

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 20/02/23 - 6:30PM

Sir. 1:1-10 / Ps. 93:1-5 / Mk. 9:14-29

TUESDAY - 21/02/23 6:30AM & 6:30PM

Sir. 2:1-11 / Ps. 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28b, 39-40b / Mk. 9:30-37 (Peter Damian)

WEDNESDAY - 22/02/23 - 6:30AM & 6:30PM

Joel 2:12-18 / Ps. 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 / 2 Cor. 5:20 - 6:2 / Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18 (Ash Wednesday)

THURSDAY - 23/02/23 - 7:00PM

Deut. 30:15-20 / Ps. 1:1-4, 6 / Lk. 9:22-25 (Polycarp)

FRIDAY 24/02/23 - 6:30AM

Isa. 58:1-9a / Ps. 51:3-6, 18-19 / Matt. 9:14-15

SATURDAY - 25/02/23 - 7:00AM

Isa. 58:9b-14 / Ps. 86:1-6 / Lk. 5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (CYCLE A)

7:00PM - VIGIL MASS

6.30AM - 1ST MASS

8.00AM - 2ND MASS

10.00AM - 3RD MASS

PLEASE ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE

1ST READING - GEN. 2:7-9; 3:1-7

RES. PSALM - PS. 51:3-6, 12-14, 17

2ND READING - ROM. 5:12-19

GOSPEL - MATT. 4:1-11

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Sharing In God's Holiness: Love All As God Loves

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year (A). The readings invite us to offer no resistance to one who persecutes us. Rather, we are to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. As the Lord is gracious and merciful, we need to treat others in the same way, humbling ourselves before the Lord. We cannot celebrate the Lord of love without resolving to be more like Him; for we are built into Him like stones into a Temple erected to give glory to God. We belong to Him who is compassionate and loving.

We remind ourselves that Ash Wednesday falls this week, and hence the beginning of the Lenten Season. It is a day of Universal Fast and Abstinence in the Catholic Church.

The first reading is an excerpt from the fourth part of the Book of Leviticus called the Holiness Code. The heart of its message is to "be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy". In ancient Israel, God's holiness and the holiness of the people were inextricably linked, as a gift on God's part and as a task to be accomplished on Israel's part. Another vital linkage in its directives is about social justice and love of neighbour: our relationships with one another are a constitutive element in our quest to share God's holiness, for God has irrevocably bound Himself to us - in the covenant with Israel of old and definitively in the new covenant forged with all humanity in the flesh and blood of Jesus. Holiness requires genuine love for one another. St Paul makes virtually the same point in the second reading when he reminds the Corinthians, "the temple of God is holy, and you are that temple". On the other hand, the Psalmist offers an image of the God whose holiness we are called to imitate: He pardons all our iniquities; not according to our sins does He deal with us.

Jesus in today's Gospel also links the love of neighbour with the same command to share God's holiness. He pronounces His fifth and sixth antithesis, culminating with a reiteration of the holiness command of Leviticus. In exhorting His followers to be "perfect as your heavenly father is perfect", Jesus declares that those who have entered into the Reign of God ought to share in the very holiness of God. His focus is on two key issues: what to do to somebody who does us wrong and how to relate to people we do not love, people who are our enemies. The Law was clear on these two issues but Jesus proposes a new attitude. His disciples have to learn to overcome evil, not with an evil proportionate to the first evil (Law of Talion), but rather with good. In reality, the Law of Talion, which we think is very cruel, meant progress. It was intended to limit revenge, and protect the offender against punishment greater than the crime itself. As "proportional justice", it served to appease the person wronged and to teach the wrongdoer a lesson. This Mosaic Law seeks to measure vengeance but it does not seek to overcome evil with good. This is what Jesus proposes. To offer the other cheek, or to go the extra mile with somebody, or to lend to those who ask, is not a sign of weakness or of resignation. The purpose of these unexpected signs of love is to touch

the person's conscience and to show that acting in a completely different way is possible.

