

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY - 06/02/23 - 6:30PM**

Gen. 1:1-19 / Ps. 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 / Mk. 6:53-56 (Paul Miki)

**TUESDAY – 07/02/23 6:30AM & 6:30PM**

Gen 1:20 – 2:4a / Ps. 8<sup>th</sup>4-11 / Lk. 7:1-13

**WEDNESDAY – 08/02/23 – 6:30AM**

Gen. 2:4b-9, 15-17 / Ps. 104:1-2a, 27-30 / Mk. 7:14-23 (Josephine Bakhita)

**THURSDAY – 09/02/23 – 7:00PM**

Gen. 2:18-25 / Ps. 128:1-5 / Mk. 7:24-30

**FRIDAY 10/02/23 — 6:30AM**

Gen. 3:1-8 / Ps. 32:1-2, 5-7 / Mk. 7:31-37 (Scholastica)

**SATURDAY – 11/02/23 — 7:00AM**

Gen. 3:9-24 / Ps. 90:2-6, 12-13 / Mk. 8:1-10 (Our Lady of Lourdes)

**NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2023 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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 – SIR. 15:15-20**

**RES. PSALM - Ps. 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**

**2ND READING – 1 COR. 2:6-10**

**GOSPEL – MATT. 5:17-37**

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**Preferential Option for the Poor: Being Light and Salt of the World!**

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. We are invited to be a light to the world through our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed. The Church is a light shining in the darkness of the world. How much more brightly would that light shine if we, who are Christians were really Christ-like?

The theme of light shining in the darkness runs through all the readings of today. The metaphor of a dawning light suggests a public presence, a social reality that is available to and can be experienced by all inhabitants of the earth. This suggestive imagery is a powerful reminder of the notion that God's chosen people are called to be a force for good in society. The historical setting of today's reading from Isaiah is the return from exile when the inhabitants of Jerusalem were experiencing considerable disillusionment over the social and religious chaos to which they had returned. The penitential fasts had not yet won the favour of God, apparently, and they were asking why their prayers were not being heard nor answered. The prophet answers them with a powerful indictment of their self-serving piety. He then tells them just what kind of fasting God actually wants: actions to alleviate the suffering of the poor and powerless in society. Though the evil the prophet deplors is societal, his focus is on what each individual must do; Feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, be open to others, remove injustice, do not unduly burden people, avoid pointing accusing fingers, avoid wicked talks. These are concrete actions that constitute a "fast" pleasing to Yahweh, and that will bring the dawning of a bright light of relief for all people.

As the Psalmist confirms, these actions win God's favour, bring healing, proof our righteousness, and we are overshadowed by God's glory. The glory of God shines on, and through the lives of those who are just and who give generously to the poor: it goes well for such individuals. Charity and the preferential option for the poor is the best way to let our lights shine in the darkness. Against this background, Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount that His disciples must be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world", an invocation of their mission and concern for actions on behalf of the poor, needy, marginalized and downtrodden. These done will shine forth and that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Light and salt are ordinary yet they are extremely important because without salt there is no taste in food and without light, there is darkness and virtually no life. In the same way, Jesus' disciples appear to be completely unimportant in a society that has other priorities and other value systems, yet their contributions are essential to society through the witness of their lives. Like salt and light, Christians exist not for themselves but for others. By observing the commandments of the new Law (the Beatitudes), we become the light that has dawned on the

world. Thus, the Church's social teaching is not about mere humanitarianism. In our concern for the poor, we actually become agents of the in-breaking of God's reign, an intrinsic part of the power of love which will transform all reality.

