

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY— 28/03/22 – 6.30pm

Isa. 65:17-21 / Ps. 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 / Jn. 4:43-54

TUESDAY— 29/03/22 - 6:30am/7:00pm

Ez. 47:1-9, 12 / Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn. 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY - 30/03/22 – 6:30am

Isa. 49:8-15 / Ps. 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18 / Jn. 5:17-30

THURSDAY— 31/03/22 – 7:00pm

Ex. 32:7-14 / Ps. 106:19-23 / Jn. 5:31-47

FRIDAY—01/04/22 — 6:30am

Wis. 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps. 34:17-21, 23 / Jn. 7L1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY— 02/04/22—7:00am

Jer. 11:18-20 / Ps. 7:2-3, 9-12 / Jn. 7:40-53 (St. Francis of Paola)

Next Sunday April 03, 2022 – 5th 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 – Isa. 43:16-21

Res. Psalm – Ps. 125:1-6

2nd Reading – Phil. 3:8-14

Gospel – Jon. 8:1-11

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Time to Repent and Bear Fruits of the Kingdom!

Dear people of God, today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent (C), traditionally known as *Laetare* Sunday, we celebrate this Mass in the joy of forgiveness, and gratefully eat the manna, the food that our Father gives us for our journey to the Kingdom where His banquet is prepared for us. Having arrived in the Promised Land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction, hardship, and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: inviting us to forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

Today, *Laetare* (“Rejoice”) Sunday, in the old Latin Liturgy, so-called from the first word of the *Intriot* (Entrance Antiphon), sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter Mystery, as does the permitted use of Rose-Coloured Vestments, signifying that a pause in the rigors of penance may be appropriate at this stage of the Lenten journey. The readings of the first two Sundays of Lent focused on important events in the life of Jesus: the temptation in the desert and the transfiguration. Last Sunday’s looked at penance and reconciliation, revealing the God of mercy and forgiveness who patiently calls us to conversion. Today, the Liturgy is on the experience of reconciliation, expressed in the story of the Prodigal Son. Our attention is drawn to our human response to God’s invitation to experience of conversion, which constitutes our acceptance of God’s offer of forgiveness.

The Book of Joshua describes the conquest of Canaan at the hands of Joshua, Moses’ successor as leader of the tribes of Israel. The “disgrace” that has been removed from the people is a reference to their slavery in Egypt, now ended as they establish themselves in the Promised Land. The Passover meal that is described marks an end to the people’s need for manna, the miraculous food God provided during their desert wanderings. Israel acknowledges that they did not reach freedom by themselves; they were not saved by their own strength, but by God. St Paul in the second reading discusses his apostolic ministry, a ministry founded on the conversion experience that made him an “ambassador” for Christ. For him, the experience of conversion is like a “new creation” that remakes a person “in Christ”. The intensity of his personal feelings shows through in his words, “we treat you...be reconciled to God”. The consequence of conversion is the same for all Christians: we must share with others the reconciliation we have experienced in Christ.

The parable of the Prodigal Son is an extremely dense tale, rich with many layers of meaning. It offers at one time a phenomenology of the process of conversion, a powerful and even

shocking image of the unconditional nature of God’s forgiving love even before we repent, and a sharp rebuke of the self-righteous attitudes typical in the older brother. Each of the three figures in the story carries an important message for us today; just as they did for Jesus’ contemporaries and St Luke’s community. Do we identify with either of these sons? Read against the backdrop of today’s first reading, the parable becomes a story of how the “disgrace” of the son’s slavery (sin) is rolled back. Like ancient Israelites celebrating the Passover meal in the Promised Land, the son is offered a festive meal to celebrate his reconciliation: indicating that an authentic conversion leads us to the Eucharistic Table.

The Pharisees and Scribes (elder son) think they are just and perfect; expecting Jesus, as a good person, to be close to them rather than to sinners, tax collectors, and the outcast. Jesus thus addresses them and all of us who think of ourselves better than others and want to dictate the rules to everybody else. Jesus shows that God is deeply concerned with those who are sinners. He does not discriminate in His love: He loves all, always, and unconditionally. God is compared to a Father who loses two sons. One actually leaves the house but comes back later on. The other who has never left the house is lost as much as his brother. The Father welcomes both of them as his beloved children to his house with feasting and rejoicing. He is happy when they come back to Him. In God’s love, not to have sinned is a good thing; but to be able to get up after a fall, and help each other and return to God again, is still a greater thing. Return to God, He will welcome and rehabilitate you, and restore you to your dignity, for His love saves.

We wish and pray God’s Blessings upon all who celebrated a birthday, anniversary, special occasion, and thanksgiving in the month of March. God richly bless you and your intentions.

Dear Students, please make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of your life as you stay on Campus and its environs even as we enjoy academic activities. 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.

