



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 27/02/23 - 6:30PM

Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps. 18:8-10 / Matt. 25:31-46

TUESDAY – 28/02/23 6:30AM & 6:30PM

Isa. 55:10-11 / Ps. 34:4-7, 16-19 / Matt. 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY – 01/03/23 – 6:30AM

Jon. 3:1-10 / Ps. 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Lk. 11:29-32

THURSDAY – 02/03/23 – 7:00PM

Est. 4:1, 3 – 5:12-15 / Ps. 137:1-3, 7-8 / Matt. 7:7-12

FRIDAY 03/03/23 — 6:30AM

Ez. 18:21-28 / Ps. 130:1-8 / Matt. 5:20-26

SATURDAY – 04/03/23 – 7:00AM

Deut. 26:16-19 / Ps. 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Matt. 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 05, 2023 – SECOND 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. 12:1-4A

RES. PSALM - PS. 33:4-5, 18-20, 22

2ND READING – 2 TIM. 1:8B-10

GOSPEL – MATT. 17:1-9

Overcoming Temptation with Jesus Christ

Dear People of God, today is the First Sunday of Lent, Year (A). The Season of Lent is a Forty-Day journey of drawing ourselves closer to God with Conversion and Repentance. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday so there would be exactly forty days of fasting (since Sundays are not observed as days of fast). The custom is retained of burning Palm Branches from Passion (Palm) Sunday of the previous year to obtain the ashes. The primary focus of Lent is a time when the whole Church joins in penance, not merely out of personal piety but to prepare those to be initiated at Easter. Holy Mother the Church exhorts her faithful to use the traditional religious practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving as our Lenten Observance. These practices of Mercy will win us the compassion and mercy of God and revive our Christian life. They are a great help to return and be reconciled with God, others, the Church, and oneself. Of all the Seasons of the Church's year, Lent happens to be the oldest and the most striking. The purple colour, the Ashes, *Via Crucis*, fish on Fridays, abstinence, fasting, and "giving up something for lent", evoke powerful and common memories of the Christian life. Like Jesus in the Gospel, Christians are invited into the desert, a place of encounter with God. In these days of Lent, we try to go back to the basics, to breathe new life into our Christian identity; it is like a fresh start. Listening more intently to the Word of God and devoting ourselves to prayers, we prepare through a spirit of repentance to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Penitence is an essential part of the Christian life, for none of us can measure up to the tremendous vocation that is ours as Christians. We are in constant need of mercy and forgiveness of God. On Ash Wednesday we expressed this by taking part in an impressive corporate act of penitence and reconciliation, blessing God for the grace to use with profit the "favourable time" of preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passover Feast. Lent offers all Christians an opportunity to renew and increase the quality of our Christian spirituality and be able to affect life and humanity constructively. Our piety should not only revolve around prayer, fasting, and almsgiving but involve our hearts being broken to see God in others. As the readings remind us, the Christian journey is full of temptations. However, like Adam and Eve, Jesus Christ, the second Adam, was tempted but did not sin. He overcame temptation and sin, and by obedience won back the world to God. Our sinfulness is acquitted through One Man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified.

Temptation is always a push that can be external or internal; it drives us to do what we are not supposed to do. Its objective is often vicious achievement and is thus destructive, with damaging consequences of lasting pain and desolation. They usually occur within tangible features of life and daily experiences. These daily experiences can relate to our needs, desires, inordinate ambitions, urge to taste the forbidden, experience the unknown, and grasp the illusion of maturity. We find the push expressed in our first reading and the Gospel. Sadly, the desire of Adam and Eve to crave knowledge makes them fall into temptation. Their sin of

presumption, of wanting to be like gods, as the serpent describes it, is the beginning of the human rejection of God in favour of self. This single act unleashed all the evils of suffering and death upon the world. The consequence is that they lose everything including the pristine glory and innocence given to them at creation. Humans, who depended on God (brought to life by God's breath), and whose nourishment was provided for (setting of the garden coming from the hand of God), through the cunning of the serpent disobey God's command and eat the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We come to realise how fragile, suggestible, limited, weak and easily tempted we are as our sin distanced us from the God we once knew so well. We still bear the pain of their deeds.

