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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

Num. 24:2-7, 15-17a / Ps. 25:2-7,  
15-17a / Mt. 21:23-27 (Our Lady of  
Guadalupe)

**TUESDAY - 13/12/22 6:30am**

Zeph. 3:1-2, 9-13 / Ps 34:2-3, 6-7,  
17-19, 23 / Mt. 21:28-32(Lucy)

**WEDNESDAY - 14/12/22 -  
6:30am**

Isa. 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 / Ps. 85:9-  
14 / Lk. 7:19-23 (John of the  
Cross)

**THURSDAY - 15/12/22 - 7:00pm**

Isa. 54:1-10 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-  
13b / Lk 7: 19-23

**FRIDAY 16/12/22 - 6:30am**

Isa. 56:1-3a, 6-8 / Ps. 67:2-3, 5, 7-  
8 / Lk. 7:24-30

**SATURDAY - 17/12/22 - 7:00am**

Gen. 49:2, 8-10 / Ps. 72:1-4, 7-8,  
17 / Matt. 1:1-17

**Next Sunday December  
118 2022 - Fourth 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. 7:10-14**

**Res. Psalm - Ps. 23:1-6**

**2nd Reading - Rom. 1:1-7**

**Gospel - Matt. 1:18-24**

**Are You The One Who Is To Come?**

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Year (A). Today is traditionally known as *Gaudete* Sunday, so-called from the first word of the antiphon at the Introit. *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), taken from the Latin translation of Phil 4:4-5, sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming, as does the permitted use of Rose-Coloured Vestments. Christians are to rejoice because in the Person of Jesus, God has come to heal, free and save us. Patiently, yet joyfully, we await the fulfilment of His Advent.

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah describes the coming of the redemption of Israel in glowing terms of nature restored and human beings made whole. A prophet, used to decrying Israel's infidelity and announcing God's judgement, now shifts his emphasis to a news of a coming rescue by that same God. The people, scattered and sent into exile by the destruction of the kingdom through the Assyrian invasion, will be ransomed and brought back into their land. They will be helped along their journey of return by visions of a saving God, by a transformation of the desert land, and by divine strengthening and healing. Lebanon, Carmel, and Sharon in their dryness are symbols of God's wrath, however here they bloom to betoken God's mercy. The people of God must not allow themselves to be discouraged, even when confronted by situations that seem desperate. God will bring healing, salvation, restoration, and peace. The Psalm continues to celebrate the grace and merciful favour of God. It assures us of how God sustains those who are in any way dispossessed or without help and protection: such as the poor and downtrodden, oppressed, the hungry, prisoners, the blind, those bowed down, foreigners/stranger, orphans, and widows.

St James, in the second reading, counsels the Christian community to practice patience. Patience because the second coming of Christ did not come as soon as they expected, because of the friction within the community, and because they were subjected to injustice by the rich. James uses the comparison of the farmer and the soil to suggest a total dependence upon God. As the farmer is subject to these elements and must cooperate with them, so the Christian must practice patience, trusting God for what human beings alone cannot provide. He further suggests that Christians can learn from the prophets of the Old Testament. The trials the prophets suffered for bearing the Word of God to their contemporaries should be an inspiration to Christians in times of difficulty and persecution.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is engaged in His public ministry. It describes a crisis in His ministry. He has been teaching, preaching and healing, and everybody is wondering who He is? Is He the Messiah we are expecting? John's question from prison helps Jesus explain the kind of Messiah He is. He is indeed the One who is to come; the Messiah, and the miracles He performs prove it. He is not the political messiah that many are expecting: He brings liberation of a different kind.

When John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if He Himself is truly the promised and awaited Messiah, Jesus demonstrates that the coming of God among us is marked by the special care for the poor, the sick, and the outcasts. They ask Jesus: Are you the One who is to come, or shall we look for another? Jesus, instead of giving a straight answer, tells the messengers of John to go and tell what they hear and see around them. That all the signs of the presence of the Messiah are already present in their hearing and seeing. They only need to open their eyes to see and their hearts to be touched and transformed. The qualities of mercy that mark the Messiah's reign include healing to the blind and lame, to lepers and the deaf. He raises the dead and preaches glad tidings to the poor. Those who can accept this Messiah are blessed for the power of Christ's coming is found in the changes within human hearts and lives.

