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MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 27/12/22 6:30am

1 Jn. 1:1-4 / 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 /
Jn. 20:1a, 2-8 (John, Apostle &
Evangelist)

**WEDNESDAY – 28/12/22 –
6:30am**

1 Jn. 1:5 – 2:2 / Ps. 124:2-5, 7-8 /
Matt. 2:13-18 (The Holy Innocents)

THURSDAY – 29/12/22 – 7:00pm

1 Jn. 2:3-11 / Ps. 96:1-3, 5-6 / Lk.
2:22-35 (Thomas Becket)

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

**MONDAY, 26/12/22 – ST.
STEPHEN THE FIRST MAR-
TYR'S DAY** Mass at 7.00am

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Ps.
31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17 / Matt.
10:17-22

**FRIDAY, 30/12/22 – THE
HOLY FAMILY**

Mass at 6.30am

Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14 / Ps. 128:1
-5 / Matt. 2:13-15, 19-

**SATURDAY, 31/12/22 – NEW
YEAR VIGIL**

Mass at 9.00pm

1 Jn. 2:18-21 / Ps. 96:1-2,
11-13 / Jn. 1:1-18
(Sylvester 1)

**NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 1,
2023 – SOLEMNITY OF
MARY THE HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD (CYCLE A):**

Three (3) Masses.

**1st Reading – Num. 6:22-
27**

**Res. Psalm – Ps. 67:2-3,
5-6, 8**

2nd Reading – Gal. 4:4-7

Gospel – Lk. 2:16-21

Christmas, The Word Became Flesh!

Dear People of God, today is Christmas (Year A), the memorial of the birth of the promised and long-awaited Saviour. This Solemnity of the Lord's birth celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation by which the Word of God humbled Himself to share our humanity, in order that He might enable us to become sharers in His divinity. We celebrate the birth of a Child who is to bring the joy of God's saving love to the whole world and we make our own the jubilant cry of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest".

The marvellous event of the Nativity of the Lord celebrates the kindness and love of God by which our Saviour makes us God's holy people, the Lord's Redeemed, His "sought-after" and His "city-not-forsaken" people. We are joyful because, for us, the Word of God is no longer the message spoken by prophets, but the Messenger of God in Person, the Eternal Word begotten of the Father before time began. God speaks to us through His Son, the Word made flesh. Thus, has salvation dawned and darkness is scattered for God's grace is revealed in the birth of the Messiah. Out of love for us, God became flesh. Our Saviour has appeared and light has dawned for us all. The reason for the Word made flesh is for our salvation and the delightful truth of the Incarnation is: because of Christ's coming in human flesh, humanity can be drawn to the Father through Him.

The timeless meaning of the Incarnation invites believers of all times and places to rejoice; for unto us is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. This is news the whole world is waiting to hear. However, the events about the birth and announcement of the Saviour of the world are very humbling. It was not announced to the eager worshippers in the cities and towns, or in the palace, or a reigning king, nor from the pulpit of a magnificent temple. God chooses the poor, simple, shivering shepherds to first hear the news of the Lord's birth. Interestingly, there is no place for Him to be born in the inn. The long-awaited Saviour, who will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and whose kingdom there will be no end, is born in a cattle-shed, surrounded by sheep, goats and cows. The newborn King of the universe is a homeless child, laid in a manger full of hay and not in a golden cradle lined with smooth silk and velvet. He is born to a humble handmaiden, and His foster father is a simple carpenter. Thus, God's solidarity with our simple, sinful, suffering, oppressed, harassed, and dejected humanity is complete. Do you have a place prepared for Him? The humble conditions of the Saviour's birth invite us to humility, simplicity and moderation in our celebrations.

The mystery of God becoming a human being is understood and expressed differently by St John's Gospel. In his prologue, he gives us a profound meditation on the meaning of the Incarnation. He takes us back beyond the birth to the very beginning of the existence of Jesus. Jesus is the Word of God, the communication of God with us. He is God Himself. To accept Jesus is to accept to live in the light and to become children of God. St John emphasises God's self-disclosure in the Word made flesh, who comes as light in the darkness, with the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. Christ reflects the splendour and fullness of

the Father. In Jesus we see divine love revealed as saving grace. He brings comfort and redemption to God's chosen people. The divinity of Jesus Christ becomes an experience of saving grace: the power to become children of God for all who have received Him and believed in His name.