Christians in this Season of Lent must be wary of the conditions that made Adam and Eve sin. We must realize we are not immune to the possibility of making the same mistake. We need to fix our attention on God and completely trust Him. The Gospel reading illuminates how God has entered the human history of sin and changed it. Jesus, the Son of God, undergoes in the desert the temptation suffered by the chosen people of God during their wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus. Although they are several – hunger, testing God, idolatry – all may be seen as manifestations of the sin described in the first reading. They all describe ways that the Messiah might be tempted to exalt himself rather than walk the path of obedience to God. The response of Jesus to the devil underlines key features of faith, complete reliance on God's Word, total humility before God, and single-hearted worship. We must be aware and wary of materialism, power, and self-glorification, which are areas of easy temptation. Jesus was tempted three times and three times He won. Lent assures us that we can know Jesus' victory in our life. Lent affords us the chance for self-evaluation to be able to withstand every form of temptation.

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. Lent is a favourable time to return and be reconciled with God with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Temptations abound, but with our eyes fix on God and the example of Jesus, we are overcomers. We cannot fall for the temptation of being strangers to Catholicism. Good Luck with your Mid-Semester Examinations. Do not be afraid. God will reward your efforts with success. 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 Fruitful, Spirit-Filled Lenten Season.

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: Gen. 2:7-9; 3:1-7

2nd Reading: Rom. 5:12-19

Gospel: Matt. 4:1-11



General Notices

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FUN FACT

The "Devil's advocate" (Latin *advocatus diaboli*) was a former official position within the Catholic Church—The Promoter of the Faith. His role was to critically examine the life of and miracles attributed to an individual proposed for beatification or canonization.

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

Stations of The Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of the Lenten 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.

Lenten Retreat! Lenten Retreat!! Lenten Retreat!!!: The Centre for Spiritual Renewal is organising this year's Lenten Retreat from Friday 3rd March to Sunday 5th March, 2023 at the Christian Village. The theme is "**Rise and Have No Fear**" (Matt. 17:7). There will be a penitential service and an opportunity for individual confession. The total cost for the weekend Lenten retreat is:

B + L:	GHS 230.00
Stipends:	GHS 40.00
Total:	GHS 270.00

For further enquiries, please call on 024402629 for help. Parishioners are

encouraged to take part in this spiritual program.

Reception of the Marian Statue: The Archdiocesan Marian Statue is at the Chaplaincy here. 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 4.00pm and 7.00pm. **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.

Public Holiday – Monday 6th March, 2023: Monday March 6, 2023 is a Public Holiday (Independence Day). Mass will be in the morning at 6.30am. Parishioners should please take note.

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 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.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Harvest Committee: Members of the Harvest Committee are here to present their message on the 2022 Harvest today Sunday February 26, 2023 at all Masses.

Twí Catechism: It is announced to parishioners that Twí 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 26, 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, Twí 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



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

The Chaplaincy will be hosting the ITI – CCR Annual National Conference starting from Friday March 3, 2023 to Sunday March 5, 2023. As such, the Anticipatory (Vigil) and the 10.00am Masses will be celebrated at the Bishop Sarpong Hall at the R.P. Baffoe Complex and under the sheds in front of the R.P. Baffoe Complex respectively. The Catholic Archbishop of Kumasi, Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Anokye, will preside over the 8.00am Thanksgiving Mass. Please, take note.

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). Her body had since been buried. The funeral comes off 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. A bus will leave the Chaplaincy at 6.00am to and from Breman Esiam at the rate of GH¢140.00. You are all invited to mourn with the bereaved family (**Mrs. Sarah Arthur to be introduced**)
2. **Mr. George Osei Boakye**, a parishioner and member of the Finance Committee (Chaplaincy Accounts Office) and his sister **Mad. Grace Boakye** also a parishioner are inviting parishioners to the funeral of their mother Obaapanin Comfort Kyeremaa as follows: lying in state on Saturday March 4, 2023 at 4.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at the funeral grounds from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving service on Sunday March 5, 2023 at the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, family gathering on Monday March 6, 2023 at her family house at 8.30am – All at Duayaw Nkwanta. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Mr. George Osei Boakye and Mad. Grace Boakye to be introduced**)
3. **Ms. Cynthia Aborah**, a parishioner and member of St. John International (Ladies Auxiliary) invites parishioners to the funeral of her mother **Mad. Afia Agyeiwaa** as follows: lying in state on Saturday March 4, 2023 at H/No.1 – Bonwire, burial Mass at the Catholic Church – Bonwire, burial at Kontenase-Akokote, final funeral rites at the Methodist School park, family gathering on Sunday March 5, 2023 at the Methodist School park. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Ms. Cynthia Aborah to be introduced**)

