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DATE: 16TH JULY, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 17/07/23 - 6:30PM

Ex. 1:8-14, 22 / Ps. 124:1-8 / Matt. 10:34 - 11:1

TUESDAY - 18/07/23 6:30AM & 6:30PM

Ex. 2:1-15a / Ps. 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 / Matt. 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY - 19/07/23 6:30AM

Ex. 3:1-6, 9-12 / Ps. 103:1-4, 6-7 / Matt. 11:25-27

THURSDAY - 20/07/23 - 7:00PM

Ex. 3:13-20 / Ps. 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 / Matt. 11:28-30 (Apollinaris)

FRIDAY 21/07/23 - 6:30AM

Ex. 11:10 - 12:14 / Ps. 116:12-13, 15-18 / Matt. 12:1-8 (Lawrence of Brindisi)

SATURDAY - 22/07/23 - 7:00AM

Song 3:1-4b / Ps. 64:2-6, 8-9 / Jn. 20:1-2, 11-18 (Mary Magdalene)

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 23, 2023 - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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 - Wis. 12:13, 16-19

RES. PSALM - Ps. 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16A

2ND READING - ROM. 8:26-27

GOSPEL - MATT. 13:24-43

Sowing Seed: Fruitful Harvest of the Good Soil

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. The readings invite us to celebrate Christ who came to sow the seed of God's Word in the world, and we rejoice with Him as we see around us the first fruits of the Spirit. It is a call to reflect on the relation between the Seed (Word of God) and the Soil/Grounds (the human heart). Jesus speaks in parables in order to create opportunities for deep reflection on the lessons that are hidden in the daily events of our lives. The pledge is that the seed that falls on good grounds yields a fruitful harvest.

As disciples of Christ, sometimes we do ask, if the Word of God is a word of life, salvation, and power, a word that can heal, rescue, and revive, then why does it get a mixed response? St Matthew provides us with an answer in today's Gospel. Jesus uses examples of what people are used to, especially from nature, to communicate deep and heavenly messages. In the Gospel, He speaks of a farmer who goes out to sow and the various results from different soil forms. Out of the many ways of planting, the sower chooses a planting method that is just to scatter seeds, all over the place. The seed, (Word of God), fell on different soils: some fell on the road; some on rocky ground; some on thorn bush-covered ground; and some on good ground. The seed, the message that Jesus gives, is packed with power and salvation, especially for a world that, as St Paul says in the second reading, is groaning for redemption, for release from the grip of sin and diseases. The seed is indeed good, powerful, and effective, the difference lies in the soil which receives it.

Beloved, like the crowds gathered about Jesus for him to teach them, the Word of God comes to us from various sources in the form of homilies, preaching, teachings, education, advice, counsel, lectio divina, and through our reading of Scriptures. Sometimes our hearts are like that of the road or pavement, we tune out or let the seed/message pass us by. We lack the courage to apply the message to ourselves but to others. At times too, our hearts are like the rocky ground, where the seed has no roots. We become so much interested in passionate, oratorical fireworks, and great emotional hypes, and afterward, go back to business as usual. The word among thorns is like those of us who have a running debate with a messenger: our concern is whether he/she used this word and not that, whether it was too harsh, too fuzzy, too conservative, too liberal, too academic, too devotional, too long, too short, too loud, too undertone/soft, too fast, too slow, to the point, too clear, or did or did not address a particular issue.

The seed of God's Word truly bears fruit in proportion to our disposition towards welcoming the Word and allowing it to challenge and transform our lives. What kind of soil are we then? Are we filled with thorns, interests, addictions, distractions, other priorities, desires, and uncontrolled drives that choke off the Word of God in our lives? The question is not so much about whether we hear God's Word in our life: We do! It comes to us through the Scriptures and the Liturgy. But the question is whether we respond to it, embrace it, and let it take root and grow in our lives.

