

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 08/05/23 - 6:30PM

Acts 14:5-18 / Ps. 114:1-4, 15-16 / Jn. 14:21-26

TUESDAY - 09/05/23 6:30AM

Acts 14:19-28 / Ps. 145:10-13, 21 / Jn. 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY - 10/05/23 6:30AM

Acts 15:1-6 / Ps. 122:1-5 / Jn. 15:1-8

THURSDAY - 11/05/23 - 7:00PM

Acts 15:7-21 / Ps. 96:1-3, 10 / Jn. 15:9-11

FRIDAY 12/05/23 - 6:30AM

Acts 15:22-231 / Ps. 57:8-12 / Jn. 15:12-17 (Nereus and Achilleus)

SATURDAY - 13/05/23 - 7:00AM

Acts 16:1-10 / Ps. 100:1-3, 5 / Jn. 15:18-21 (Our Lady of Fatima)

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 14, 2023 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (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 - ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

RES. PSALM - Ps. 66:1-7, 16, 20

2ND READING - 1 Pt. 3:15-18

GOSPEL - JN. 14:15-21

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Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year (A). The readings remind all Christians of our royal priesthood. We are indeed a “chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people” called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith. We assemble all over the world today to exercise our royal priesthood and to offer the spiritual sacrifice which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God our Father.

As the Easter Season progresses, the attention of Christians is drawn from intimate encounters with the Risen Jesus and relationships within the young community of faith to a more outward-looking focus. Today’s passage from Acts forms the connection between the ministry in Jerusalem and the spread of the Gospel to Samaria and beyond. Although the dispute between the Hellenists (Greek-speaking Jews) and Hebrews (Aramaic-speaking Jews) is reportedly concerned with the impartial distribution of charity to widows, the actual function of the seven who are appointed to see to these needs seems later in Acts to be prophetic ministry rather than table service. Those who are chosen to serve at table are ipso facto spiritual leaders. The imposition of hands by the apostles suggests a passing of power to the seven chosen for service (diaconia). It is worth noting that authority rested with the Twelve, yet the community’s approval was sought and the community actually chose the seven. Although the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a later development in the Church, passages such as this one – where service to the community is empowered by a laying on of hands – would later in Christian history be seen as prototypes of Ordination.

The second reading, from First Peter, beautifully describes the identity of the Christian people given in Baptism and continually discovered throughout the living of the Christian life. Those who formally were isolated individuals are made into a people. They rise to the dignity of Israel, being called “chosen”. In the Christ faithful, the benefits and functions of priests and kings are distributed to all. The image of Christ as the “living stone”, an image shared with all the faithful who are likewise living stones, suggests solidity and strength, yet vitality as well. Christ the stone is chosen (eklectos) by God, even as the believers are elect. Yet this stone is also rejected by faithless humanity as well as by the “builders” (the Jewish leaders who put Jesus to death), and is an obstacle and source of confusion for those who do not believe. In comparing the Church to a building, Peter affirms the solid foundation stone on which the whole building is set. This stone is Jesus, the cornerstone. God has continued to lay other stones on this foundation: all those who have accepted Christ and have been Baptised. With Christ, we the believers make up this “spiritual house”. In this house, there is room for everyone and the Spirit guides her to solve their problems.

The Gospel is taken from the Farewell Discourse at the Last Supper and addresses concerns of the disciples that arise because of the departure (the death) of Jesus. In the context of its liturgical proclamation at this point in the Easter Season, this reading also invites us to reflect on the coming “departure” of

Jesus in the Ascension and the impact on us believers of the physical absence of Jesus. What are the disciples to do without this reassuring presence? First of all, the passage assures us that Jesus will return and take His followers with Him. The reference seems to be the Parousia, though it may also be interpreted as a reference to being reunited with Jesus at death. The immanent departure of Jesus is presented not as a loss but as a preparation for the future. The expression “many dwelling places” of the Father’s house suggests not a diversity of places within heaven but that there will be room enough for everyone in God’s eternal presence. In God’s heart, there is room for all and Jesus leads each one, in ways that we do not know to God’s house. Jesus, who is “the Way” of salvation, will lead to the Father, who is one with Jesus.

