

# OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, 20/11/2023 – 6:30PM**

1 Mac. 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64 / Ps. 119:53, 61, 134, 150 / Lk. 18:35-43

**TUESDAY, 21/11/2023 - 6:30AM**

2 Mac. 6:18-31 / Ps. 3:2-7 / Lk. 19:1-10 (The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary)

**WEDNESDAY, 22/11/2023 - 6:30AM**

2 Mac. 7:1, 20-31 / Ps. 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 / Lk. 19:11-28 (St. Cecilia)

**THURSDAY, 23/11/23 - 7:00PM**

1 Mac. 2:15-29 / Ps. 50:1-2, 5-6, 8, 15 / Lk. 19:41-44 (Clement or Columban)

**FRIDAY, 24/11/23 - 6:30AM**

1 Mac. 4:36-37, 52-59 / Ps. 1 Chron. 29:10-12 / Lk.; 19:45-48 (Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions)

**SATURDAY, 25/11/23 - 7:00AM**

1 Mac. 6:1-13 / Ps. 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 / Lk. 20:27-40 (Catherine of Alexandria)

**NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2023 – 34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ CHRIST THE KING (CYCLE A)**

**7:00PM — VIGIL MASS**

**6.30AM – 1<sup>ST</sup> MASS**

**8.00AM – 2<sup>ND</sup> MASS**

**10.00AM – 3<sup>RD</sup> MASS**

**PLEASE ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE**

**1ST READING - Ez. 34:11-12, 15-17**

**RES. PSALM - Ps. 23:1-6**

**2ND READING - 1 COR. 15:20-26, 28**

**GOSPEL - MATT. 25:31-46**

### What Is Your Talent? No Risk, No Reward!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A). The readings invite us to reflect on family life, talents, and how to wait for the Lord's coming. We are invited to be alert always and to work with diligence in order to bear fruits for eternal life. God gives His gifts according to each person's ability and each is accountable to God for all the gifts He gives us. We are exhorted to positively spend and use our time and talents to develop ourselves and serve others. This calls for being alert all the time in carrying out our Christian duties just like the woman of valour and remaining faithful.

Jesus offers us a parable about judgment and accountability. As we come to the end of the Church year, our Gospel readings talk about preparation to meet the Lord with a story of how we have lived and loved. He talks about "talents" and what three individuals did with them. The emphasis is not so much about the timing of the end of the world. Rather, it teaches us to live in a responsible and faithful manner right now because there is an accounting each of us will have to give to the Lord at the end of our earthly life. The three individuals received different numbers of talents. Two of them increased what they had and were praised. One did nothing with it and is condemned. The parable acknowledges that we are not born equally talented nor are we of equal abilities. We have different intellectual abilities and different physical strengths and skills. We are born with different social opportunities and advantages, different genetic inheritances and make-ups. Like the servants in the Gospel, we are entrusted with different talents and gifts according to our capability and ability. Those who use their gifts and talents to develop themselves and in the service of others are blessed indeed. Such are children of the light and will be ready for the Lord's return.

Interestingly, we often look at people we feel are very "talented", and compare ourselves to them, while minimizing the very real and worthwhile gifts we possess. Because we cannot sing like some people, we feel we should not sing at all; or because we cannot be a professional like some people, we feel we should not venture into it at all. Instead of using the talents and gifts we have, we waste our time dreaming about the ones we do not have. Our talent might not be spectacular, but it is real and important. There are talents like those of the virtuous wife in the first reading who has the gift and skill of raising a family, caring for a spouse, managing a home, very industrious, charitable, and God-fearing. To raise a family and keep a family together is a talent desperately needed today in our society. We acknowledge and salute all those who are diligently bearing imperishable fruits with this skill.