In this simple parable Jesus affirms that when a seed falls on good soil, it lets out roots and shoots and pro-

duces a terrific harvest of thirty, sixty, and hundred grains for what was sown. Just as a plant can grow well on good soil, so the Word of God bears fruit in a good heart. Hence, a good disposition is necessary for a heart to bear fruit. Faith in Christ is handed on to the Church to grow and bear fruits. All that we see in the Church: schools, hospitals, caritas, outreach programmes, religious orders, parishes, and the commitment of so many people to the work of the Gospel, are products of seed in good soil. We must also nurture the faith we received by taking care of the soil; weeding out where necessary. This implies that we ought to prune our attitudes and behaviours, and weed out whatever destroys, serve as a hindrance, and affects our relationship with God and with one another. Let us not judge the power of the seed by the seed that falls on pavement, rock, or thorns, but by the seed that falls on good soil. The power of God's Word is not seen in nominal Christians but in what it does in the lives of those who deeply embrace it. We cannot judge the Church by its sinners but by its saints: that is where we see the power of God's Word.

This can be said of every Christian. When something happens to people we have given help/advice, or they do something destructive/harmful, we instinctively want to know where we went wrong. This parable says to us that we did not necessarily do anything wrong. All we could do is sow the seed, by word and example, to the best of our ability. That is what the Lord expects from us as the Church, Christians, leaders, parents, guardians, educators, supervisors, superiors, colleagues, and friends. After doing our part, the mysterious chemistry between the seed and the soil takes over. Jesus encourages us to sow to the best of our ability, to spread His Word as effectively and honestly as we know how and leave the rest to the mysterious chemistry between seed and soil. Some will surely take root and will make the sowing worthwhile. We are to keep sowing no matter how the soil may look because we never know when or where it will take root and produce a harvest of a changed-life and in turn change others. Sow widely and generously, there will be a harvest. Our patience, resourcefulness, and hard work, coupled with divine providence, will surely yield a harvest. May the soil of our hearts too be receptive to the Word of God and carry it out through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Dear Students, Happy 65th Anniversary to you all. Hope we are renewed with the various activities to climax this occasion. As the Gospel tells us, the seed that falls on good soil yields a fruitful harvest. May the soil of our hearts be receptive to God's Word so that we may continue to bear fruit. Never be discouraged or miss any opportunity to sow the seed of God's Word. May God bless, protect, and keep us safe throughout the rest of the Semester. Be rooted in the faith! 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 - 0249999616
Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine - 0207024221
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin SJ - 0277154777
Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako - 0501154065
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Isa. 55:10-11
2nd Reading: Rom. 8:18-23
Gospel: Matt. 13:1-23



General Notices

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

Youth Empowerment Program: Tertiary students who applied for next academic year's YEP are being informed of their interview from Monday, 24th July to Friday, 29th July 2023 at 4:00pm each day. All applicants should take note.

Marriage Counselling Registration: Parishioners who wish to solemnize their marriages are being informed of an upcoming marriage counselling session for couples. Interested couples are to register at the Chaplaincy Office.

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

FUN FACT

Stephen Hawking (1942-2018) is regarded as one of the greatest physicists of our time. He was named a member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences by Pope John Paul II. He was an atheist.

es 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"*

Chaplaincy Cloth on Sale: The Chaplaincy Office has a large quantity of the Chaplaincy Cloth on sale. Please, visit the

Chaplaincy Office for yours.

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.

Basic Bible Formation Programme (Biblical Apostolate) Candidates to be Introduced: Parishioners who have completed the one-and-a-half-year Basic Bible Formation Programme organised by the Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi Pastoral Centre are here to be introduced and praised for the good work done.

Local Council of Churches – Special Invitation to Annual Youth Programme: All the Chaplaincy youth are specially invited to be part of this life-transforming program been organised by the KNUST Local Council of Churches scheduled as follows:

Date: Today Sunday July 16, 2023

Time: From 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Venue: Christ Congregation (KNUST Presby. Church)

Theme: The Contemporary Youth vs. The Ancient Path

Speaker: Rev. Prof. Grace Nkansa Asante (Economics Department/Parish Priest – Anglican Church, KNUST)

Committees, Groups & Societies

Representatives to 2023 Harvest Committee: 1. We are calling on all groups and societies to nominate their representatives to the 2023 Harvest Committee. 2. **Launching of 2023 Harvest:** The Harvest Committee will launch the 2023 Harvest next Sunday, July 23, 2023 at all Masses. We are urging all those who took envelopes home during the pre-launch to bring them back. Please, all parishioners should take note.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday July 16, 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.