We are thus to place absolute trust in Jesus who alone is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Him”. It would be tragic to live our lives fearfully, aimlessly, wandering from one place to another, and lost in the streets of cities, going in circles. In Jesus, we have a purpose here on earth and a destination in eternity with a leader to help us see both. People may know the way to the Father but cannot claim to be the Way. Such people can be at best like a signpost directing us to the Father. Jesus is the only Way to the Father because He is the Only One who came from Him and is capable of taking us to Him. Others may know the truth of salvation but cannot claim to be the Truth. Jesus is the only Truth of salvation, for only in Him can we be saved. People may teach about eternal life but cannot claim to be that Life. Jesus, however, is the Word of God through whom everything exists, and the Resurrection who gives eternal life. If we follow Him every day, as He gives us the light, He will guide us to where we ought to be. In living with the Church, we have a sure way to Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Dear Students, we Thank God for journey mercies upon you. We hope you are enjoying your vacation at home with your families, friends, and loved ones. As we recall our royal priesthood and exercise it in the community of believers, we are reminded that Jesus is the Way that leads to God. This Way is True and Life-giving. In God’s heart, there is room for all and Jesus leads each one, in ways that we do not know to God’s house. Only Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Please, let your presence be felt at home, parish, and communities that you may be missed when school reopens. May God bless, protect, keep you safe, and bring you to us safely. 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

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah – 02499999616
 Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine - 0207024221
 Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrwin SJ – 0277154777
 Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako – 0501154065
 CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Pt. 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn. 14:1-12



General Notices

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

May, the Marian Month: As we enter into the month of May being the Marian Month, parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary at home as one family.

Infant Baptism: There will be Infant Baptism on Saturday May 13, 2023 at 4:00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday May 12, 2023 at 5:00pm 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.

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 pay-

ments 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

There are more Roman Catholics in the world than all other Christian denominations combined.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Facilities Management Committee: The Committee has commenced the process of taking inventory of all facilities/equipment of the Chaplaincy with the aim of creating/developing a Register for same. All groups/societies are kindly informed that the Committee will soon be visiting them to interact with them and to also take stock of all facilities/equipment in their possession for the running of their activities.

The dates for the visits will be communicated to the groups and societies in due course. The support of all groups and societies is solicited, please.

Launching of Women's Week and Mothers' Day Celebration: The Women's Week and Mothers' Day Celebration is going to be launched today Sunday May 7, 2023 at all Masses. Please take note.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): Members are being reminded that today Sunday May 7, 2023, there will be Prayer Meeting at the Chaplaincy here at the usual meeting place. Members are encouraged to be present and on time. **2. Life in the Spirit Seminar (L.S.S.):** Groups and Societies who would like to organise Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) for her members should

kindly contact P.E.T./Mr. Isaac Dwirah Jnr. on 0244090802.

Chaplaincy Marriage Enrichment Program: The Marriage and Family Life Ministry is organising a Marriage Enrichment Program for couples at the Chaplaincy on Thursday May 25, 2023 (a public holiday) at the Archbishop Sarpong Hall from 8.00am to 12noon. All couples, both old and new are cordially invited to this special program. Come and let us share experiences together in building Christian Homes.

Twii Catechism: It is announced to parishioners that Twii 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 knustcatholic-chaplaincy@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, Twii 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

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Announcement: We announce the funeral of Ohenenana Yaa Ahyeamponmaa Nimako, a parishioner and member of the Christian Mothers' Association as follows: lying in state on Saturday May 13, 2023 at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 10.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at Hia-Topre Funeral Grounds, Ayigya from 12oon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday May 14, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 10.00am, family gathering at Hia-Topre Funeral Grounds, Ayigya from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Funeral Invitation: Mad. Mary Alhassan Mamonor Basade, a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her father Mr. Basade. The body had since been buried, the final funeral rites comes off on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at Ayigya, near Christ Apostolic Church (CAC). No. 1 from 6.00am to 6.00pm. **(Mad. Mary Alhassan Mamonor Basade to be introduced)**

Sincere Thanks

1. The Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah and his family are expressing their sincere thanks and appreciation to Parish Council, various groups and societies and individual parishioners for sympathising with them during the one-week observation of their husband and father's death. They ask for God's blessings for you all.
2. Mr. and Mrs. John Ewusi Wilson Jnr. wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Marriage and Family Life Committee, Pax Choir, groups and societies for your prayer, presence and presents during their Holy Matrimony. They pray that the good Lord continues to pour His bountiful blessings upon you and all that you do.
3. The Rector and Seminarians of St. Gregory The Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso wish to render their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, groups and societies and parishioners for your support, both in cash and in kind. They pray that the good Lord continues to bless you.
4. The children's Home/Orphanages wish to render their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, groups and societies and parishioners for your support, both in cash and in kind. They pray that the good Lord continues to bless you.

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.

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

Luxx Laundry Services: Luxx Laundry Services is equipped with modern machines such as washing machines and dryers that are efficient and provide excellent results. They offer their partners (Management, Staff and Students) the comfort of receiving their laundry the same day of collection, free pick-up and delivery service in and around KNUST. Location: Luxx Laundry Services is located at the Second Floor of the KNUST Jubilee Mall @ the Commercial Area and is open 24 hours. Contact them no: 0322067232 or 0501652923 for hassle-free laundry services. Absolute Quality every time.