The man in the Gospel who received the least of talents was not a bad person. He did not steal or squander the money. His only crime and sin was that he buried the money in the ground and did nothing with it for the Master. Two things that keep us from using our gifts and talents are fear and sloth. We talk, we plan, we make resolutions, but our plans never get to see the light. We can live in a spiritual tomorrow that never quite becomes today. The lesson for us is quite clear: all three individuals received talents. For two of them, those talents became blessings. For one, it became a judgment. The first two servants were rewarded for their faithfulness, courage, activity, and industriousness. The third servant was judged for his unfaithfulness, cowardice, over-cautiousness, and inactivity. Fascinatingly, the third servant, mostly associated with the Scribes and

Pharisees, could be you and I. God expects us to bring to Him always the talents with profits of a good wife, devoted sons, and faithful servants.

St Paul says in the second reading that we should stay awake, alert to the ways we can serve the Lord and neighbour. As we look over the past year, we all have had opportunities to do that. Perhaps we will have more chances next year, but those opportunities are long gone. Whatever talents/gifts we have been given by the Lord, big or small, are not only for ourselves. They are our contribution to the life of the Church and our personal, unique way of discipleship. Big or small, those talents can turn the tide in peoples' lives. They can be a vehicle of Christ's grace to others. Use your talents, gifts, skills, and resources to serve God, His Church, our nation, and humanity.

Take this opportunity to reflect on your gifts. It could be a gift for friendship; for organization; for leadership; for spiritual strength; for empathy; for loyalty; for bridge-building; for helping; for teaching; for giving advice; for consolation; for deeper prayer; for smile or laughter; for service, etc. It may be the gift of money, possessions, or position that could bring blessings to others. Whatever the talents and resources you are given, are you using them in the service of the Lord and humanity? Do you make efforts to unearth your talents, harness them, and put them at the service of others? Happy are those who fear the Lord, who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy. They shall be known as children of light and will be ready for the Lord's return. Your talents are gifts: when used in the service of the Lord and others, they become blessings.

Every Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is designated by Pope Francis as the "World Day of the Poor". "It will be a day that will help communities and each baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel, and on the fact that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes, there can be no justice or social peace. This day will represent a genuine form of new evangelization which can renew the face of the Church as she perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy" (Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera*, Nov. 2016). Anything we offer the poor and needy is highly appreciated. Your "little" is a great relief. God bless you.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2023. Ayekoo! Be a true and proud ambassador of KNUST! We also share the joys of all our school leavers. Our prayer for you is to get the chance into your schools of choice. Take good care of yourselves and lend a helping hand at home. Use your gifts/talents to develop yourself and in the service of others, and you will be blessed. Do not forget your Bibles and Catechism. Be interested 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 our efforts with success. 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: Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 5:1-6  
Gospel: Matt. 25:14-30



## General Notices

### **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.

**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 Regis-**

**tration:** 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.

**Dumping of Refuse in front of the Chaplaincy Office:** The Chaplaincy Office is pleading with parishioners (Groups/Societies/Individuals) who are in the habit of dumping refuse in front of the Chaplaincy Office to please use the refuse dump at the back of the building instead of the front view of the office. We hope we will all adhere to this. Thank you.

**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



### FUN FACT

Docetism is a heresy that teaches that Christ did not have a real or natural body during his life on earth but his body was much like an illusion. Docetism was rejected at the First Council of Nicaea in 325.

## Committees, Groups & Societies

**Lait 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.

**Harvest Committee:** 1. Harvest Committee members are meeting on Tuesday November 21, 2023 at the usual meeting place at exactly 5.30pm. All representatives of various groups and societies are entreated to be present. 2. **Distribution of 2023 Adult Harvest Envelopes:** Envelopes for the Adult Harvest are going to be distributed today Sunday November 19, 2023 at all Masses. All parishioners should please take note 3. **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. 4. **Payment of 2023 Harvest Levies:** Sincere thanks from Harvest Committee to all parishioners for their contributions to the 2023 Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving thus far. The Committee is encouraging all parishioners to pay their 2023 Harvest Levies.