Jesus also presents a fine profile of John: his extraordinary ascetic personality and powerful mission. He praises John as being the greatest of the people of the Old Testament. He holds a place of honour as the last prophet and the immediate forerunner of the Messiah. He is an important link with the prophets of old and without him the link with the New Testament would not have been made. John's greatness is seen in his readiness to submit to God's reign and to participate in the joy and freedom of His Messianic times. John is neither like a shaken reed nor like a man dressed in fine clothing. He is a prophet, and more than a prophet. He is in fact the ultimate messenger who prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah. As an astute prophet and forerunner of the Messiah, he is the greatest person born of woman. John's life is his message and his message reflects his life. As a man of God, he is well aware of his identity and mission. He fulfils it in the best manner possible. As we reflect on our life we are urged to see and hear Christ, the Messiah, active in the world and in our hearts. Like John, let us be aware of our own identity and mission.

Dear students, trust you are keeping safe and out of troubles! We miss you! Christ is indeed the true promised and awaited Messiah, who comes to bring restoration and peace, and to save us. We need to be the signs of the Messiah by doing what He did. 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.

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah - 0249999616  
Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine - 0207024221  
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwini SJ - 0277154777  
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655  
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

**READINGS FOR THE DAY**

**1st Reading: Isa. 35:1-6a, 10**  
**2nd Reading: Jas. 5:7-10**  
**Gospel: Matt. 11:2-11**



## General Notices

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

### **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.



## FUN FACT

Did you know that St. Augustine (354-430), the famous saint, is an African? He was born in Tagaste, Numidia in present-day Algeria. He and his family were Berbers, an ethnic group in North Africa.

## Committees, Groups & Societies

**Harvest Committee:** The Harvest Committee would like to thank all parishioners for the generous contributions at this year’s Harvest and Thanksgiving celebration. They pray that the good Lord blesses you and replenishes all your efforts. We are again encouraged to pay our levies as well.

**Marriage and Family Life Committee:** The Marriage and Family Life Committee members both Old and New will be introduced today Sunday December 11, 2022 at all Masses.

**Charismatic Renewal (Local):** The C.C.R. – Local members are reminded that today Sunday December 11, 2022 is Prayer Meeting at St. Peters’ Cathedral Basilica at 2.00pm. In view of this, there

wouldn’t be any meeting at the Chaplaincy here. Members are entreated to be there and on time for the Prayer Meeting.

**Health Committee:** The Chaplaincy Health Committee informs parishioners of its existence and also entreat us to channel our 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, Insta-

gram, 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. **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. **(3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement – To be introduced)**

2. **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. **(3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement)**

3. **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. **(3<sup>rd</sup> Announcement – To be Introduced)**

4. **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 in Kumasi, now residing in Missouri State, USA. **(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

## Funeral Announcement

Naa Julius P. Kuutiero, a parishioner and member of St. John International and children (family) wish to announce the death of their wife and mother Mrs. Mary Charity Kuutiero (a.k.a. Madam Mary), also a parishioner and member of Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association and St. John International. The one-week celebration will be on Sunday December 18, 2022 at the KNUST Swimming Pool Park from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

## Sincere Thanks

1. Ms. Patience Achelisiwine and Family wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Cecilia's Guild and parishioners for your support during the funeral of their father, uncle, and brother Mr. Achelisiwine. They ask for God's blessings for you.

2. Mr. & Mrs. Balangtaa and their families are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Marriage and Family Life Committee, Ushers, St. Peter's Choir, Youth Choir, various groups and parishioners for your prayer, presence and support during their Holy Matrimony. They ask for God's blessings for you all.

**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 – 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:** 1. 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.

2. A family is in need of a two-bedroom self-contained apartment around KNUST, i.e. Bomso, Ayeduase New Site, Boadi, Emena, or Kotei. You may please, call the family on 0243689445.

**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

**Fianke Renewable & Organics Ltd.:** One of the safest ways to avoid the hospitals is by eating organic vegetables. Let’s provide you, home vegetable gardens in containers with 10 to 12 different vegetable crops for your household. We will assist you to your first harvest for as long as you wish. Call us on 0559492181. Take your health at heart.

**Augen’s Farm: Broilers available for sale –** Augen’s Farm, located at Ahinsan Estate, adjacent Good Shepherd School is selling live chickens, cutting and dressing. Parishioners should call on 0553708034 or 0232143509 for help.

### **Harvest 2022 Levies**

Senior Members/Business Men & Women - **500.00**

Senior Staff - **300.00**

Junior Staff/House Wife - **150.00**

Tertiary Students-Univ./Poly. /Post Sec. - **50.00**

Senior High/Tech. Schools - **30.00**

Junior High/Prim./Kindergarten- **20.00**