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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 27/03/23 - 6:30PM

Dan. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Ps. 23:1-6 / Jn. 8:1-11

TUESDAY - 28/03/23 6:30AM & 6:30PM

Num. 21:4-9 / Ps. 102:2-3, 16-21 / Jn. 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY - 29/03/23 - 6:30AM

Dan. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Ps. Dan. 3:52-56 / Jn. 8:31-42

THURSDAY - 30/03/23 - 7:00PM

Gen. 17:3-9 / Ps. 105:4-9 / Jn. 8:51-59

FRIDAY 31/03/23 - 6:30AM

Jer. 20:10-13 / Ps. 17:2-7 / Jn. 10:31-42

SATURDAY - 01/04/23 - 7:00AM

Ez. 37:21-28 / Ps. Jer. 31:10-13 / Jn. 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023 - PASSION (PALM) 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 - ISA. 50:4-7

RES. PSALM - PS. 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

2ND READING - PHIL. 2:6-11

GOSPEL - MATT. 26:14 - 27:66

Jesus, Our Resurrection and Our Life!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year (A). Jesus is our Resurrection and our Life. Because He has given us the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption. As we open ourselves to Christ's Life-Giving Spirit, we pray that He gives us new life and set us free from all kinds of death and tombs.

The first reading, from the prophet Ezekiel, was written during the time of the Babylonian captivity when the prophet's countrymen were on the brink of despair. They had lost the promised land, seen the destruction of the temple, found themselves enslaved in a foreign land, and lost all hope of liberation. In the face of such grim prospects, Ezekiel's famous prophecy of dry bones coming to life is meant to restore hope to the dispirited Israelites. The imagery of dead bodies rising from the grave, (as assured by Yahweh; I will put my spirit in you that you may live) was meant to reassure and comfort the people that God has not abandoned them. Though Ezekiel was talking about the nation's ultimate fate (new life in the sense of a return of deportees to their homeland), Christian tradition has expanded the application of this imagery to embrace the paschal mystery of Jesus, the promise of personal resurrection to every Christian, and even the moral renewal of the repentant sinner. The Psalmist gives us further words of comfort, namely when we cry to God out of the depths, we will be heard, forgiven, and healed. If God can bring back to life the dead and revive the dry bones, then there is no situation in our lives - no matter how desperate, painful, worrying, hopeless, or dead - that He cannot restore, transform, rejuvenate, and bring into life.

In the thought of St Paul, "flesh" was a term that referred just not to our physical body, but to that part of our human nature which had become enslaved to sin. Our "spirit" in this context, was the principle of life and freedom that allowed us to choose God's will over our sinful cravings. But that choice is possible because we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. This Spirit was the life-force behind Jesus' resurrection from the dead and is the same Spirit who will raise our mortal bodies from death to life, on the last day. It is our incorporation into Christ that makes possible our share in the dynamic power of Christ's resurrection. That incorporation, for Paul, was the Sacramental event rooted in Baptism and sustained in the Eucharist. By possessing the indwelling of God's Spirit, the Christian is no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit and belongs to God. Such is the dignity and nature of the Christian. The Spirit, the agent of Christ's resurrection, will also be ours.

Today's Gospel presents us with the seventh and greatest of the signs (miracles) that Jesus worked in John's Gospel. In it, the reader sees how Jesus is life and gives life even in situations where everybody thinks that death has triumphed. He brings His friend, Lazarus, back to life after he has been buried for four days. Jesus confirms that He is Life and that to believe in Him is to live a new life. This last sign Jesus does in the Gospel of John will lead to an intensification of opposition and the decision to kill Him. The raising of Lazarus is a first sign of the reality which His resurrection after His own death will reveal fully. It must have been an awesome, magnificent

moment, to see Jesus facing the tomb and commanding Lazarus to come forth. Suddenly, out of the shadows he emerges, is untied, and is set free. It is a splendid example of Jesus' power over life and death. The new message of Christ to humanity is that it is no longer a matter of resurrection on the last day, but the gift of a new life that prevents a person from dying.

