father Noble Capt. Osei Badu on Monday February 28, 2022 at his residence: No. AK 632-4118, Kentinkrono-Nsenie, near the Christian Advantage Preparatory School from 6.00am to 6.00pm.

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.

St. Louis Jubilee School – Sale of Admission Forms:

The St. Louis Jubilee School is selling Admission Forms for the next Academic Year 2023 on Tuesday March 1, 2022 at the School's Auditorium at 8.00am. The price of the Admission Form is GH70.00.

Please Note:

- Come with the child's Birth Certificate and Weighing Card
- Catholics should come with the child's Baptismal Card

Age – Strictly for children born in **2019**

Kindly note that without the Birth Certificate and Weighing Card of the child, the form will not be sold out.

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.archbishopporterspolly.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.