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DATE: 1ST OCTOBER, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, 02/10/2023 –
6.30PM**

Zec. 8:1-8 / Ps. 102:16-21, 29,
22-23 / Matt. 18:1-5, 10 (The
Guardian Angels)

**TUESDAY, 03/10/2023 -
6:30AM**

Zec. 8:20-23 / Ps. 87:1-7 / Lk.
9:51-56

**WEDNESDAY, 04/10/2023 -
6.30AM**

Neh. 2:1-8 / Ps. 137:1-6 / Lk.
9:57-62 (St. Francis of Assisi)

**THURSDAY, 05/10/23 -
7:00PM**

Neh. 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Ps.
19:8-11 / Lk. 10:1-12

**FRIDAY, 06/10/23 -
6.30AM**

Bar. 1:15-22 / Ps. 79:1-5, 8-
9 / Lk. 10:13-16 (Bruno)

**SATURDAY, 07/10/23 -
7.00AM**

Bar. 4:5-12, 27-29 / Ps. 69:33
-37 / Lk. 10:17-24 (Our Lady
of The Rosary)

**NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER
8, 2023 – 27TH 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 - ISA. 5:1-7

**RES. PSALM - Ps. 80:9, 12-
16, 19-20**

2ND READING - PHIL. 4:6-9

GOSPEL - MATT. 21:33-43

Obedience In Word and Deed, Never Too Late!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The readings call on us to follow our “Yes” to God with a life of obedience and love. We are also cautioned never to make assumptions about who the Lord will accept or reject. This is because there can be so much good in those we consider evil and there can be so much evil in those we consider good. The joy is that God offers everyone the chance to change their minds, repent, and enter His Kingdom. God is interested in the Sincerity of Conversion and Obedience to His Word.

Beloved, we all are familiar with the saying “actions speak louder than words” made evident by the Gospel reading. Perfect obedience and fidelity are the most challenging virtues in every age and place. In the Gospel, the sons are guilty of disobedience as both of them violate the Fourth Commandment. The story makes the point that it is not enough to talk, one must also do God’s will as our actions show what is deep down in our hearts. Neither of the sons does that. These two sons are still very present in us. Like all parables, this story says something everybody can relate to: either being a parent of disobedient sons or being a son reluctant to work in the father’s business. All of us can feel at home in the world of the story and say “Yes”, this is me! But soon we realize that this is not simply an innocent, harmless story. It is really our own lives. Jesus proposes a new way of living and opens up new possibilities of human existence. Like the two sons, each of us has to make a choice to follow Jesus’ invitation or otherwise. We are exhorted to behave like the first son and work in the Father’s vineyard and not be like the second who agrees but does not go in the end. The faithful son represents all who, however reluctantly or painfully, obey Christ. The second son symbolizes Christians who reject Christ in sensitive areas of their lives – all those who appear to be faithful but deep down are not.

Jesus initially addressed His story to the chief priests, elders of Israel, and the scribes who questioned His authority. They, out of overfamiliarity and contempt, disobey God, and out of spiritual pride makes it impossible for them to recognize that they are sinners in need of God’s mercy. They are invited to rethink their positions and change their attitudes towards Jesus. They understood His challenge but refused to change. In the end, they became so furious and wanted to arrest him. Like the second son, the priests and Pharisees at first had said “Yes” to a special relationship with God as God’s people. They were the chosen people but when in Jesus God challenges them to enter His Kingdom they refuse. They find reasons and justifications not to believe in Him and even want everybody else to reject Christ. The tax collectors and sinners, however, behaved like the first son. At first, they seemed to have said “No” to God by their sinful lives. But having met Jesus, they think twice about their initial answer: they repent and come to faith in Jesus. The good news is that whether we are like the first or second son, there is always the grace of repentance.

As Christians reading this parable, we expect a third ideal possibility: to respond with a “Yes” and then act accordingly. A “yes” answer followed by a “yes” action. However, for anyone who initially says “no”, there is always time to reflect and realize that it is the wrong answer, to correct it with a “yes” and thereafter live a new life. This is called repentance. As Christ faithful we say our first “yes” to God at our Baptism, we renew it at every Mass and strengthen our “yes” by Scripture reading, receiving Holy Eucharist, and with the Sacrament

of Confirmation. Some of us have reaffirmed our “yes” with Religious Vows, (Public or Private) and Holy Marital Consent. Our every “yes” must be followed by a life of obedience, love of God, and our neighbour. Actions, indeed, speak louder than words. Jesus followed His “Yes” to God with obedience to the Father, even to death on the cross. To do God’s will is to say “yes” and do “yes” in us. We will never go wrong obeying God.

Jesus also invites us to take a second look at our assumptions about those who qualify to be in the Kingdom of God. In His time, prostitutes and tax collectors were despised and excluded. Tax collectors were automatically considered sinners because they collaborated with the Romans and often cheated people. Prostitutes, by their questionable morals, constituted a visible class of sinners. They were certainly thought of as excluded from the Kingdom because prostitution is forbidden in the Bible (Lev 19:29; Mt 5:27; 1Cor 6:13). It was taken for granted that such people were incapable of repentance, or of welcoming the grace of God. But the unthinkable happened! Many of those excluded by the religious community responded to Jesus’ preaching. They repent and believe in the Good News. Jesus thus breaks down religious and social barriers to show that in the Kingdom what counts is not statutes but the heart with which one receives the Good News.