The readings remind us that there is a blessing in being good to the less privileged in society. Jesus, at the start of His public ministry (in St Luke) makes a cardinal point where He highlights the downtrodden as those who really need Him. We must emulate Christ by expressing such concern and goodness and our light will shine forth, our saltiness felt, and every prayer we offer will be heard by our Father in Heaven. As Christians, we need to have the downtrodden and destitute at heart; their concerns and care must be part of ours. We should not be the cause nor add to their pain when we cannot help remove the cause of their pain. We help by being charitable to them and by using words that build up their lives. It is in doing so that we become useful and add value to our life as salt does, and we illuminate and brighten people's paths and life as light does. We all have been blessed by God in unique and in different ways; at times in ways immeasurable and in manners we cannot see. We need to put what we have been given to good use and enable others to find meaning in life. In doing this, we become light to our world, to light up consciences, minds and lives through our options for the poor. Be reminded that every charitable act is a stepping stone toward heaven.

Our Dear Freshers, we hope you are settled by now on Campus and feel at home in KNUST. Matriculation is around the corner: enjoy the moment and keep memories of it. As Catholic Students, let us feel welcome and also enjoy all the activities rolled out to keep and mature our Catholic Faith. To remain Catholics on campus with a balanced Spiritual and Academic life, we have to make the Chaplaincy ours. In all humility, do not be a stranger to Catholicism. Know that you are chosen as the Salt of the earth and the Light of the world. May our surroundings feel your saltiness and see your light. May God bless, protect and keep us safe throughout the Academic 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.

Happy and Blessed February!

Have a Blessed and Fruitful Week.

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 Baghrmwin SJ—0277154777  
 CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655  
 CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

**READINGS FOR THE DAY**

**1st Reading: Isa. 58:7-10**  
**2nd Reading: Cor. 2:1-5**  
**Gospel: Matt. 5:13-16**



## General Notices

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

**Benediction:** There will be Benediction today Sunday February 5, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 7.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

**Infant Baptism:** There is going to be Infant Baptism on Saturday February 11, 2023 at 4:00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday February 10, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Chaplaincy with their children/wards' godparents.

**Sick/Aged/Homebound/Infirmed Parishioners:** We are appealing to parishioners to furnish the Chaplaincy Office with the names and house addresses of sick, aged, homebound, and infirmed parishioners to enable our Catechists

and Eucharistic Ministers visit and give them Communion.

**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 Chap-

laincy 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



## FUN FACT

Rev Fr Anastasius Odaye Dogli (1888–1970) was the first indigenous Catholic priest of the Gold Coast. He was ordained in 1922.

## Committees, Groups & Societies

**Parish Centre (Facilities) Management Committee:** Members of the Facilities Committee is to be introduced today Sunday February 5, 2023 at all Masses. Please take note.

**I.T.I. – C.C.R. National Conference:** ITI-CCR under Pax Romana KNUST will be hosting all Tertiary Institutions here in our Chaplaincy from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023 for their National Conference. The launch will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023 at all Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to support them in that regard.

**Twi Catechism:** It is announced to parishioners that Twi Catechism for all the Sacraments – Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation for year 2023 begins next week Tuesdays and Wednesdays i.e. from February 7, 2023 at the Chaplaincy. Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Interested parishioners should please take

note and register before it is too late.

**Charismatic Renewal (Local):** The C.C.R. – Local members are being reminded that today Sunday February 5, 2023, they are having a Prayer Meeting at the Chaplaincy as usual. Please take note.

**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 [knustcatholicchaplancy@gmail.com](mailto:knustcatholicchaplancy@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.

**Non-Aligned Movement:** Members are informed that meetings have resumed from today Sunday February 5, 2023. All members should please take note.

