

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— 21/03/22 – 6.30pm

2 Kgs. 5:1-15 / Ps. 42:4-9 / Matt. 18:21-23

TUESDAY— 22/03/22 - 6:30am/7:00pm

Dan. 3:25, 34-43 / Ps. 24:4-9 / Matt. 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY - 23/03/22 – 6:30am

Deut. 4:1, 5-9 / Ps. 148:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Matt. 5:17-19 (Turibius de Mon-grejevo)

THURSDAY— 24/03/22 – 7:00pm

Jer. 7:23-28 / Ps. 95:1-2, 6-9 / Lk. 11:14-23

FRIDAY—25/03/22 — 6:30am

Jer. Isa. 7:10-14; 8:10 / Ps. 40:7-11 / Heb. 10:4-10 / Lk. 1:26-38 (The Annunciation of The Lord)

SATURDAY— 26/03/22—7:00am

Hos. 6:1-6 / Ps. 51:3-4, 18-21 / Lk. 18:9-14

Next Sunday March 27, 2022 – 4th 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 – Josh. 5:9a, 10-12

Res. Psalm – Ps. 34:2-7

2nd Reading – 2 Cor. 5:17-21

Gospel – Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32

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Time to Repent and Bear Fruits of the Kingdom!

Dear people of God, today the Third Sunday of Lent (C), we celebrate the Lord of compassion and love who resolves to free us from slavery to sin, if only we will listen to His serious warnings to us to repent. The Gospel shows how many of us look at suffering. Jesus goes beyond the physical state of suffering to show that all are invited to repent and turn to God. In Lent, more than any other time of the year, God calls on us to change our ways.

In our society, warnings are very familiar to us. Product warnings are on almost everything we buy. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us two very important warnings. When many thought that if a person suffers a lot, she or he has committed many sins against God, Jesus answers that every tragedy/suffering does not signify a sin. He makes reference to two incidents. The first involves some people in Galilee who were executed by Pilate and mingled their blood with the sacrifice, while they were offering sacrifice in the Temple (suffering inflicted). Jesus adds another event: the eighteen people the tower in Siloam fell and killed (suffering through accident). The usual interpretation is to see these two tragedies, atrocity perpetrated by a public official and the accident, as divine punishment. However, Jesus draws attention to another aspect of it: as a warning to the living that they might repent and turn back to God wholeheartedly.

We can also apply this to our time and the many tragedies/sufferings about which we read, hear, or experience. These events remind us that life is precious and precarious. Tragedy, suffering and death are part of life and people who die because of the violence of a troubled individual or in accidents remind us that we cannot take our life for granted. We cannot say that these people died because of their sinfulness, but serve as a wake-up call to us that life is fragile and brief. We do not have forever nor do we have complete control over the circumstances of our life. In either case, those who suffer are not more sinful than those who do not suffer. For Jesus such tragic event is a reminder for all to change our lives and return to God because the time left is short.

The second teaching of Jesus is that, though every tragedy does not signify a sin, every sin is a tragedy. We may not completely control the circumstances of our life, but we can make decisions about the circumstance of our soul. Through sin we can cut off God's life, unleash spiritual disaster, giving birth to a spiritual cancer that can affect everything

we do. Sin is a tragedy which we can avoid. Christ wants His followers to escape being trapped in sins of hatred, resentments, rebellion, bitterness, isolation, etc. The parable of the fig tree that does not produce but is given more time speaks volumes to us. This useless fig tree is given more time by the gardener to dig around and manure it, to bear the fruit that is expected of it. There is hope even for a barren tree! A chance is thus given and efforts are made, expecting repentance from sinners. The parable does not contemplate immediate punishment for sinners, but expects them to repent and bear fruit. If no repentance happens, then punishment is sure. It tells us, on one hand, of God's patience, but on the other hand, of the urgency of the call to repentance and conversion.

We are all given time to enter into the life of the Church, the Mass, and the Sacraments, and all that these mysteries mean; to break apart the chains of sin into a new spiritual spring. That is what Lent is for. We are given a time for conversion and expected to bear fruits of the kingdom. In Lent, God invites us to change our ways. God's patience is the opportunity of our salvation through repentance. The time is short; we should choose to follow Him now. The brevity of life calls us to take seriously the time we are given to know, love and serve the Lord in this life and so be happy with Him forever in the next life. Moses, when God called him, abandoned his own plans and accepted the Lord's proposal to return to Egypt and liberate His people. God is calling you. Now is the time: to repent, be converted, and bear the fruits of the kingdom. Let anyone who thinks she/he is standing upright watch out, lest she/he fall.

My dear Students, please make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of your life as you stay on Campus and its environs, especially now that life on campus has returned to normalcy. 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 and Fruitful Week.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Ex. 3:1-8a, 13-15

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Lk. 13:1-9

PASTORAL TEAM

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

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

Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin-0277154777

CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655

CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org



General Notices

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

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: There is a One-Hour Prayer Session from Monday to Friday during this year's Lenten season with the theme: *"My Year of Perfection"* – **Ps. 19:7.** This started on Monday March 7, 2022 and will end on Wednesday April 13, 2022 at the Main Chapel from 5.00pm to 6.00pm each day. Parishioners /groups/ societies are encouraged to be part of this spiritual exercise.

