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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 04/12/2023 – 6:30PM

Isa. 2:1-5 / Ps. 122:1-9 / Matt. 8:5-11 (John Damascene)

TUESDAY, 05/12/2023 – 6:30AM

Isa. 11:1-10 / Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Lk. 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, 06/12/2023 – 6:30AM

Isa. 25:6-10a / Ps. 23:1-6 / Matt. 15:29-37 (Nicholas)

THURSDAY, 07/12/23 – 7:00PM

Isa. 26:1-6 / Ps. 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 / Matt. 7:21, 24-27 (Ambrose)

FRIDAY, 08/12/23 – 6:30AM

Gen. 3:9-15, 20 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk. 1:26-38 (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

SATURDAY, 09/12/23 – 7:00AM

Isa. 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps. 147: / Matt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2023 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CYCLE B)

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. 40:1-5, 9-11

RES. PSALM - Ps. 85:9-14

2ND READING: 2 PT. 3:8-14

GOSPEL - MK. 1:1-8

DATE: 3RD DECEMBER, 2023

Advent: Waiting For The Lord!

Dearest in Christ, as we step into the Advent Season, a new Liturgical Year begins in the Church. We are called to prepare for the coming of the Lord. The Lord is certainly coming, but the day or the hour is not known. The readings of the Advent Season focus on the Coming of Christ in two ways: first, by continuing the eschatological themes of recent weeks, they anticipate the Final Coming of the Lord in glory at the end of time. Then, as Christmas draws nearer, the focus narrows to Christ's Coming in history, in the mystery of the Incarnation. The Coming of Christ, the Messiah, brings Joy, Hope, Love and Peace to God's people and people of goodwill. Hence, the exhortation to imbibe three fundamental attitudes that characterise Advent: Waiting, Watching, and Welcoming.

Human beings, they say, cannot live without hope. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or science or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

One of the reasons we read the Old Testament during the Season of Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament dared to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that they delivered from pandemics; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their people but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. They even hoped that God would rend the heavens and come down to wrought awesome deeds on their behalf. Clearly, their hopes are not different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, the sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery, God meeting us doing what is right and enriched in every way and with spiritual gift.

As Christians, we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet fully realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the Coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfilment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not far off, but is already in our midst. Hence, the importance in the Advent Liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Saviour in the world. For us believers, our life is a long vigil, waiting for the Lord to be revealed in all His glory. We wait with longing and with joyful hope, for His Spirit is with us, and we know that God is faithful to His promises. No one who waits for the Lord is ever put to shame.

Beloved, "Advent" has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward

to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. Christ tells us on this First Sunday of Advent to be watchful and alert. We are to stay awake and watch for His Coming. His coming is certain, but we do not know the day nor the hour. We should therefore live in such a way that when He comes – in the evening, or at midnight, or cockcrow, or in the morning – He should not find us wanting. He should find us doing what He commanded us to be doing: being faithful and loyal servants in loving God and loving one another; living holy and righteous lives. May He meet us doing our Christian duty and be ready to welcome Him whenever He comes. May He not come suddenly and find us sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all, Watch!

Alertness at every moment with the right way of conducting ourselves as people not lacking in any spiritual gift will ensure that we will not be among the left out. The readings introduce these three fundamental attitudes that characterise Advent: Waiting, Watching, and Welcoming. Waiting here is no passive action or mere idleness but eager expectation and inner longing. In watching, we must stay awake and alert at all times for the Lord's coming. Finally, we have to welcome Jesus into our hearts, our homes, and our lives. Every obstacle preventing Him from entering must be removed. How do you intend to be waiting, watchful, alert, and welcoming in your preparation toward the Advent of Christ? The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is capable of washing us clean so we can remain focused on doing our Christian duties. Directed Retreat is a wonderful moment for individuals, families, societies or groups to enjoy Grace and Peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Be watchful and alert, so that you may be prepared. Like a watchman that waits for the dawn, may we wait for You, O Lord.