Jesus wants us to break the 'spiral of violence', the cycle of revenge and retaliation, by changing our enemy's mentality and heart. He invites Christians to love all, friends and enemies alike, as God loves everybody without discrimination. We are to love in a way that knows no boundaries or barriers of race, culture, colour, class, family, clan or tribe. Like Leviticus, our relationships with others constitute our sharing in God's holiness. Not only is social justice demanded and a limit set on the law of retaliation; Jesus demands love for one's enemies, and He grounds that command in the image of God whose sun shines on both the bad and the good without discrimination. We are called upon to be committed to living Christ's love for everybody, a love which transcends the limits of natural solidarity of families, clans, tribes, or other interest groups.

Hatred, vengeance, and grudges are vices that destroy their bearers by first making them hate and resent themselves. Harboring a grudging hatred pushes its bearer to hold on to wrongs needlessly, to go to bed at night thinking of how to take revenge. Those nights of brooding are times when we burden our lives with needless pain. St Paul reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and if we harm them we incur God's unhappiness. Leviticus exhorts that hatred, vengeance, and grudges should not be nursed against fellow humans. Jesus also teaches that love of humanity should be our guiding principle, simply because we are made in God's image and likeness, without discrimination. In this love, there should be no vengeance and no eye-for-an-eye.

Dear Students, let us feel welcome and take part in all the activities rolled out to keep and nurture our Catholic Faith. To remain Catholics on campus with a balanced Spiritual and Academic life, we have to make the Chaplaincy ours. In all compassion and love, do not be a stranger to Catholicism. God, in whose image and likeness we are made, invites you to be holy for He is holy and to be perfect as He is perfect. We cannot celebrate the God of compassion and love without resolving daily to be more like Him. Being holy means eschewing all forms of hatred, vengeance, and grudges, and rather loving as God loves. The willingness to forgive, to let go, is a sign of the Holy Spirit at work in us. Do not sadden God's Spirit in you. May God bless, protect and keep us safe throughout the Semester. 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.

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

PASTORAL TEAM

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Lev. 19:1-2, 17-18

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 3:16-23

Gospel: Matt. 5:38-48



General Notices

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

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday February 22, 2023 is Ash Wednesday. There will be two (2) Masses at 6.30am & 6.30pm to enable many parishioners attend Mass. We will distribute ashes at the two (2) Masses and we will therefore, be pleased if parishioners will bring some of the blessed palm branches they took home from the chapel on April 10, 2022, for the purpose. Please, it is an obligatory for all Catholics to fast on Ash Wednesday and also on Good Friday. Please, take note.

Stations of The Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of the letting period at 1.00pm and 6.30pm. Parishioners should please take note and avail themselves to journey with the Lord throughout the period of lent.

Lenten Prayer Session: The Catholic Chaplaincy is organising an hour of Prayer Session during this year's Lenten season with the theme: *"The Word of God is the Source of our Life"*– (Jn. 1:1). This will start from Monday February 27, 2023 and will end on Wednesday March 5, 2023 at the Klaver Hall of the Parish Centre from 5.00pm to 6.00pm each day. Parishioners/groups/societies are encouraged to be part of this spiritual exercise.

Reception of the Marian Statue: The Chaplaincy received the Archdiocesan Marian Statue last Sunday February 12, 2023. Groups, societies and individual parishioners are being entreated to come and pray and present their intentions before our Mother Mary.

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 shown on Monday March 6, 2023 at the Chaplaincy here at 4.30pm. **Rates:** (a) Primary School Pupils – GH₵10.00, (b) JHS & SHS Students – GH₵20.00, (c) Single – GH₵30.00, and (d) Couple – GH₵50.00. Parishioners are encouraged to be here to watch this movie.

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 Registra-

tion 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.



FUN FACT

Saint Polycarp of Smyrna (Feast day Feb 23) was one of the martyrs of the early church. He was a disciple of St. John the Apostle.

Committees, Groups & Societies

General Parish Welfare Committee:

There will be a General Parish Welfare Committee Meeting on Friday the 24th of February, 2023 at the Archbishop Sarpong Hall at 5.30pm prompt. Representatives of various groups and societies are entreated to be present at the meeting.

Twì Catechism: It is announced to parishioners that Twì Catechism for all the Sacraments – Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation for year 2023 is on 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 19, 2023, there will be prayer meeting at the usual meeting place. Members are encouraged to be present and on

time.

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.

