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Prepare the Way of the Lord Into Your Heart and Life

Dearest in Christ, today, the Second Sunday of Advent (Year B), the Liturgical readings invite us to prepare the Way and make straight the Paths of the Lord into our hearts and lives. This preparation is as meaningful to us as it was to the people of Israel. There is the message of hope and restoration promised us by God for such preparation: He wants to save us from all that enslave us. It is thus a celebration of the Good News of God's incredible love for all His people. Every messenger of this Good News says the same thing: He is coming to save you; He will make all things new; prepare for Him; take Him to your heart.

When the people of Israel had their trust in the Lord severely tested in exile in Babylon, the prophet Isaiah, spoke to them a message of hope and restoration. He paints a picture of God's intervention to rescue and save his people from slavery, a picture of consolation and comfort. The instruction to straighten all the spiritual rough edges and level up all the spiritual valleys is what we are called to. Like the Israelites, we need to make ourselves clean/pure for the Lord's Coming. We are to take comfort because our warfare is ended, our iniquities are pardoned, and we will receive from the Lord's hand double for all our sins. For all these blessings to be made manifest in our lives, we need to prepare a way for the Lord. He comes with power and subdues all things under His rule. St Peter, in our second reading, encourages us to stop calculating dates and concentrate on living good lives. He underlines the importance of Christian moral rectitude as the proper disposition while awaiting the Lord's coming. The purpose of God's patience and delay is that all should prepare and come to repentance. His advice to us is, as we seek to confess our sinfulness in preparation for Christmas, we should endeavour to stay in peace, without spot or blemish before the Lord.

The Gospel is the opening statement of St. Mark. It tells us who Jesus Christ is: the Messiah, the Son of God. It shows how Jesus is the fulfilment of the promises God had made to His people through the prophets of the Old Testament. The mission and ministry of John the Baptist, the Precursor of the Lord, are announced to us. He is the Voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight". As the Voice of Advent, John comes at the end of a long line of prophets who helped God's people prepare for the coming of the Messiah. John's message to all Christians is that the preparation for the Messiah demands from us a radical change of attitude and lifestyle.

This herald of Christ's message to us all is to prepare. His ministry calls on people to confess their sins in response to the call to repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Whatever is crooked in our lives, making us aimlessly meander and saunter must be straightened. Some of us have mountains and hills of pride, arrogance and insolence that are to be made low if we wish the Lord to come our way. There are also some rough edges in our lives that we have to make smooth. We ought to fill up every valley of emptiness in our souls with the gracious Word of God and do its bidding. Timely preparedness by all the faithful remains a fundamental attitude for this Advent Season. The penitential motif that is so strong in Advent Liturgies is connected to this idea of Conversion, Confession of sins, and true Repentance by following the Lord's

Way. Like John, we should lead others to Christ the Lord. Just as physical site preparation is crucial for building any solid infrastructure, so also is the call to spiritual site preparation by Isaiah and John the Baptist. This requires a much deeper preparation of our life for Christ. What are we giving up to prepare a solid spiritual construction in our lives?

It would be simple if the joy and peace of Christmas came with just putting up decorations, turning on a Christmas CD, and stringing out the lights. Plug it all in and Christmas happens! Christmas that happens so easily disappears just as much. The deeper "Christmas" that the second Sunday of Advent invites us to reflect on is a rebirth of fidelity to the Lord Jesus, a deeper appreciation of our Christian dignity and mission, and a renewed welcoming of Christ that requires serious and effective preparation. Renewal in our lives requires Repentance – they go together. In the middle of everything, let's make room for John the Baptist and his message of Repentance. He reminds us that we should be getting ready not just for another holiday season but for holy lives in the power of Christ. In this busy and crowded season of Christmas, let us take away one or two stones or boulders that block the full flow of grace into our lives. Let us prepare not for temporary seasonal cheers but for a deep joy in the Lord that comes from experiencing a release from sin to a new life in Christ. With John, Christmas will not just be a holiday season, but a healing season as well. Come, O Lord, and dwell in us!

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for adhering to our invitation as individuals, families, groups, societies, and as a believing community to give Thanks to God for all He has done for us throughout the Year 2023. God appreciates your sincere and generous Thanksgiving. May He richly bless and replenish you.

