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The Cross: The Authentic Path of Christian Faith

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The readings invite us to reflect on Self-denial and the Cross, the most challenging truth about the Christian faith. Following the Lord means nothing less than the Cross and self-denial; offering our very selves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following Jesus will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.

The Gospel reading continues the scene of last Sunday's Gospel where Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Today Jesus confirms that indeed, He is the Messiah but He will be rejected, suffer, die and rise from the dead. This conflicts with all the expectations of His time. Peter, in his simplicity, reacts by saying aloud what the other disciples are thinking: "God forbid, Lord". However, Jesus is not put off by their reaction. He reminds them that His fate is the fate of all who will follow Him, presenting His suffering as a necessity. Self-denial and acceptance of the Cross and suffering are part and parcel of Christian witness which leads to victory of life over death.

In the first reading, from Jeremiah's "Confessions", we hear expressions of intense anguish that his sufferings have caused him. It comes to us as no surprise that the Prophet Jeremiah should have felt the reluctance to offer himself as a living sacrifice to God's Will. He felt seduced and betrayed by God and admits he even tried not to utter God's message of doom to Jerusalem. But he was unable to suppress the Word of God: keeping it to himself was like trying to shut up a fire burning in his bones. The inevitability of the suffering and persecution for God's sake made him embrace his cross, thus becoming a model for us Christians. It forms part of God's plan for Jeremiah to suffer. He was convinced that following God would lead him to success and an easy life, instead, he ended up in what seemed a total failure. But God does not deceive.

The Cross represents and speaks volumes of truths about our faith and salvation. It shows us the seriousness of sin by displaying vividly what sin can do to people, and what it did to those who crucified Jesus, twisting their souls to engage in such brutality. It shows what sin does to us also: it twists our lives to evil. Sin distances us from God and causes pain to the very heart of God. The cross shows us that the evil of sin is real, as real as the wood of the cross. What it did to Jesus' body on the cross, sin does to every human life it touches; it tears us asunder. When we tend to trivialize sin or even make it a subject of situation, comedy, or humour, the cross reminds us of the seriousness of sin.

Like Jeremiah and Peter, we may not want the cross but we cannot escape it. Whether our cross is physical, emotional, relational, financial or personal, the Lord says that carrying the cross is the only way to follow Him. Through it, our discipleship becomes real and unique. We all would love to find a way to bypass the crosses in our lives but self-denial and the cross are the only way to an honest and real embrace of life, to

a depth of soul and full discipleship. Everyone in this world has a cross. The question is what we do with that cross; Do we deny it, rebel against it, kick it, curse it, numb ourselves with addictive substances to make us forget it? Or do we deny ourselves, take it up and follow the Lord with it, and in doing so come to profound spiritual maturity? Humanly speaking, we might want various options for our salvation and each of them would not involve suffering and pain. Self-denial and the cross were and are necessary for salvation as Jesus says He "must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things". It is one thing to look at a Crucifix, to meditate on Christ's love for us, and another thing to confront the crosses in our lives. May God give us grace to accept our daily crosses.

St Paul, in Romans, makes an interesting description of a Christian's ethical behaviour as "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God". He invites us not to go along with the way everybody else thinks. Transformed by the Gospel, he urges us to find within ourselves (in the renewal of our mind) the basis for our behaviour, rather than conforming ourselves to the worldly values that surround us. It is so easy to be influenced by what everybody else thinks, to accept something because everybody else does it. Hence, he exhorts us not to model ourselves on the World around us. It is a life lived in the Spirit that constitutes the heart of Christian worship. For him, our Liturgical celebrations, the memorial of the Sacrifice of Christ, are not enough unless they have a positive impact on our thinking and our very lives. Our bodies must therefore be treated, used, and kept in such a way that they become a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. In truth, anything sacrificed to God is never lost.

Dear Students and Graduates, always know that suffering is a part of human life. We are not asked to seek suffering but some forms of suffering are inevitable. We must pray for the grace of God to accept and live them out. Although the world is full of suffering, it is very possible to overcome it. As we reflect on the necessity of self-denial and suffering, let us make the conscious effort to deepen our knowledge and understanding of our faith through reading the Word of God and the Magisterial documents of the Church. We can start with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Finish hard dear finalist and a fruitful vacation to the rest of us. Let your presence be felt in your home parishes; The Church needs you most! We pray for our WASSCE candidates that God will keep them and crown their efforts with success. May God bless, protect, and keep us safe. Pax!

Please be reminded to stay well, healthy, and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Remember to observe the safety protocols. Your life is dear to us!

Blessed New Month and have a Fruitful and Blessed Week!

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 04/09/23 - 6:30PM

1 Thess. 4:13-18 / Ps. 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 / Lk. 4:16-30

TUESDAY - 05/09/23 6:30AM

1 Thess. 5:1-6, 9-11 / Ps. 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Lk. 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY - 06/09/23 6:30AM

Col. 1:1-8 / Ps. 52:10-11 / Lk. 4:38-44

THURSDAY - 07/09/23 - 7:00PM

Col. 1:9-14 / Ps. 98:2-6 / Lk. 5:1-11

FRIDAY - 08/09/23 - 6:30AM

Mic. 5:1-4a / Ps. 12:6-7 / Matt. 1:1-16, 18 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

SATURDAY - 09/09/23 - 7:00AM

Col. 1:21-23 / Ps. 54:3-4, 6, 8 / Lk. 6:1-5 (Peter Claver)

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 - 23RD 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 - Ez. 33:7-9

RES. PSALM - Ps. 95:1-2, 6-9

2ND READING - Rom. 13:8-10

GOSPEL - Matt. 18:15-20

PASTORAL TEAM

Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah - 0249999616
Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine - 0207024221
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrwin SJ - 0277154777
Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako - 0501154065
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Jer. 20:7-9

2nd Reading: Rom. 12:1-2

Gospel: Matt. 16:21-27



General Notices

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

Benediction: There will be Benediction today Sunday September 3, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 7.00pm. We encourage all parishioners to come and pray.