PASTORAL TEAM

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

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

Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin - 0277154777

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Josh. 5:9a, 10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Cor. 5:17-21

Gospel: Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32



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	-	Presentations 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, is ongoing on Saturday at 4.00pm and Sunday at 5.00pm. 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 (GH¢6.00) 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.

Invitation to Meeting and Fundraising to Support the National Catholic Television: The Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference long

ago planned to set up National Catholic Television and it has been set up by name **Lumen Christi TV, Ghana**. It has therefore become necessary for the Archbishop of Kumasi, Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Anokye to invite parishioners to a Talk and Fundraising in support of the project on Saturday April 2, 2022 at the St. Peter's Basilica Pavilion at 9.00am. Please, all parishioners should take note.

Acies! Acies!! Acies!!!: Mother of Christ Regia is organising her Annual Legion Acies today, Sunday March 27, 2022 at St. Peter's Basilica Pavilion at 1.00pm. The theme is: **'Consecration to Mary for Renewed Commitment to the Legion Apostolate'**.

Call for Older Adults with Dementia: A team of specialists dealing with older adults with memory problems are undertaking a project to seek older adults with Alzheimer's dementia and other kinds of dementia. They will be conducting various tests on participants

The programme will come off at three different facilities, **the same team will be at all facilities from 8am to 1am each day**. Transportation allowance will be given.

Thursday, 31st March- RECOVERY PATHWAYS CLINIC, Asafo YF Junction (same premises as Elim Pharmacy)

Friday, 1st April- KNUST HOSPITAL, Tech Junction

Saturday, 2nd April- CENTRE FOR AGEING AND ELDERLY CARE, at METRO HEALTH HOSPITAL, Abrepo Junction.

Anyone above 50 with memory difficulties can come. Those already diagnosed with dementia can also come.

Please call the following lines if a relative has been diagnosed of dementia but will find it difficult getting to the venue. The team may be able to come to your home:

Vero (Metro Health): 0546036501, Mavis (Metro Health): 0245717681, Hannah (KNUST): 0246566495

Committees, Groups & Societies

Liturgy Committee: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting on Wednesday March 30, 2022 at the Msgr. Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at 5.30pm prompt. All concerned are entreated 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, Twi and English Praesidia, Virgin Most Powerful and Our Lady of Holy Rosary meet this

and every Wednesday and Thursday at 5.30pm respectively. 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/

Sincere Thanks

Mrs. Beatrice Nsiah Pephrah wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, parishioners and all who sympathised with her during her bereavement. She asks for God's blessings for you all.

Marriage Banns



1. 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 Kumasi, residing at Koumasi in Abidjan. (3rd Announcement)
2. Mr. James Asamoah-Darko, son of Mr. Martin Boateng and Mad. Akosua Gyansah, born at Ahwerewa, used to reside at Kwadaso Estate, now residing at Kotei and Ms. Diana (Dapaah) Asamoah-Darko, daughter of Mr. Daniel Dapaah and Mrs. Adelaide Dapaah, born at Patasi, Kumasi, used to reside at Asuoeyboa SSNIT, now residing at Kotei. (1st Announcement)
3. Mr. Francis Twumasi Boateng, son of Mr. Francis Manu Boateng, born in Kumasi, used to reside at KNUST, now residing in Berlin, Germany and Ms. Maria Goretti Oppong, daughter of Mr. Charles Kwabena Oppong and Mad. Agartha Barimah Asare, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Ahinsan Estate, now residing at Darkoman, Accra (1st 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) began on 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

Do not forget God when you get what you prayed for. Be like the only leper out of ten who returned to say "Thank You Lord."

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Announcement: 1. We announce the death of Madam Comfort Okrah, a parishioner and member of the St. Cecilia's Guild and Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity. The one-week observation will be on Wednesday March 30, 2022 at Kotei Deduako – Mampong Hemaas area from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

2. We announce the death of Mr. Isaac Acquah, a parishioner. Funeral arrangements are as follows: laying in State on Saturday April 2, 2022 at his residence Ejisu Besease new site behind African market (bs 124 Ejisu Besease) from 5:00am to 8:00am. Burial Mass follows at the Roman Catholic Church from 8:00am to 10:00am. Interment follows at the Besease Roman Catholic Church cemetery. Final funeral rites take place at the Besease D/A Primary School Park from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Thanksgiving service takes place on Sunday April 3, 2022 at the Roman Catholic Church from 9:00am to 11:00am. Family gathering follows at the Besease D/A Primary School Park 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

Funeral Invitation: Mrs. Esther Osei Boakye, a parishioner is inviting parishioners to the final funeral of her father Mr. A.A. Peprah Mensah on Saturday April 2, 2022 at Mpraeso H/No. D115, Nsuoase Area, behind NPP Office from 12noon to 6.00pm. Parishioners are to mourn with the bereaved family.

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.