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## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY - 05/12/22 - 6:30pm**

Isa. 35:1-10 / Ps. 85:9-14 / Lk. 5:17-26

**TUESDAY - 06/12/22 6:30am**

Isa. 40:1-11 / Ps. 96:1-3, 10-13 / Matt. 18:12-14 (Nicholas)

**WEDNESDAY - 07/12/22 - 6:30am**

Isa. 40:25-31 / Ps. 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Matt. 11:28-30 (Ambrose)

**THURSDAY - 08/12/22 - 6:30pm**

Gen. 3:9-15, 20 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk. 1:26-38 (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

**FRIDAY 09/12/22 - 6:30am**

Isa. 48:17-19 / Ps. 145:1, 9-13 / Matt. 11:16-19

**SATURDAY - 10/12/22 - 7:00am**

Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps. 1:1-4, 6 / Matt. 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday December 11, 2022 - Third Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)**

**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**

**1st Reading -** Isa. 35:1-6a, 10

**Res. Psalm - Ps. 146:6-10**

**2nd Reading - Jas. 5:7-10**

**Gospel - Matt. 11:2-11**

## Advent: Living In Harmony With One Another!

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent, Year (A). The Liturgy this Sunday invites us to work and hope for an era of justice and peace that embraces all of creation; human and non-human. This requires a constant and continual conversion of heart and mind. To live in unity and in harmony with one another, to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us, is a sign that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us and God's reign is inaugurated amongst us.

In the first reading, we hear about the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah. In this beautiful, lyrical description of a future, Messianic King, Isaiah gives us a vision of justice and peace that embraces all of Israel, the human community, and all of creation as well. Taken from a section popularly known as the "Book of Emmanuel", the passage begins with the promise of a king in the line of David, continues with a description of his reign, and concludes with the expected effects of his reign; a peace-filled new world order harking back to the Garden of Eden. The virtues of the king described by Isaiah are what the Christian tradition later on identified as "Gifts of the Holy Spirit". The reign of the king is marked by justice, with a right ordering of relationships in society, and the championship of the poor as its key ingredients. The signs of the messianic era, found in reconciliation within creation itself, enlarge the vision presented to include peace in all forms. Comforting is the warm and peaceful picture of harmony where the wolf is the guest of the lamb, and the calf and the young lion walking together with a little child to guide them. There will be no harm to be done. All will be peaceful. This picture of harmony shows that the reign of God and His peace is always a possibility. Conflict and tension do not have to have the last word. Every generation, including ours, has a chance for peace. To enjoy peace and harmony is a collective effort. It requires sacrificing our pride, being peacemakers, truth-speakers, respecting one another, and standing for each other's dignity.

St Paul, in today's second reading, exhorts the community in Rome to live in unity and harmony. His exhortation stems from the existing tension and feud between Jewish Christians and those of Gentile origin within the same community. For Paul, each group has a part in God's plan, hence, he exhorts all to accept one another just as Christ welcomed all of them. This sense of unity and acceptance is naturally expressed in heartfelt common worship and in giving glory to God. Advent, which is a time of waiting, emerges here in a context of patience and encouragement as necessary ingredients for unity and harmony within the community. It requires us to reach out to the difficult people in our life and try to see in them what Christ sees in them.

St. John the Baptist is a prominent figure who appears always during the Advent Season with a strong and powerful message. In St. Matthew's Gospel, he symbolizes the end of the era of patriarchs and prophets and sets the stage for a new era beginning with Jesus. In today's Gospel, he is introduced as one preaching in the wilderness of Judea, living on locusts and

wild honey, and wearing a garment of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist. This is a sign that he is a person with a mission to accomplish, living a life of austerity and simplicity. His message, however, is stern and straight, piercing the ears and hearts, urging people to "repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand". His message is particularly directed to the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to him for baptism. For John, there is much room for change, and there is an urgency in the situation because the One who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire is coming soon. He reminds us of the importance of reformation (repentance and conversion) as a necessary condition for heaven.