Today we all have the opportunity as individuals, families, groups/societies, and a community of believers to Thank God for all His Mercies, Blessings, Favours, Protection, and Loving Care in our lives. Let us give Thanks to God in our unique ways. God richly bless and replenish you.

We share the joys of all our school leavers. Our prayer for you is to get the chance into your schools of choice. We pray journey mercies for our fresh SHS students as to prepare for school and may you enjoy God's protection in school. Take good care of yourselves and always be in touch with your God. May we wait, watch, and welcome the Lord whenever He comes. 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 Baghrmwin SJ—0277154777
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: . 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:3-9

Gospel: Mk. 13:33-37



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.

Benediction: There will be Benediction today Sunday December 3, 2023 at 7:00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

Infant Baptism: There will be baptism for infants on Saturday December 9, 2023 at 4:00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday December 8, 2023 at 5:00pm at the Chaplaincy with their children/wards' godparents.

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: 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.

Advent Retreat! Advent Retreat!! Advent Retreat!!!: This year's Advent Retreat is scheduled to take off from Monday December 11, 2023 at the Chaplaincy here. The program will be launched on next Sunday December 10, 2023 at all Masses. Please watch out.

Ogan Trainees: All those who signed up for the Organ training are to come with their parents for a meeting on next Sunday December 10, 2023 at the Chaplaincy (the ground floor of the Dr. R.P. Baffoe Complex) after the 8.00am Mass.

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

The Gloria is neither sung nor recited during the season of Advent.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Harvest Committee: **1. 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 December 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.

Twii Catechism Class: Parishioners are being informed that the Twii Catechism Class for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation has begun and is ongoing every Tuesday 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners should please register now before it is too late.

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: 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. Albanu Wuleka Kongyir, son of Mr. Basilide Kongyir and Mad. Veronica Kongyir (Derzu), born at Lawra, now residing at KNUST Campus, Kumasi and **Ms. Paulina Dery**, daughter of Mr. Erebome Dery Felix and Florence Dery, born at Babile, now residing at KNUST Campus, Kumasi (**2nd Announcement**)

2. Mr. Agyei Acheampong Nyarko, son of Mr. Abraham Adu Nyarko and Mad. Resebella Kwarteng, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Kotei-Deduako, now residing at Tema Community 8 and **Ms. Doris Sarpong Akosa**, daughter of Mr. Kwaku Sarpong Akosa and Mrs. Comfort Sarpong Akosa, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Ash Town, Kumasi, now residing at Anwomaso, Kumasi. (**1st announcement**)

3. Mr. Steve Ahenkora Amoako, son of Rev. James Amoako and Mrs. Angelina Akua Ahenkora, born at Kade, resided at Baatsona, Accra, now residing at Dome, Accra and **Ms. Judith Edem Foli**, daughter of Mr. Samuel Prince Foli and Mad. Benedicta Carbilba Ashon, born at Secondi Takoradi, resided at Koforidua, now residing at Tema Community 25. (**1st Announcement**)

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

Funeral Announcements

1. We announce the funeral of Ms. Anna Aniah (a.k.a. Kande), a parishioner and member of St. Joseph's Choir and also the mother of Mrs. Mary Aniah Appiah, also a parishioner and member of St. Joseph's Choir as follows: wake-keeping on Friday December 8, 2023 at KNUST Police Station 2, near the KNUST Community Centre Bus Stop, laying in state on Saturday December 9, 2023 at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.00am, burial follows, final funeral at KNUST Police Station 2, near the KNUST Community Centre Bus Stop from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday December 9, 2023 at the Chaplaincy at 10.00am, family gathering from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family, (**Mrs. Mary Aniah Appiah to be introduced**)

2. We announce the funeral of Mad. Susana Suka Achido (a.k.a. Mawuko), a parishioner as follows: final funeral rites on Saturday December 9, 2023 at Penkwase – Sakora Park, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday December 10, 2023 at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Penkwase. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family

Sincere Thanks

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.

Harvest 2023 Levies	GH¢
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 salesgirls/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.