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 knustcatholicchaplaincy@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:

1. Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together. **2.** The Executives and members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Confraternity welcome all members of the Students Wing of the Confraternity back to school. Fresh students of Pax are invited to join the Confraternity.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary, Twì 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: All members of the Dagaaba Union are meeting today Sunday February 19, 2023 just after the 10.00am Mass. We encourage all members to be at the meeting.

Marriage Banns



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**

Students' Catechism: Students Catechism starts this and every Saturday at the Committee Room 7 at Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex at exactly 4.00pm. Students who want to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation should be part of the Class.

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 3rd to the 6th of March, 2023 for their National Conference. The launch will be this Sunday February 19, 2023 at all Masses. Parishioners are encouraged to support them in that regard.

Funeral Invitations & Announcements

Funeral Announcement: 1. The funeral of Opanin Joseph Amamfo, a parishioner and member of the St. Cecilia's Guild and the husband of Mrs. Mary Amanfo, also a parishioner and member of the Christian Mothers' Association is announced as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 25, 2023 at Agyaba's House, Krapa at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Krapa, burial follows, final funeral rites at Agyaba's House, Krapa at from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 26, 2023 at the Roman Catholic Church, Krapa, family gathering at Agyaba's House, Krapa. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mrs. Mary Amanfo to be introduced)**

2. We announce the funeral of Mad. Agnes Asantewaa Baarfi a parishioner as follows: lying in state on Saturday February 25, 2023 at Kotei School park at 4.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at Kotei School park from 12.00noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 26, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, family gathering at Kotei School park from 12.00noon to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Funeral Invitation: 1. Mrs. Sarah Arthur, a parishioner and member of St Joseph's Choir and Twi Lectors' Ministry invites parishioners to the funeral of her mother Obaapanyin Hanna Sarah Usher (a.k.a. Aba Yaa Oforiwaa) on Saturday March 4, 2023 at her hometown Breman Esiam in the Central Region. Parishioners who would want to attend the funeral should please write their names at the Chaplaincy Office before Sunday February 26, 2023 to enable us look for a bus.

2. Mad. Lydia Ampuntuah, a parishioner and member of the St. Theresa of the Child Jesus invites parishioners to the funeral of her father Nana Ayim Kumnipa II, Gyadam Manhene as follows: lying in state from Tuesday February 21 to Thursday February 23, 2023 at the palace, Gyadam, Asanti Akim South, final funeral rites on Thursday February 23, 2023 at the forecourt of Gyadam Palace from 12.00pm to 6.00pm, family gathering on Friday February 24, 2023 at the same venue, thanksgiving service on Sunday February 26, 2023 at the Roman Catholic Church, Gyadam. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Mad. Lydia Ampuntuah to be introduced)**

Sincere Thanks

1. Mad. Agnes Afrakoma (a.k.a. Mrs. Agnes Broni) wishes to express her sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Joseph's Choir and all parishioners for sympathising with her during her bereavement. She asks for God's blessings for you all.

2. Mad. Martina Nebenee's family are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Dagaaba Union, Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association, St. Peter's Choir, various groups and societies and individual parishioners for your sympathy and generous donations during her burial and funeral. They pray that the good Lord continues to bless you.

3. The family of Mad. Philomena Boadu wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Sacred Heart and Rosary Confraternity, Christian Mothers' Association and parishioners for sympathising with them during their bereavement. 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.

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: Central University, with campuses at Ayigya, Abossey Okai and Miotso is receiving admissions for its February Cohorts. School begins on **17th 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. 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. She is also looking for a lady who knows how to fold bread as well as one to sell the bread and again looking for a male to help in removing the bread from the oven. The workplace is at Oduom. Interested parishioners should call 0546437159 or 0241294858 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.

Rooms for Rent: **1.** 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.

2. A Two-Bedroom apartment with bath, toilet, and kitchen at Nahiniso, closer to Kotei is ready for renting. Interested person should call 0547402059

Divine Eye Care: The Divine Eye Care Optical Services and Vision will be at the Chaplaincy next Sunday February 26, 2023 for eye screening at the Klaver Hall. You may see them for your reading spectacle, designer frame, photo chronic bifocal lens, sophisticated frame and etc. Please, find time to visit them after each Mass for help.

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.

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 -	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