The Baptist's message is as relevant for us today as it was before the coming of the Messiah. Moral conversion, which is an ongoing process, is necessary to welcome the Messiah. He cautions, in the Messiah's era, no inherited privilege or mere external observances can substitute for true conversion or save an individual from the judgment of God. The fearful eschatological images of fire, wrath, the axe, and the winnowing fan (which separates wheat from the chaff) remind us of the painful wrenching required to free the world from the grip of sin, even though the idyllic vision of Isaiah offers us hope of ultimate outcome of such an effort. There is the need to repent and return to the ways of the Lord daily so that the Kingdom of God can take root, be nurtured, and grow in us. It is a call on us to look into the areas of our life, as individuals, families, groups, and communities that need to be reformed and changed to make our way of living and acting conform to the values of the Kingdom.

Beloved, today is special for us as a believing Community. We have a unique opportunity to thank God in our 2022 Annual Thanksgiving with the theme: "Let the Giving of Thanks be your Sacrifice to God and Give the Almighty all that you Promised" (Ps 50:14). How and what do you offer to Thank God for all His Blessings, Graces, Favours, and Mercies showered upon us all through the year? We hope you have prayed, counted your blessings, and are ready to Thank God. Come one, come all, and let us render unto God our Thanksgiving! God richly bless you for choosing to Thank Him.

Dear students, trust you are keeping safe and out of troubles! We miss you! Remember that justice and peace, fruits of the virtues and signs of the Messianic Era, call for daily moral conversion and lead to unity and harmony. May God protect and keep us safe throughout the vacation. Pax!

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 are not. Your life is dear to us.

Have a Blessed and Fruitful Week and a spirit-filled Advent season. Remain blessed.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us

### PASTORAL TEAM

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah - 0249999616  
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### READINGS FOR THE DAY

**1st Reading: Isa. 11:1-10**

**2nd Reading: Rom. 15:4-9**

**Gospel: Matt. 3:1-12**



## General Notices

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

### **Feast of The Immaculate Conception:**

Thursday December 08, 2022, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be Mass at the Chaplaincy at 6:30pm. All parishioners are encouraged to entreated to come for Mass.

**Infant Baptism:** There will be Infant Baptism on Saturday December 10, 2022 at 4.00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday December 9, 2022 at the Chaplaincy at 5.00pm with their children/wards' godparents.

**Benediction:** There will be benediction this evening at the Chaplaincy at 7.00pm. All parishioners are expected to come and pray to the Lord.

**Covid-19 Protocols:** We plead and encourage all parishioners to please continue to wear the "NOSE MASKS" while in church

for Liturgical Celebrations. All are encouraged to continue to observe the other Covid-19 Protocols.

**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 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 charge.

**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.

**Security Consciousness:** Parishioners are being informed to be security conscious when we come to church. Groups/Societies should try to educate their members to be alert but not to create any fear in them. We encourage all parishioners to alert the Ushers of any unwanted behaviour. *"Say something when you see something"*

**Use of Washrooms:** We entreat parishioners; both children and adults, to put the washrooms to order and clean after use in order not to inconvenience the next user.

**Faith Rally – "Set Apart for God's Work" (Acts 13:1-3):** The Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi presents Faith Rally. This program starts from Wednesday December 7, 2022 to Friday December 9, 2022 at the forecourt of St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica – Roman Hill, Kumasi from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the program.

## FUN FACT

Pope Sylvester II (946-1002), apart from being the first French Pope, is credited with introducing the decimal numeral system we have in mathematics today.

## Committees, Groups & Societies

**Harvest Committee:** Today Sunday December 4, 2022 is the Adult Harvest at all Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to give willingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. We are again encouraged to pay our levies as well.

**Charismatic Renewal (Local):** The C.C.R. – Local will be meeting today Sunday December 4, 2022 at their usual meeting place for prayers. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

**Health Committee:** The Chaplaincy Health Committee would like to first and foremost inform parishioners of its existence and also en-

treat you to channel your health needs and concerns to the Committee through the contact number 0241133879 (WhatsApp Number) for consideration. These needs and concerns may help the Committee to plan its programme of activities for the year and subsequent years.