Sincere Thanks

1. **Mrs. Mary Adwoa Serwaa Edusei Offeh** and her daughter **Mrs. Vivian Obaakua Akyiaa Offeh Osei** are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Theresian International, Catechists, Mass Servers, and individual parishioners for your prayers, support and generous donations during their bereavement. They pray that God blesses you.
2. **Mrs. Grace Wilson** wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, St. Joseph's Choir, and parishioners for sympathising with her during her bereavement. She asks for God's blessings for you all.
3. The ITI – CCR, KNUST Local acknowledges and treasures the support it has received from parishioners and students so far in preparation towards the ITI-CCR National Conference. May the Almighty God bless us all and replenish every resource that has been given to support the Conference. Just as the Scripture says in Luke 6:38 **"Give and it will be given to you, good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over would be poured into your lap. For with the measure you used, it will be measured to you"**. We pray this becomes your reality in Jesus' name.

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.

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

Divine Eye Care: The Divine Eye Care Optical Services and Vision will be at the Chaplaincy today, 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.

2022 HARVEST; GROUPS AND SOCIETIES CONTRIBUTION		
	NAME	AMOUNT
1	NO GROUP	38,410.00
2	KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST JOHN INT	20,760.00
3	KNIGHTS & LADIES OF MARSHALL	16,080.00
4	ROSARY CONFRA./SACRED HEART	9,850.00
5	PRAYER GROUP	9,400.00
6	CHRISTIAN MOTHERS	6,850.00
7	THERESIANS INTERNATIONAL	6,200.00
8	ST THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS	5,700.00
9	NON-ALIGNED	4,450.00
10	SERRA CLUB	4,400.00
11	OUR LADY'S CHOIR	4,090.00
12	ST JOSEPH'S CHOIR	2,650.00
13	FRAFRA/GRUISHIE	2,510.00
14	DAGAABA CHRISTIAN MOTHERS	1,695.00
15	DAGAABA UNION	1,500.00
16	ST CECILIA GUILD	1,410.00
17	YOUTH CHOIR	1,275.00
18	ST PETERS CHOIR	1,100.00
19	MASS SERVERS	1,100.00
20	PAX ROMANA	1,000.00
21	LEGION OF MARY	560.00
22	EWE UNION	490.00
23	CATHOLIC WOMEN	400.00
24	SAINT VICENT DE PAUL	300.00
25	LECTORS	300.00
26	SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS	200.00
27	BRASS BAND	-
28	USHERS	-
29	PAX CHOIR ALUMNI	-
	TOTAL	142,680.00

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

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.

2022 HARVEST ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY OF INCOME AS AT JANUARY, 2022

DETAILS	LAUNCHING GH¢	CHILDREN GH¢	ADULT GH¢	TOTAL GH¢
ENVELOPES	15,451.00	19,836.00	50,413.00	85,700.00
KOFI & AMA	15,433.80	18,479.30	21,814.50	55,727.60
HOLY WATER	-	13,716.00	17,550.00	31,266.00
MEN	3,966.90	3,611.90	6,872.00	14,450.80
WOMEN	3,112.90	3,623.40	7,056.00	13,792.30
INDIVIDUAL	-	4,230.00	-	4,230.00
GROUPS & SOCIETIES	-	800.00	142,680.00	143,480.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION	-	-	4,842.50	4,842.50
BANNER	19,133.00	-	-	19,133.00
CHILDREN LEVY	-	18,590.00	-	18,590.00
SUPPORTERS & CHAIRPERSONS	-	4,480.00	-	4,480.00
CHASUBLE	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	57,097.60	87,366.60	251,228.00	395,692.20