Infant Baptism: There will be Infant Baptism on Saturday September 9, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 4.00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should come for instructions on Friday September 8, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 5.00pm with their children's/wards' potential godparents.

Marriage Counselling Registration: Parishioners who wish to solemnize their marriages are being informed that the marriage counselling session for couples begins on Monday the 21st of August, 2023. Interested couples are to register at the Chaplaincy Office.

Aged/Homebound/Infirm Parishioners: We are appealing to parishioners to furnish the Chaplaincy Office

with the names and house addresses of sick, aged, homebound, and infirm 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 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 pa-

rishioners (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.

Playing and learning how to play the Organ: The Chaplaincy is calling on parishioners who know how to play the organ and those who want to learn how to play it to write their names at the Chaplaincy Office for the next steps to be taken.

FUN FACT

During the Papal Conclave to elect a new Pope, the smoke from the Sistine shows whether a new Pope has been elected or not. White smoke indicate a new Pope has been elected, black smoke means no decision has been made.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Laity Council – Submission of 2022 Laity Week Evaluation Questionnaire: Laity Council is expecting all Groups and Societies to submit the 2022 Laity Week Questionnaires which were sent to them. Groups.

Harvest Committee: Representatives to 2023 Harvest Committee: 1. We are calling on all groups and societies to nominate their representatives and to encourage them to attend the 2023 Harvest Committee Meetings. 2. **Payment of 2023 Harvest Levies:** The Harvest Committee is encouraging all parishioners to pay their 2023 Harvest Levies.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday September 3, 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 their members should kindly contact P.E.T./ Mr. Isaac Dwirah Jnr. on 0244090802.

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.

Serra Club Meeting: Members of the Serra Club are meeting today Sunday September 3, 2023 immediately after the 8.00am Mass at the Chaplaincy. All members are entreated to be present.

Marriage Banns



Mr. Daganti Banloye Gantieyi, son of Mr. Gantieyi and Mad. Elena, born at Darno – Upper West Region and Mad. Lucy Doryaa (Gantieyi), daughter of Mr. Giere and Mad. Poo Nyuo, born at Darno – Upper West Region (**3rd Announcement – To be introduced**)

Youth Corner

Youth Mass comes off this and every **Thursday at 7pm**.
All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

Pax Corner

Funeral Announcement & Invitation

1. We announce the funeral of Mr. John Bana Entsuah, a parishioner as follows: laying in state and filing past on Saturday September 9, 2023 at his residence, H/No. GPS: AK-772-9761, Boadi, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, followed by a private burial, final funeral rites at the KNUST Community Centre from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday September 10, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, family sitting at his residence H/No. GPS: AK-772-9761, Boadi. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.
2. Mrs. Agnes Broni (a.k.a. Agnes Afrakoma) a parishioner and Patroness of St. Joseph's Choir, announces the death of her daughter Ms. Hanna Broni, also a parishioner and former member of C.Y.O. The funeral arrangement would be announced in due course.
3. We announce the death of Mr. Santos Beyogle, a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Union, St. Peter's Choir and Knights and Ladies of St. John Int. The one-week observation will be held on next Sunday September 10, 2023 at Ayigya School Park from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.
4. We announce the funeral of Oheneyere Akosua Afrakoma (a.k.a. Mrs. Comfort Boateng) a parishioner and member of Christian Mother's Association as follows: laying in state on Saturday September 9, 2023 at Nyantiase Royal Family House, Atasemanso at 4.00am, burial Mass at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Atasemanso, burial follows, final funeral rites at Atasemanso school park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday September 10, 2023 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Atasemanso at 8.00am, family gathering at Atasemanso school park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

1. The Tengan Family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, various groups and societies and parishioners for your sympathy and generous donations during their bereavement. They ask for God's special blessings for you.
2. Mr. Michael Atta Agyemang and family wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Local CCR, PET and individual parishioners for your prayer, support and sympathy during their bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for you.
3. Madam Theresa Fosuah wishes to thank all parishioner for your prayers and support during the priestly ordination of her grandson Rev. Fr. Martin Agyei Mensah. She asks 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.

Mist Blower Machines: A parishioner is selling Mist Blower Machines at affordable prices. It is used perfectly for plant spraying and fumigation. Interested parishioners should contact this number: 0558212546 (Maame Nyarko).

Admission 1. 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.** 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 call 0558522551 or 0208115349.

2. A parishioner is looking for a female to work as a house help. Please interested persons should contact her on 0202027360 / 0208198270 for help.

3. A vocational school leaver is needed for employment with a Food Service Company. She must live around KNUST, be pleasant and ready to work for long hours. Interested persons must call 0244759985.

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

3. 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.

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

Rent Accommodation: A parishioner is in need of a two-bedroom apartment around Maxima, Ayigya, Bomso, Ayeduase, Kotei, or Deduako. Please call on 0504741374 to 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.

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

Harvest 2023 Levies	GHC
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