**Chaplaincy Public Relations Committee:** The Chaplaincy Public Relations Committee would like to inform parishioners that we are live on Social Media. Find and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. You can also send us a mail on [knust-catholicchaplaincy@gmail.com](mailto:knust-catholicchaplaincy@gmail.com).

**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.

## Marriage Banns



- 1. Mr. Abraham Affum (Jnr.)**, son of Mr. Abraham Affum and Mad. Adwoa Fourdjour, born at Obuasi, residing at Takoradi and **Ms. Monica (Afua Animah) Frimpong**, daughter of Mr. James Frimpong and Mad. Theresah Akosua Serwaa, born at Feyiase, used to reside at Afful Nkwanta, Kumasi, now residing at Kotei-Deduako. **(3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement – To be Introduced)**
- 2. Mr. Stephen Nana Miezah Elievi**, son of Mr. Thomas K.E. Mensah and Mad. Hannah Kwofie, born at Aboso, residing in Kumasi and **Ms. Annabel Koranteng**, daughter of Mr. Eric Koranteng and Mrs. Janet Koranteng, born at Jasikan, residing at Lapaz- Accra **(3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement)**
- 3. Dr. George Dakurah**, son of Mr. Bernard Dakurah and Mrs. Priscila Zigree Dakurah, born at Jirapa, residing at Emena, Kumasi, and **Ms. Magdalene Puuh-Yin Kakora**, daughter of Mr. Leopold K. Naab-Kakora and Mrs. Susana Naab-Kakora, born at U.S.T., Kumasi, residing at KNUST,

Kumasi. **(2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement)**

- 4. Mr. Andrew Sampene Buabeng**, son of Mr. Stephen Nkansa Buabeng and Mrs. Georgina Buabeng, born in Kumasi, residing at Adjiriganor and **Nana Akua Kyeraa Kyere**, daughter of Mr. Francis Kyere and Mad. Gifty Owusu-Sekyre, born at Akosombo, residing at Tema. **(2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement)**
- 5. Mr. Stephen Morrison**, son of Mr. Kwaku Morrison and Mad. Vivian Mends, born in Accra, resided at Darkuman, Accra, now residing at Anyaa, Accra, and **Ms. Francisca Afirim**, daughter of Dr. Henry Afirim and Mrs. Rita Boatemaa Afirim, born at Ayigya, Kumasi, resided at Ejisu, now residing at Dansoman, Accra. **(2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement)**
- 6. Mr. (Dr.) Peter Neefjees Kofi Mensah**, son of Andrews Kofi Mensah and Mrs. Elizabeth Mensah, born at KNUST-Kumasi, now residing at Kentinkrono Nsenie and **Ms. Shirley Opoku**, daughter of Mr. Andrews Opoku and Mad. Abena Saah, born at Kumasi, now residing in Missouri State, USA. **(1<sup>st</sup> Announcement)**

## Youth Corner

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

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

## Pax Corner

## Funeral Announcements & Invitations

**Funeral Announcements:** 1. We announce the funeral of Mr. John Kofi Owusu, a parishioner and the husband of Mrs. Elaine Owusu, also a parishioner and member of English Lectors' Ministry as follows: Pre-Burial Mass on Saturday December 10, 2022 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, Kumasi at 7.30am, burial and thanksgiving Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, Kumasi at 9.30am, Interment – Private, final funeral rites at Ridge park, opposite Officer's Mess, Kumasi from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. **(Attire: Black)** Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mrs. Elaine Owusu to be introduced)**

2. We announce the funeral of Mrs. Anna Beyuoh Dery, a parishioner and member of the /Dagaaba Union and Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Assoc., wife of Mr. Sylvanus Belema-Dery also a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Union and again the mother of Mr. Clement B. Dery, Mr. Francis B. Dery (member of Local CCR), Ms. Mary Magdalene Dery (member of St. Cecilia's Guild) and Ms. Aloysia B. Dery – all parishioners as follows: there will be wake keeping on Friday December 9, 2022 at Ayigya M/A. School park, lying in state on Saturday December 10, 2022 at Ayigya M/A. School park at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy, burial follows, final funeral rites from 12noon to 6.00pm at Ayigya M/A. School park, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday December 11, 2022 at the Chaplaincy, family gathering at Ayigya M/A. School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mr. Sylvanus Belema Dery and children to be introduced)**