**Charismatic Renewal (Local):** 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday November 19, 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.

**Serra Club:** Serra Club, KNUST invites parishioners to their Talk on **“Understanding the Book of Revelation”** today Sunday, November 19, 2023 at the Msgr. Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall after the 8:00am Mass. Speaker: Serran J.K. Tandoh.

**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.

**Twii Catechism Class:** Parishioners are been informed that the Twii Catechism Class begins this Tuesday November 14 and Wednesday November 15, 2023 in every week onwards. Parishioners should please register for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Please register now before it is too late.

**Health Committee:** The Chaplaincy Health Committee informs parishioners of its exist-

ence 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](mailto:knustcatholicchaplaincy@gmail.com).

**Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:** Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

**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. Bernard Oforu**, son of Mr. Emmanuel Ofori Anim and Mad. Janet Coffie, born in Accra, now residing at KNUST and **Ms. Irene Pokua Marfo**, daughter of Mr. Kingsley Osei Marfo and Mad. Martha Yeboah Kontoh, born at Asante-Mampong, now residing at KNUST. (**2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement**)

## Youth Corner

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

## Pax Corner

## Funeral Invitation

## Sincere Thanks

Mrs. Sarah Dery and her niece Alexander Owusu are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Christian Mothers' Association, Local Charismatic Renewal, CYO, St. John International and all parishioners who sympathised and supported them during their bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for you.

**1. Calendars from Catholic Standard:** We have on sale Calendars from the Catholic Standard @ Fifteen Ghana Cedis (GH¢15.00) per a copy. Please, visit the Sales Desk and get your copy.

**2. Sale of Books – 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.

**3. 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).

**4. 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.

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

**6. Banana Bread:** Healthy Banana Bread with seeds and nuts available for sale and delivery as well. Contact – 0243750444.

**7. 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.

<b>Harvest 2023 Levies</b>	<b>GH¢</b>
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

**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.

**2.** A lady Service Personnel is in need of a single room apartment around Oforikrom, Susuanso, Bomso, Ayigya, Ayeduase, Kotei, or Deduako. Please call on 050-1659081 to help her.

**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: 0244805779 / 0204020362.

**5. 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 HND. Sales experience will be an added advantage. Interested applicants should call 0559190821 / 0501392199.

**6. Homecare Service Wanted:** A female parishioner (around 25 years) is wanted to take care of a home (children and the aged). Please call 024-7503546.

**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 may contact 0206744951 or 0595421091.

**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 at the Commercial Area and is open 24 hours. Contact them no: 0322067232 or 0501652923 for hassle-free laundry services. Absolute Quality every time.

**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.

**2. Blessed Trinity Leadership Academy:** The FST Sisters of the Archdiocese of Kumasi would like to inform all Catholics (parishioners) that their school, Blessed Trinity Leadership Academy, located at Akokoamong in the Ejisu Municipality is enrolling pupils from the Creche to Basic 9 (JHS 3). They have Day and Boarding facilities and buses that convey the students in the morning to school and in the afternoon to their various destinations. Parishioners are to send their children to the school to be well trained and rooted in the Catholic faith. For further information, please contact (1) the Headmistress – Sr. Theresa Arthur on: 0248149391, (2) the Assistant Head – Sir George on 0248505726, and (3) the Secretary – Madam Benedicta on 0247186619.

**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.

**5.** A 3-bedroom newly built house is available for renting at Anwomaso. Interested persons should contact 0208178286 / 0245021581.

**6.** A 3-bedroom flat with kitchen, bath and toilet rooms is ready for occupation at Ayeduase New Site, opposite Rhema Salvation Ministry on the KNUST-Ayeduase Road, suitable for 3 students. Interested persons can call 0244416770 / 0502693796.

**7.** There is A 2-Bedroom flat for rent at the Affordable Housing Unit at Asokore Mampong. Please, contact Atta Poku on 0246415027 / 0502781310.