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



1. Mr. Francis Oti Antwi, son of Mr. Patrick Sarbeng and Mrs. Emelia Addo Sarbeng, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Oforikrom, Kumasi now residing in Vernon Rockville – USA and **Ms. Jeradine Antwi**, daughter of Mr. Eugene Akwasi Amonoo and Mad. Felicia Gyempeh, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Ayigya, Kumasi, now residing at Danyame, Kumasi. **(3rd Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses)**

2. Mr. Gideon Aboagye Nuamah, son of Mr. Sylvester Osei Nuamah and Mad. Georgina, born at Konongo, residing in Kumasi, and **Ms. Joan Sedinam Sabibah**, daughter of Mr. Michael Kwaku Sabibah and Mad. Valerie Abra Adjai, born at Ho, now residing in Kumasi. **(1st Announcement)**

3. Mr. Babalola Ayodele Samuel, son of Mr. Babalola Hezekiah Adewale and Mrs. Babalola Grace Omolabake, born at Abeokuta, Ogun State – Nigeria, and **Ms. Gbadewole Antoinette Opeyemi**, daughter of Mr. Gbadewole Alphonsus Adesola and Mrs. Gbadewole Clara Olufunmilayo, born at Ilaro, Ogun State, Nigeria. **(1st Announcement)**

Youth Corner

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

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

Pax Corner

1. Students' Catechism: Students Catechism is on-going on Saturdays 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.

2. Mass for Students: This and every Tuesday at 6:30pm.

3. 65th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass: Today Sunday July 16, 2023 is the Pax Romana 65th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass which will start at 8.00am. All students are encouraged to patronise the 8.00am Mass.

4. Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS): Life in the Spirit Seminar constitutes a means to lead people to a deeper Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, equipping them to become fully committed disciples of Christ to witness to others. It is in progress and all who have not participated in it before or have participated but would want to participate again should sign up by calling: Wisdom Sei on 0542105766 or Francis Adjei on 0501348537.

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

Funeral Announcement: We announce the death of Mr. Nelson Poku (a.k.a. Kwame Agyapong), a parishioner and a brother of the late Poku Transport. The one-week observation of his death will be held on Monday July 17, 2023 at Santasi – H/No. AF.3, Dr. Osei Tuffour By-Pass, Adjacent Lizzy Hotel, near Santasi Roundabout (Digital Address: AK-178-9318). Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Funeral Invitation: Mr. Michael Atta Agyemang, a parishioner and member of the Local CCR announces the death of his mother Obaapanin Yaa Nimoh. The one-week celebration will be held on Thursday July 20, 2023 at Mampong Hemang from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

Rev. Fr. Anthony F. Naah, our Chaplain and his entire family are expressing their sincere thanks to various groups and societies and all parishioners for your support, presence and presents during the demise, burial and funeral of their beloved Mr. James Nauro Naah. May the good Lord richly bless 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.

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

3. A parishioner is looking for a female to work as a house help. Please interested persons should call 0242979358 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.

House 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.

2. A Chamber and Hall self-contain apartment is ready for rent at Kotei Deduako-Apemso. Please, call on these numbers for help: 0558330643 / 0205090161 / 0201144825

3. A one bedroom and a small room (boys' quarters) at Fumesua, near Noda Hotel is ready for renting. Interested person should call 0277712314 for help.

4. A 3-bedroom including a master bedroom is ready for accommodation at Apirade, near the Church of Pentecost. Interested persons should please call 0240428478 for help.

5. A 3-bedroom flat with a borehole water facility is available for rent at Appiadu. Interested persons should contact 0243049675

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.

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

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A parishioner has some Pure Honey for sale. Contact: 0240776529.