As Christians, our hope and belief in the life hereafter stand at the centre of our life. Many believe that Jesus will give eternal life when they die but live as if He has no power to give new life now. Like Martha, we know and believe we will rise on the last day, not realizing that Jesus can raise us, and give us new life, in this very moment, here and now. Ultimately, the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is a sign confirming the truth of Jesus' statement that "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me, shall never die". This indicates that Jesus has power over all kinds of life and death: biological, spiritual, emotional, psychological, financial, intellectual, etc. Our life may have lost purpose and direction, with no conscious relationship with God; Our spirit could be deadened, trapped by sin, addiction, obsessions, and fatal attractions; We can be among the living dead and living in tombs of all kinds: separation from God, sin, isolation, anxiety in illness, self-absorption, etc. From these tombs, Jesus calls us to come forth. Our bounds are loosened as grace enters our life. This sign of raising the dead to life demonstrates that Jesus possesses authority over life and death, even in His authority to take up His own life again after He lays it down for His sheep. In His passion, death, and resurrection, we encounter the glory of Jesus in His capacity as the Lord of Life: for His glory and our good, He shepherds us out of death into the new and resurrected life.

Congratulations to all who celebrated birthdays and special occasions this month. God richly bless you and your intentions.

Dear Students, Lent invites us to deepen our faith in Jesus Christ, our Life. We gather in Church, our Bethany, where we will come back to life from all kinds of death and tombs. Christ is indeed our Resurrection and our Life. The miracle of Lazarus coming to life is the promise of new spiritual life that Jesus can give us to conquer any kind of death. To be connected to Jesus, our true Life, is the way to remain Catholic on campus with a balanced Spiritual and Academic life. Only God can give life to our dry and dead bones. He does it through the Mass. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity. May God bless, protect, and keep us safe for the rest of 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 and Blessed Week!

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

PASTORAL TEAM

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 Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin SJ - 0277154777
 Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako - 0501154065
 CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Ez 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45



General Notices

Passion (Palm) Sunday: Please, take note that next Sunday April 2, 2023 is Passion (Palm) Sunday. The 8.00am and the 10.00am Masses will start with a procession from the Swimming Pool at 7.30 and 9.30 respectively after the Palm Branches have been blessed by the Celebrant. For the Vigil and the 6.30am Masses, the Celebrant will bless the Palm Branches in the Chapel before the start of the Masses. Parishioners are entreated to bring Palm branches to mass next week.

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 7:00pm. 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 started on Monday February 27, 2023 and will end on Wednesday March 15, 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 exer-

cise.

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.

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.

2023 Easter Picnic: The Chaplaincy with the help of Social Action Committee is organising this year's Easter Picnic at the KNUST Junior High School on Monday April 10, 2023. The program starts at 9.00am. There would be many activities such as football gala, musical chairs, sack race, table tennis, dancing competition etc. Register at the Chaplaincy Office if you would want to partake in any of the activities. Come let us have fun and feast to celebrate our Risen Lord

FUN FACT

In 1985 the government in power forced the shut-down of The Standard, Ghana's Catholic newspaper, after it criticized state policy.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Charismatic Renewal (Local): The C.C.R. – Local members are being reminded that today Sunday March 05, 2023, there will be prayer meeting at the usual meeting place. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

Twi Catechism: It is announced to parishioners that Twi 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.

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, 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



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.

Funeral Invitations

1. Ms. Monica Osei-Wusu, a parishioner and member of the Non-Aligned Movement announces the death of her mother Obaapanin Mary Fordjour (a.k.a. Eno Ama Kuɔ). The one-week observation comes off on Tuesday March 28, 2023 at Anwomaso New Era Junction, H/No. Plt. 16, Blk. G (GPS: AO-K817 – 9720) from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

2. Ms. Emelia Annan, a parishioner and a former member of St. Joseph's Choir is inviting parishioners to the one-week observation of the death of her husband Torgbui Wostakuko II on Friday March 31, 2023 at the KNUST Community Centre from 1.00pm to 6.00pm.

Sincere Thanks

Sale of Magazines – St. Gregory Seminary,

Parkoso: Parishioners are being informed that today Sunday March 26, 2023, Seminarians from St. Gregory The Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso are at the Chaplaincy here to sell their Magazines. We are all entreated to patronise the Magazines.

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.

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.

2. A woman between the ages of forty (40) and fifty-five (55) is wanted to take care of an old woman at Ayigya. Interested person should contact 0558522551 or 0208115349

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 two-bedroom apartment around Maxima, Ayigya, Bomso, Ayeduase, Kotei, or Deduako. Please call on 0504741374 to help.

2. Please, help a parishioner who is in need of a chamber and a hall or a two-bedroom apartment around Bomso, Ayeduase New Site, Kotei, Deduako, etc. Contact her on 0508244463 / 0550269270.

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.

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