Our society tends to think of street people as criminals, those we fail to understand as witches. The readings remind us that prostitutes, tax collectors, garage boys, street urchins, prisoners, and all those we see as the odd assortment of degeneration, are finding their way to heaven through a sincere act of conversion and obedience to God’s Word. Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future! We need not fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us if we but repent. It is never too late to turn to God and do His will. The Lord’s compassion and kindness are from of old. He offers everyone the opportunity to rethink our “no” by word and manner of our lives. We may come to Church daily, recite the Rosary, follow the Stations of the Cross, and observe other Devotions, but if there is no genuine and sincere act of conversion, we are off track. Let our “Yes” to God always be accompanied by corresponding actions, deeds, and good works.

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for coming in your numbers, patience, and generosity toward the 2023 Annual Children & Youth Harvest and Thanksgiving. God richly bless and replenish you.

We share the joys of our school leavers. Take very good care of yourselves and please lend a helping hand at home. Know that you will never go wrong by obeying God! Do not forget your Bibles and Catechism. Take interest in knowing more about God, His Church, and our Moral Life. Please, let your presence be felt in your parishes; the Church needs you most! May God crown all efforts with success in our examinations. 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!

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 Baghrwin SJ—0277154777
Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako — 0501154065
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Ez. 18:25-28

2nd Reading: Phil. 2:1-11

Gospel: Matt. 21:28-32





FUN FACT

Of all the current cardinals eligible to elect a pope (136), 98 were appointed by Pope Francis. The rest of them were appointed by Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

Adjusted Working Hours: The University authorities have adjusted the working hours from 8.00am to 1.00pm instead of the normal working hours of 8.00am to 5.00pm. This takes effect from Monday September 26, 2023 to Tuesday October 31, 2023 and resume on Wednesday November 1, 2023. The Chaplaincy Office will adhere to this adjustment. Please, kindly take note.

Notice of Sunday Announcements: Kindly note that all announcements to be made at Mass on Sunday should reach the Chaplaincy Office by noon on Friday. This is to aid in the proper dissemination of information. Parishioners are to kindly take note.

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

Benediction: There will be Benediction today Sunday October 1, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 7:00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

Rosary Month: October is the Rosary month and we are reminded to pray our Rosary. All the weekday Masses will be in the evening at 6.30pm. and as a community, we shall meet at 6.00pm each day to pray the Rosary

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

Harvest Committee: 1. Representatives to 2023 Harvest Committee – 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. **3. Children and Youth Harvest:**

The Children and Youth Harvest is today Sunday October 1, 2023. Activities include: (i). Collecting of Envelopes, (ii) Sale of Blessed Water (iii) Kofi and Ama Collections, and (iv) Boys and Girls Contest. Please all parishioners are encouraged to participate fully in all the activities.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1.

before the Mass starts at 6.30pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be part of the Rosary Prayers.

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 payments of Harvest Levy, Chapel Fund Contributions, etc. through the Merchant ID:

Members are being reminded that today Sunday October 1, 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

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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.

Keyboard Lessons: The Chaplaincy is informing parishioners who wrote their names concerning the playing of the organ of a meeting with the Trainer on Wednesday, 4th October 2023 at 5:00pm. Interested parishioners are to take note.

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, 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.

Youth Clean-up Exercise: The Youth Council is inviting all parishioners to clean-up the Chaplaincy premises on Saturday, 7th October 2023 at 8:00am. Come let's work together to beautify our Chaplaincy and contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment.

Pax Corner

Funeral Announcements & Invitations

We announce the funeral of Prof. Martin Yeboah Woode as follows: laying in state on Saturday October 7, 2023 at the KNUST Pool Side at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, burial at Juaso, final funeral rites at the KNUST Pool Side from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday October 8, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, family gathering at his residence GPS Address: AG -1832 – 8936, Sokoban Ampeyoo – Kumasi from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

Mr Lawrence Fynn wish to express his sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Council and all parishioners for your prayers, support and sympathy during his bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for 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.

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.

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

Harvest 2023 Levies

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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

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.

4. Louisville Drinking Water: Louisville Drinking Water is looking for a fulltime truck and tricycle drivers to work approximately 48 hours a week, should have at least two years driving experience, required to have a Class 'C' Driver's License, excellent driving skills and must be at least 18 years old. Interested persons should send their applications and CV to the Manager, Louisville Drinking Water, situated at St. Louis Senior High School, Oduom. They also need sales girls/woman. Contact the following numbers: 0244805779 / 0204020362.

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.

Insurance Company: A leading General Insurance Company seeks to recruit interested persons as Insurance Sales and Marketing Executives to help drive the Company's sales. The Job location will be Kumasi.

Job Summary: The Insurance Sales and Marketing Executive will sell Vehicle, Home and other types of non-life insurance policies.

Education and Experience: Bachelor's Degree or HN|D.

Sales experience will be an added advantage.

Interested applicants should call 0559190821 / 0501392199.