We who walk in darkness have seen a great light; for a Son is born to us. He is our wonderful counsellor, a mighty warrior, and a father forever. He is our Prince who brings peace, hope and joy. We gather each year at Christmas to celebrate this unique and altogether singular event of the Incarnation of the Son of God. One of the attractions of Christmas is that it evokes memories of many Christmases, especially when we were young and God seemed to be close to us. Maybe we feel we cannot go back to such a time because too much has happened. The power of Christmas, however, does not come from nostalgia but from the hope that things can be different in our life because of the birth of this Child and the Man He became. People gather in Church for all kinds of reasons. Some come every week and embrace Christmas with special fervour. Some come occasionally, some infrequently. Some are here as a favour to family and friends. The good news about this Christmas is that: it is for all people. Whoever you are, for what reason you are here, every person in Church has a journey to make. It may be a journey of difficult medical diagnosis; financial problems; job issues; loss or personal crisis; marriage and family challenges; or things are going on well. In all these journeys, Christmas is for all of us. Christmas means that in the Incarnation, Jesus Christ becomes a permanent part of human history. We are never alone in our journey. Christ is with us, but are we with Him?

Beloved, the occasion to spend quality time with family, friends and loved ones is here: to renew our commitments to our families, friends, vocation, work and to our Church. The humble and poor birth of the Lord should cause us to spare a thought for others, the underprivileged, and the less endowed. Christmas is for all!

Dear students, how do you do? May the Joy of Christmas fill our hearts and cause us to be with Christ. Remember the Reason for the Season! 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.

Merry Christmas to you! May Christmas bring Love to your heart, Health to your body, and Peace and Joy to your home!

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. 52:7-10

2nd Reading: Heb. 1:1-6

Gospel: Matt. Jn. 1:1-18



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.

Visit to the Manhyia Prisons (Asawase Denary): Parishioners under the Asawase Denary will pay a

visit to the Manhyia Prisons on Monday December 26, 2022 to celebrate Mass with the inmates. The Mass will start at 8:30am. All parishioners are encouraged to be part of this visit.

Mass with Breakfast (Holy Family Day): As part of our Holy Family Celebrations, there is going to be a Tea Party after Mass on Friday the 30th of December, 2022. Parishioners are to come to celebrate our Holy Families.

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.

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.

Christmas Break: The University Community is on break and will resume on Tuesday January 3, 2023. As such, all offices will be closed but the Chaplaincy Office will be opened from Wednesday December 28 to Friday December 30, 2022 from 8.00am to 1.00pm. Please take note.

FUN FACT

Before choosing a religious name, St. Theresa of Calcutta’s name (Mother Theresa) was Agnes.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Charismatic Renewal (Local): The C.C.R. – Local members are reminded that today Sunday December 25,

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 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.

Catholic Women Association (CWA): The Catholic Women As-

sociation 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. 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 (**2nd Announcement**)

2. Mr. Stephen Ofori, son of Mr. Yakubu Yaro and Mad. Ao Nsiah, born at Sandema, used to reside at Mamponteng, now residing at Kenyase and **Ms. Evelyn Baani**, daughter of Mr. Yenereba Baani and Mrs. Christiana Baani, born at Ayigya, Kumasi, now residing at Kenyase. (**1st 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 & Invitation

Sincere Thanks

- 1. Mr. & Mrs. Afum** are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Marriage and Family Life Committee, Mass Servers, Lectors, Catechist, Youth Choir, and parishioners for your prayer and support during their Holy Matrimony. They pray that God richly bless you.
- 2. Dr. & Mrs. Dakurah** express their heartfelt gratitude to the Priests, Marriage & Family Life Committee, Mass Servers, Catechist, Pax Choir Alumni, Organa, Lectors, Dagaaba & Frafra/Grushie Communities, Ushers, and all parishioners for your enormous support during their Holy Matrimony. May the good Lord bless you abundantly.

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**