**Funeral Invitations:** 1. Mad. Cecilia Abeo, a parishioner invites parishioners to the funeral of her mother, Obaapanin Mma Adokopaka as follows: lying in state on Saturday December 10, 2022 at 5.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at the funeral grounds from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving service on Sunday December 11, 2022 at the Methodist Church at 8.00am, family gathering at the funeral grounds from 12noon to 6.00pm – All at Ohiapae. **(Mad. Cecilia Abeo to be introduced)**

2. Mr. J.K. Gyamfi-Bioh, a parishioner and member of the Non-Aligned Movement announces the funeral of his son Elder George Kwabena Gyamfi-Bioh as follows: lying in state on Saturday December 10, 2022 at Anwomaso Bebre, burial follows, final funeral rites at Anwomaso Primary School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving service on Sunday December 11, 2022 at winners Worship Centre, Adum – Kumasi at 9.00am, family gathering at Anwomaso Primary School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mr. J.K. Gyamfi-Bioh to be introduced)**

3. Mrs. Mary Amanfo, a parishioner and member of the Christian Mothers announces the death of her husband Opanin Joseph Amanfo. The one-week observation will be held on Thursday December 8, 2022 at Krapa Agyaba's house, Hotel Junction from 6am to 6pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

4. Mrs. Sarah Arthur, a parishioner and a member of St. Joseph's Choir announces the death of her mother Mrs. Hannah Oforiwa Usher. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.



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**“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 – Catholic Technical Institute (CTI):** The 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 & Design Technology (j) Mechanical Engineering Technology (k) Plumbing & Gas Technology and (l) Welding & Metal Fabrication. Call on these numbers for help: 0209342299/ 0322070702 / 0245024615 / 0244051857.

**Our Lady of Grace (OLAG) S.H.S., Mampongeng – 2023 Entrance Examination:** Our Lady of Grace Senior High School, a Private Catholic Senior High School located at Mampongeng (15kms away from Kumasi) within the Catholic Diocese of Konongo-Mampong is inviting students for 2023 Entrance Examination. Please, for full details, visit the Notice Board and read for yourselves.

**Job Opportunity:** 1. A parishioner wants a qualified Driver to work with. Interested parishioners should please call on 0263712771 / 0206879957.

2. Someone is looking for a lady between the ages of 19 and 25 to work with in Bread Baking Business. She will be given an accommodation and also teach her how to go about the bread making. The workplace is at Oduom. Interested parishioners should call 0546437159 or 0241294858 for help.

3. Someone is looking for two (2) young girls who are smart and ready to be trained as Hair Dressers at Oduom, near Maple Wood Hotel. This comes with no cost. You will only buy your uniform(s). Interested parishioners should please call Kukua on 0546437159.

4. Someone is Looking for a young Catholic girl to work as a cook and house help. Interested persons may call 0202027360.

5. A Private School located near KNUST has openings for:

- (1) An Assistant Head Teacher
- (2) An ICT Teacher and
- (3) A Teacher in the Lower Primary Department.

Please call on 0243922599 or 0595217735 for help.

**Seeking for Job:** A parishioner who has the qualification of a Professional Teacher is searching for a private/government school or even individuals to teach in and around Kotei. Interested persons/institutions can contact 0206744951 or 0595421091.

**Rent Accommodation:** A parishioner is in need of a 2-bedroom apartment accommodation around KNUST – i.e. Ayeduase, Kotei, Deduako, Ayigya, Oduom, Bomso, etc. Please, you may call on 0208168663 to help.

**Rooms for Rent:** A large room fitted with kitchenette, bath and toilet rooms. Available with effect from 1st September, 2022 at Ayeduase New Site, opposite Rhema Salvation Ministry, main KNUST-Ayeduase Road. Suitable for a single person, a couple or shared by at most 3 students of same sex. Contact 024 441 6770.

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