

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY— 04/03/22 – 6.30pm**

Dan. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-23, 33-62 / Ps. 23:1-6 / Jn. 8:12-20 (Isidore of Seville)

**TUESDAY— 05/03/22 - 6:30am/7:00pm**

Num. 21:4-9 / Ps. 102:2-3, 16-21 / Jn. 8:21-30 (Vincent Ferrer)

**WEDNESDAY - 06/03/22 – 6:30am**

Dan. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Ps. Dan. 3:52-56 / Jn. 8:31-42

**THURSDAY— 07/03/22 – 7:00pm**

Gen. 17:3-9 / Ps. 105:4-9 / Jn. 8:51-59 (John Baptist de la Salle)

**FRIDAY—08/04/22 — 6:30am**

Jer. 20:10-13 / Ps. 17:2-7 / Jn. 10:31-42

**SATURDAY— 09/04/22—7:00am**

Ez. 37:21-18 / Ps. Jer. 30:10-13 / Jn. 11:45-56

**Next Sunday April 10, 2022 – Palm (Passion) Sunday (Cycle C)**

7.00pm —Vigil Mass,

6.30am – 1<sup>st</sup> Mass

8.00am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass

10.00am – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass

**Please all parishioners should take note**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isa. 50:4-7**

**Res. Psalm – Ps. 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Phil. 2:6-11**

**Gospel – Lk. 22:14 – 23:56**

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### Who Is Without Sin?

Dear people of God, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent (C), we celebrate our Lord who wipes out our past sins. The completeness of His forgiveness is almost incredible. When He says to us “Neither do I condemn you”, the past is indeed dead, snuffed out like a wick, forgotten. Laughter and song fill our hearts and it seems like a dream. To the exiles in Babylonia, Isaiah foretells a new Exodus, when the Lord will lead His people from captivity to freedom. True freedom is rooted in the Person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law. It is He who challenges us to examine our hearts before self-righteously judging others.

“See, I am doing something new” as posited in the first reading, is realised in the Person of Jesus. This passage, from the section of Isaiah called the Book of Consolation, was written to encourage the people of Israel during their exile in Babylon. With imagery that hearkens back to the story of the exodus from Egypt, as well as the creation story, the author exhorts his fellow Jews to trust that God will continue to come to their aid, to rescue them, and forgive their transgressions. They are to be mindful of the history of God’s kindness, not to dwell on their past sins. Rather, they are to anticipate the “new things” that God is about doing on their behalf. In the midst of their shame and guilt, in the face of their doubts over whether or not Yahweh had given up on them, the oracle asserts that they are still “my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself”. God will make a new way in the desert, new springs of water for the thirsty. God was not only in their past but also in their future. We all, like the people of Israel, should therefore sing out loud with the Psalmist that “the Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with joy”.

Like St Paul in the second reading, having heeded the message proclaimed to him, describes himself as “forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead” which is exactly what the passage from Isaiah urged the ancient Israelites to do. So decisive has been Paul’s experience of forgiveness in Jesus Christ that he looks upon his entire previous life as so much “rubbish” when compared to “the righteousness of God” that he has found “through faith in Christ”. Though Paul makes it clear that he knows he has not “arrived” at perfection, he presses on to the goal, for the prize of the “heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus”. Touched by grace, Paul encourages us to let the past be past, and the future be the future.

In the Gospel, we are given a story that illustrates in a moving

fashion the divine love that unconditionally forgives our past sins, freeing us to lead a new life of grace. The Scribes and the Pharisees, who bring the adulterous woman to Jesus, personify the harsh judgment of the Law. They made a considerable effort in catching this woman in the “act of adultery”, making her stand in front of everybody in the public area, and hoping to discredit Jesus. Per Moses’ Law, she should be stoned to death for her sin. John further ascribes to them duplicitous motives underlying their self-righteous behaviour. The response of Jesus is brilliant. Without condoning her sin, Jesus reveals the hypocrisy of her accusers and at the same time restores to her a sense of self-worth. Jesus admonishes this trembling woman, abandoned by her lover, guilty, ashamed but repentant, to go and sin no more. With Jesus’ pardon, she is given a future, restored to dignity, healed and made whole again. This is suggestive of the “born-again” life of the believer who has found in the Baptismal Waters a whole new way of living. She leaves her encounter with Jesus reconciled to God, to her community, and to herself.

In Jesus, every sinner has a future and every saint has a past. In His mercy He aids a sinner to press forward in hope and a saint to let go of her/his past in trust. Jesus comes to save us and He does that with the weapon of mercy. In His mercy, as seen in the Gospel, He reaches out to both the woman caught in adultery and those desiring to condemn her. Mercy is the true remedy for sin, not condemnation. Jesus wants us to treat others with mercy. Condemnation does not give the other a chance for conversion. Mercy speaks to the heart of the sinner, calling her/him to repentance. Lord, teaches us to be merciful!

My Dear Students, please make the Chaplaincy Activities an essential part of your life as you stay on Campus and its environs, enjoying the academic activities. Mid-Semester Examinations are just around the corner. Let us intensify our preparations toward that. Do take good care of yourselves: you are dear to us. May God’s Grace sustain us.