Invitation to Lenten Retreat: In the season of Lent, the Directors of the Centre for Spiritual Renewal organise Lenten Retreat Weekends at the Centre. This year's retreat is ongoing. The third weekend would be on March 26, 2022 and the fourth one would also be on April 9, 2022. Please, the program is as follows:

9.00am – 9.10am - Opening Prayer

9.10am – 10.00am - Presentation on the Topic

10.00am – 11.00am - Meditation/ Quiet Time

11.00am – 11.30am - Stations of The Cross

11.30am – 12.30pm - Communal Penitential Service/Confessions

12.30pm – 1.30pm - Lunch Break

1.30pm – 2.00pm - Recitation of The Holy Rosary

2.00pm – 3.00pm - Mass

NB: Recommended days of fasting, but for those who are unable to fast for health reasons, lunch will be available @ GH¢25.00

Interested parishioners should call on 0244026296 for detailed information.

Life In The Spirit Seminar (LSS): Life in the Spirit Seminar, which is a programme with series of seminars that seeks to help us grow deeper in our walk with Christ and the Holy Spirit, comes our way this month which started last Saturday March 26, 2022. For enquiries, please contact Jeremiah on: 05511281171.

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.

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 respectively. Both new and old members are warmly welcome.

Christian Mothers' Association – Invitation of Christian 'Sons and Daughters': The Christian Mothers' Association at the Chaplaincy here are inviting young boys and girls (Christian Daughters/Sons from 6 years and above, i.e. class one to the

university level who are not married) to join their Association. Interested parishioners should encourage their children/wards to join them.

Dagaaba Union Meeting: All members of the Dagaaba Union are reminded of their meeting today Sunday March 20, 2022 immediately after the 10.00am Mass. All members are entreated to be at the meeting.

Sincere Thanks



Marriage Banns



Mr. Zourf Ferdinand, son of Mr. Zourf Ferdinand B., and Mrs. Zourf, born at Koumasi in Abidjan, residing at Koumasi in Abidjan and **Ms. Catherine Aboagye**, daughter of Mr. James Kwaku Aboagye and Mad. Theresa Afua Donkor, born in Koumasi, residing at Koumasi in Abidjan. **(2nd Announcement)**

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**

Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) comes off from the **26th of March, 2022. Saturdays at 4pm** and **Sundays at 5pm** at the **Archbishop Sarpong Hall**. All who are interested can join. Come and be blessed

Catechism classes are ongoing for students for **Baptism, First Communion** and **Confirmation** every **Saturday** at the **R.P. Baffour Complex** at **4pm**.

Soul Food

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it diligently with all your strength and might... Ecls 9:10

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Invitation: 1: Mrs. Agnes Annan, a parishioner and member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her son Mr. Bernard Wobil Annan (a.k.a. Chief) as follows: lying in state on Saturday March 26, 2022 at the KNUST Community Centre at 4.00am, burial service at the Bethel Methodist Church, Ayigya at 8.30am, burial follows, final funeral rites at the KNUST Community Centre from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving service on Sunday March 27, 2022 at Bethel Methodist Church, Ayigya at 8.30am, final funeral rites at the KNUST Community Centre from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. **(Mrs. Agnes Annan to be introduced)**

Funeral Announcement: Mrs. Harriet Ahorsu, a parishioner announces the death of her father, Mr. Vincent Kofi Geraldo. The burial mass takes place on Saturday, 26th March, 2022, at the St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Church, Abeka, Accra. Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday March 27, 2022 at St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Church, Abeka, Accra, followed by family gathering at his residence at Tantra Hills, Accra. **(Mrs. Harriet Ahorsu 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.

“Leaving or Living Temptation”: Leaving or Living Temptation is a book written by Rev. Fr. Louis Cecilia Adu-Poku and is available for sale. Interested parishioners may contact Dr. Eugene Appiah Effah on 0243034733 for your copies. You may also reach Rev. Fr. Louis Cecilia Adu-Poku on his personal WhatsApp No. 0244173471 or Rev. Fr. Michael Owusu Kwarteng on 0551520320 / 0260797875.

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. A parishioner is looking for a Catholic Lady to live in and take care of an apartment. Interested persons should please call on: 0208198270.

5. A parishioner is looking for a Catholic Lady to live in and take care of an apartment. Interested persons should please call on: 0208198270.

6. Someone is looking for two (2) ladies between the ages of 19 and 25 to work with in Bread Making Business. She will give them accommodation and also teach them how to go about the bread making. The workplace is at Oduom. Please contact her on: 0546437159.

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.archbishoppporterspolly.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.

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.

Accommodation: 1. 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.

2. A parishioner is in dire need of a single room apartment around Ayigya, Bomso, Kentinkrono, Oduom, Kotei Ayeduase or Deduako. Please, call on: 0242660612 or 050 595 3699 to 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.