## Marriage Banns



**Mr. Samuel Oppong Nti**, son of Mr. Joseph Oppong and Mad. Rose Koduah, born in Accra, residing in Accra and **Ms. Evelyn Bio Asante**, daughter

of Mr. Samuel Bio Asante and Mad. Theresa Amoah, born at Esaase, Cape Coast, resided in Kumasi, now residing in Accra (**2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement**)

### Youth Corner

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

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

### Pax Corner

Student Mass comes off every **Tuesday at 6:30pm**

## Funeral Invitation

**Funeral Announcement:** 1. We announce the funeral of Obaapanin Philomena Boadu (a.k.a. Akosua Agyaa Konadu) a parishioner as follows: laying in state on Saturday February 11, 2023 at 4.00am, burial Mass at the St. Philomena Catholic Church at 9.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday at St. Philomena Catholic Church at 9.00am. – All at Piase. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

2. The funeral of Mad. Martina Nibene (a.k.a. Mari), a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Christian Mothers Association and the mother of Ms. Cynthia Ayire and Ms. Rita Ayire (Youth Choir) also parishioners is announced as follows: wake-keeping on Friday February 10, 2023 at Ayigya Zongo School park, lying in state on Saturday February 11, 2023 at Ayigya Zongo School park at 4.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, burial at Ayigya Cemetery, final funeral rites at Ayigya Zongo School park from 12.00noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 12, 2022 at the 10.00am Mass, family gathering at Ayigya Zongo School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Ms. Cynthia Ayire and Ms. Rita Ayire to be introduced**) rehearsal n

**Funeral Invitation:** Mad. Agnes Afrakomah (a.k.a. Mrs. Agnes Broni) a parishioner and Patroness of St. Joseph's Choir is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her mother Obaapanin Mary Praah (a.k.a. Eno Yaa) as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 11, 2023 at the family house, burial service at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, burial follows, funeral rites at the town park,

thanksgiving service on Sunday February 6, 2023 at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, final funeral rites at the town park – all at Boanim, Ash. Parishioners are invited to mourn with Mad. Agnes Afrakoma (a.k.a. Mrs. Agnes Broni) and her family. (**Mad. Agnes Afrakomah to be introduced**)

## Sincere Thanks

1. Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Adusei wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Marriage and Family Life Committee, Catechist, Mass Servers, Lectors, Pax Choir, Asawase Deanery Choir, Ushers, various groups and societies and parishioners for your prayer, presence and presents during their Holy Matrimony. They ask for God's special blessings for you all.

2. The President and his Executives, the Anniversary Planning Committee and all students will like to say a big thanks to the Chaplain, Assisting Priests, Parish Council, and all parishioners for the support in cash during the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Launch. God bless you all. The envelopes taken can be submitted at the Chaplaincy Office.

**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.

**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., Mampong – 2023 Entrance Examination:** Our Lady of Grace Senior High School, a Private Catholic Senior High School located at Mampong (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.

**2. Central University:** (a) Central University, with campuses at Ayigya, Abossey Okai and Miotso is receiving admissions for its February Cohorts. School begins on **17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. Admissions are on-going for both **Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programs**. Applications are available at the Kumasi Campus at Calvary Charismatic Centre (CCC) – Ayigya or online at [www.central.edu.gh](http://www.central.edu.gh). For more information concerning programmes offered and admission requirements, kindly check the Chaplaincy Notice Board.

**Job Opportunity:** 1. 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.

2. A Hotel is looking for a Receptionist, a Cook, and a Bar Attendant for immediate employment. Interested parishioners should leave their applications at the Chaplaincy Office or call 0277712314 // 0206938638.

**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 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

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**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.

**Vegetables on Sale:** 100% Organic (no chemical) Vegetables are available at the Sisters of St. Louis Self-Reliant Project for the needy. Enjoy healthy vegetables and support the needy.

Venue – St. Louis Senior High School, behind the School Chapel. Contact 0244784394

### **Harvest 2022 Levies**

Senior Members/Business Men & Women -	<b>500.00</b>
Senior Staff -	<b>300.00</b>
Junior Staff/House Wife -	<b>150.00</b>
Tertiary Students-Univ./Poly. /Post Sec. -	<b>50.00</b>
Senior High/Tech. Schools -	<b>30.00</b>
Junior High/Prim./Kindergarten-	<b>20.00</b>