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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 19/12/22 - 6:30pm

Jdgs. 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps. 71:3-6,
16-17 / Lk. 1:5-25

TUESDAY - 20/12/22 6:30am

Isa. 7:10-14 / Ps. 24:1-6 / Lk. 1:26-
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**WEDNESDAY - 21/12/22 -
6:30am**

Song 2:8-14 / Ps. 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21 / Lk. 1:39-45

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

1 Sam. 1:24-28 / Ps. 1 Sam. 2:1, 4
-8 Lk. 1:46-56

FRIDAY 23/12/22 - 6:30am

Mal. 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps. 25:4-5, 8-
10 / Lk. 1:57-66 (John of Kanty)

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

**SATURDAY, 24/12/22 -
Christmas Eve (Mass with
Carol at 7:00pm)**

**SUNDAY, 25/12/22 - Na-
tivity of the Lord (3 Mass-
es at 6:30am, 8:00am &
10:00am)**

1st Reading - Isa. 52:7-10

**Res. Psalm - Ps. 98:1, 6,
11-12**

2nd Reading - Heb. 1:1-6

Gospel - Jn. 1:1-18

**MONDAY, 26/12/22 - St.
Stephen's Day (Mass at
7:00am)**

**FRIDAY, 30/12/22 - Holy
Family Day (Mass at
6:30am)**

**SATURDAY, 31/12/22 -
New Year Vigil (Mass at
9:00pm)**

Are You The One Who Is To Come?

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent, Year (A). The Liturgy invites us to see in Jesus, the Emmanuel, God with us, risen from the dead and the King of glory. As we draw nearer to the celebration of Christmas, Holy Mother Church turns our attention to events that happened before Jesus was born. These events are told in the first two chapters of Matthew and the selection of today's Gospel comes from there. Joseph, the main character, has to decide what to do with Mary following her mysterious pregnancy. God intervenes through His messenger exhorting him to keep her as his wife because she is to give birth to the Saviour. He obeys the messenger and by so doing allows Jesus to become a descendant of David.

Divine messages figure prominently in today's readings. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks to Ahaz, the king of Judah, on behalf of God. The context is that of state turmoil in the face of possible foreign invasion. The northern kingdom, Israel, had allied with Syria in hopes of fending off the Assyrians. When they attempt to enlist the support of Judah, however, Isaiah counsels king Ahaz to ally with no one, but trust God alone. This advice proves difficult for Ahaz to accept, frightened as he is by the great powers around him. His reluctance to ask for a sign (covered up by a pious suggestion that he does not wish to tempt God) suggests his fear of being drawn further into the counsel of Isaiah. To abandon political and military alliances no doubt seemed like madness. To trust God alone and refuse other forms of security represented a great risk to his kingdom and himself.

In this state of dilemma, Isaiah offers him a sign from God. The sign the prophet gives him is the birth of a child to a young girl, virgin, or maiden. The name of the child is highly significant: "Immanuel", which means, "God is with us". The fulfilment of this sign was expected to occur within a short time and would point to the truth of the prophet's word from God. The king's wife, or someone in his harem, would become pregnant, and this would indicate that the king's line would continue and God would protect the kingdom. The birth of a child, and especially of a son, is a sign that there is hope for the future. God will not abandon His people: He is faithful to His covenant. However, in looking back on this passage, Christians saw in this sign a prefiguration of the virgin birth of Jesus. Through the mystery of the Incarnation, God is with us.

In today's Gospel, St Joseph also receives a summons to trust God and be obedient in a fearful, difficult, dramatic and confusing circumstance. In first-century Palestine, betrothal was considered binding, and even though the couple did not yet live together, any sexual infidelity was regarded as adultery and was punishable by death. Mary's unexpected pregnancy was more than a cause for social embarrassment. It was a breach of sacred law. In his decision to divorce Mary quietly, Joseph's concern for the law was combined with mercy. St Matthew shows that, like the patriarch Joseph (whose interpretation of dreams played a significant role in the fate of the chosen people), this Jo-

seph changed the course of his plans because of a communication he received in a dream. The figure of Joseph is crucial to Matthew's infancy narrative as his genealogy establishes Joseph in the line of David. His acceptance of Mary gives Jesus legal paternity and human lineage going back to David. His acceptance of the message of the angel (an annunciation) shows the child is the Son of God. Joseph is presented to us as an example of a man of commitment and faith: he never hesitates. He obeys each time the messenger of God says something to him concerning his relationship with Mary and the child Jesus. His faith response allows God to intervene in the lives of His people. God always invites us to work with Him and to trust His messengers.

The name Jesus, a Greek form of the name Joshua, means "God saves", indicating the child's mission. In Jesus, God saves His people from their sins. He is the new sign by which the people of Israel and all ages know that God is with us. The miraculous events surrounding Jesus' conception and birth are elaborate commentaries on the identity and mission of the adult Christ we meet in the rest of the Gospel. St Paul is happy and joyful to be able to announce this Christ. In his letter to the Romans, he draws our attention to the person and mission of Jesus and the obedient faith to which the Gentiles are called through his preaching, a messenger of the Good News. By way of introducing himself, Paul succinctly recapitulates the whole Gospel message. Jesus is both God and man: the true "God with us". His birth and earthly life show His humanity; His resurrection through the power of the Spirit shows His divinity. Jesus is thus the sign of God's presence with His people, true God and true man, the Son of God who has come to save us. He alone we are invited to hope and trust in all situations of life.