Please be reminded to stay well, healthy and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Remember to 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.

Blessed and Fruitful New Month!

#### READINGS FOR THE DAY

**1st Reading: Isa. 43:16-21**

**2nd Reading: Phil. 3:8-11**

**Gospel: Lk. Jon. 8:1-11**



#### 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

**Please, take note:**

**Palm Sunday** - The 8.00am and the 10.00am Masses will start from the Swimming Pool at 7.30am and 9.30am respectively with procession after the Palm Branches have been blessed by the celebrants. For the Vigil and the 6.30am Masses, the celebrants will bless the Palm Branches in front of the Chapel before the start of the Masses.

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

**Benediction:** There will be Benediction today Sunday April 3, 2022 at 7.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

**Infant Baptism:** There will be Infant Baptism on Saturday April 9, 2022. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should come for instructions on Friday April 8, 2022 at 5:30pm with their children/ward's god-parents.

**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 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, 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 do not have 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,

**Adoration Chapel:** Groups/Societies/ Individual who would want to know more about the 'Adoration Chapel' should please contact Prof. Stephen Adu-Bredu to help you so that you can make good use of the place.

**Covid-19 Vaccination:** Staff from the KNUST Hospital are at the Chaplaincy here for the Vaccination of the Covid-19 Jabs and Booster vaccines. Parishioners are encouraged to visit them under the tree in front of the Chapel for the purpose.

## 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, 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/wards to join them.

## Sincere Thanks

Mrs. Agnes Annan is expressing her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity and individual parishioners for sympathising with her during her bereavement. God bless you all.



## Marriage Banns



**1. 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 Asuoyeboa SSNIT, now residing at Kotei. **(2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement)**

**2. Dr. Ing. Francis Twumasi Boateng**, son of Mr. Francis Manu Boateng and Mad. Faustina Berko, 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 **(2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

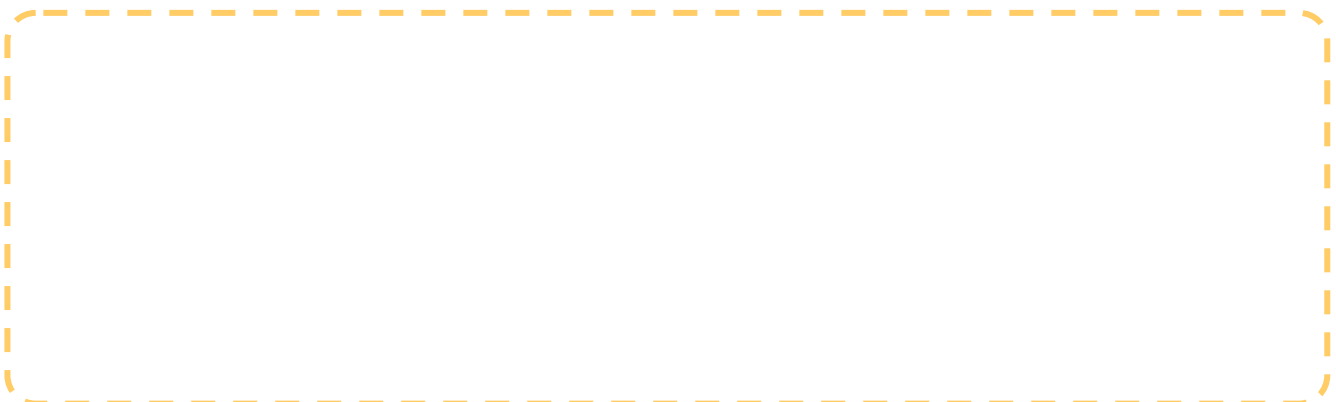
**Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS)** began on the **26th of March, 2022**. **Saturdays** at **4pm** and **Sundays** at **5pm** at the **Archbishop Sarpong Hall**. All who are interested can join. Come and be blessed

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

### Soul Food

Sooner or later opportunities are going to knock on your door but the ultimate question is are you ready to answer that call? Develop yourself so that when the opportunity comes you will be well equipped to take it. Success is Preparation.

## Funeral Announcement & Invitation



**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.archbishopporterspolly.edu.gh](http://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.

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.**

**Catholic Technical Institute (CTI):** Catholic Technical Institute located at Buokrom Estate is admitting fresh students both full time and part time for the following NABPTEx Programme: (a) Air-Condition and Refrigeration (b) Architectural Designing Technology (c) Auto Body Works (d) Auto Mobile Engineering (e) Building Construction Technology (f) Carpentry & Joinery (g) Catering (h) Electronic Engineering Technology (i) Fashion And Design Technology (j) Mechanical Engineering Technology (k) Plumbing & Gas Technology and (l) Welding & Metal Fabrication. Call on these number for help: 0209342299 / 0322070702 / 0245024615 / 0244051857.

**Sale of Magazines:** Parishioners are being informed that next Sunday April 10, 2022, Seminarians from Pedu will visit the Chaplaincy to sell their Magazines. We are all entreated to patronise the Magazines.