Beloved, Christmas is a fine occasion to spend time with family, friends and loved ones. It is an occasion to renew our commitments to our families and friends, our vocation, our work and to our Church. Maturity, they say, is defined not by the number of options we leave open, but by the commitments we keep even when it is not easy. Joseph is a perfect model for us all.

Dear students, how are you doing at home with family, friends and loved ones? We miss you but such is life! Stay committed by letting your Catholic faith and presence be felt wherever you are. May God protect and keep us safe throughout the rest of the year. 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 Christmas Festivities!

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 Baghrwin SJ - 0277154777
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Isa. 7:10-14

2nd Reading: Rom. 1:1-7

Gospel: Matt. 1:18-24



General Notices

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Catholic Priests Movie Premier:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi Priests present a movie titled: *"Touch Not My Anointed"* a Richmond Afrane Film. This will be on Tuesday December 27, 2022 at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica at 6.00pm. **Rates:** (a) Primary School Pupils – GH₵10.00, (b) JHS & SHS Students – GH₵20.00, (c) Single – GH₵40.00, and (d) Couple – GH₵70.00. Parishioners are encouraged to go and watch this movie.

Charity to the Sick and Homebound:

We are encouraging all parishioners to bring Offertory Gifts on the New Year's Day i.e., Sunday January 1, 2023 at all Masses. These items will be sent to our sick and homebound parishioners. (items like: rice, cooking oil, tomato paste (tin or sachet), biscuits, milk, drinks, etc. We will also take a second collection to support the same. Parishioners

should please come prepared to support our sick members.

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

St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican is the largest church in the world.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Charismatic Renewal (Local):

The C.C.R. – Local members are reminded that today Sunday December 18,

2022 at their usual place for prayers. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

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 pro-

gramme 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 knustcatholicchaplaincy@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.

Dagaaba Union Meeting:

All Dagaaba Union members are meeting today Sunday December 18, 2022 at the Chaplaincy immediately after the 10:00am Mass. You are entreated to be present.

Marriage Banns



: **1. 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. (**3rd Announcement – To be Introduced**)

2. Mr. Augustine Dery, son of Mr. Romanus Dery and Mad. Mary Kyelser, born at Ayigya, Kumasi, now residing at Ayigya Zongo, Kumasi and **Ms. Rita Tuotege**, daughter of Mr. Postino Tuotege and Mrs. Florence Tuotege, born at Ayigya, Kumasi, now residing at Ayigya Zongo, Kumasi (**1st Announcement**)

Youth Corner

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

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

2. Youth Clean-Up Exercise: The Youth Council wishes to inform the Youth and all parishioners of a clean-up exercise at the Chaplaincy on Saturday, 24th December 2022 at 8:00am. Come and let us clean up the church for the Christmas season. Kindly note that item 13 is massively assured.

Pax Corner

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Announcement: **1.** 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 is today 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.

Funeral Invitation: Mad. Patricia Yawson, a parishioner and member of the Non-Aligned Movement announces the funeral of her father Ebusuapanyin Kwame Yaw. The final funeral has since been performed at her hometown Mumford in the Central Region.

Sincere Thanks

1. Dr. & Mrs. Boafo express their thankfulness to Marriage and Family Life Committee, Mass Servers, Catechists, Pax Alumni Choir, Lectors, Brass Band, Ushers and all parishioners for your support during their Holy Matrimony. They pray that the good Lord richly bless you.

2. Mrs. Grace Kobiri and the entire family of Mr. Alfred Hypolite Kobiri are expressing their sincere gratitude to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee and parishioners for the prayers, support, donations and everything done to get them through this difficult time. The family will always remember you.

3. The families of our beloved John Kofi Owusu (a.k.a. Johnny Owusu) wish to express their profound gratitude to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, and parishioners for your prayers, support, donations, and presence, before during and after his funeral celebration. May God richly bless you all.

4. Mr. Samuel Asaah and family wish to give thanks to the Local Prayer Group, Frafra/Grushie Union and all parishioners for your support during the funeral of their mother and relative Mma Comfort Awuni. They ask for God's blessings for you.

5. Mad. Cecilia Abeo wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Priest, Christian Mothers' Association and parishioners for your support, donations, and sympathy during the funeral of her mother. She asks for God's continual blessings for you all.

6. Mr. Raymond Nangdom is expressing his sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare committee and all parishioners for your support during his bereavement. May the good Lord richly bless you.

7. Mr. Sylvanus Dery and family wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Local CCR, St. Cecilia's Guild, Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association and parishioners for your support, donations and sympathy during the funeral of their wife and mother Mrs. Anna Beyuo Dery.

8. Mr. J.K. Gyamfi-Bioh and his son, Mr. Joe. Alex Gyamfi-Bioh wish to express their profound gratitude to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Knights of Marshall, the Knights of St. John Int. (4843), and all parishioners for your support during their bereavement. God bless 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**