We continue to share the joys of all our school leavers. As we thank God for all who have gotten the chance into their SHSs of choice, we pray for those who are yet to make it into theirs. We pray journey mercies for all travelling to school and may you enjoy God's protection while in school. Do not go testing all spirits, you might get lost! Take good care of yourselves and always be in touch with the Catholic Church and God. As we all consciously prepare the Way of the Lord and make His Path straight into our hearts and lives, may He come and dwell in us. 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
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Isa. 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading: 2 Pt. 3:8-14
Gospel: Mk. 1:1-8



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 11/12/2023 – 6.30AM

Isa. 35:1-10 / Ps. 85:9-14 / Lk. 5:17-26 (Damasus I)

TUESDAY, 12/12/2023 - 6:30AM

Isa. 40:1-11 / Ps. 96:1-3, 10-13 / Matt. 18:12-14 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

WEDNESDAY, 13/12/2023 - 6:30AM

Isa. 40:25-31 / Ps. 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Matt. 11:28-30 (St. Lucy)

THURSDAY, 14/12/23 - 6:30AM

Isa. 41:13-20 / Ps. 145:1, 9-13 / Matt. 11:11-15 (St. John of The Cross)

FRIDAY, 15/12/23 - 6:30AM

Isa. 48:17-19 / Ps. 1:1-4, 6 / Matt. 11:16-19

SATURDAY, 16/12/23 - 7.00AM

Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / Matt. 17:9a, 10-13

NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2023 – 3RD 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. 61:1-2A, 10-11

RES. PSALM - Ps. LK. 1:46-50, 53-54

2ND READING: 1 THESS. 5:16-24

GOSPEL - JN. 1:6-8, 19-28

General Notices

Notice of Sunday Announcements: Kindly note that all announcements to be made at Mass on Sunday should reach the Chaplaincy Office latest 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.

Advent Retreat! Advent Retreat!! Advent Retreat!!!: The Parish Advent Retreat is to be launched today Sunday December 10, 2023 at all Masses. The program will take off from Monday December 11, 2023 and end on Friday December 15, 2023 at 6.30pm each night with the theme: *“Be On Watch, Be Alert”* (Mark 13:33, 35, 37). Please take note of the following daily Talks:

Day 1– Mon. 11/12/23– *Stay Awake* (Mk. 13:33)

Day 2 – Tue. 12/12/23 – *Now He Commands all people to Repent* (Act 17:30)

Day 3– Wed. 13/12/23 – *Persevere* (Lk. 18:5-8)

Day 4 – Thur. 14/12/23 – *Stop Complaining* (Jas. 5: ‘9’ 7-11, Num. 13:1-2, 25; 14:26)

Day 5 – Fri. 15/12/23 – *Wait, your Strength will be Renewed* (Isa. 40:31)

In view of this, all Masses within the period have been shifted to 6:30am. All parishioners are encouraged to be part of this spiritual program.

“Sebomai” Concert: The Evangelization Office of the Kumasi Archdiocese presents *“Sebomai” Concert – A Time to Worship and Adore* (Acts 16:25). The program takes place on Sunday December 17, 2023 at the forecourt of Saint Peter’s Cathedral Basilica at 3:00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this spiritual program.

Carol Service and Deanery Youth Choir Launch: The Asawase Deanery Youth Office is organizing a Carol Service on Sunday December 17, 2023 at St. Paul’s Parish, Adukrom at 4:00pm. There will also be the launch of the Asawase Deanery Youth Choir. Kindly take note.

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. Thankyou.

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.

Organ Trainees: All those who signed up for the Organ training are to come with their parents to meet the Music Committee at the Chaplaincy (in front of the Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex) today Sunday December 10, 2023 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”*

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

Originally Advent was not associated with Christmas. It was used instead as a time of preparation for new converts leading up to Epiphany.

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.

Harvest Committee: 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 as below:

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday December 10, 2023, there will be City Prayer Meeting at the Cathedral Basilica at 2.00pm and in view of this there will be no meeting at the Chaplaincy. However, meeting continues next Sunday. **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 have 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 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 knustcatholicchaplancy@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. Erehome Dery Felix and Florence Dery, born at Babile, now residing at KNUST Campus, Kumasi (**3rd Announcement – To be introduced at all Masses**)

2. Mr. Agyei Acheampong Nyarko, son of Mr. Abraham Adu Nyarko and Mad. Rosebella 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. (**2nd 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. (**2nd Announcement**)

4. Mr. Samuel Kyekyire Akwaboah, son of Mr. Francis Kwabena Akwaboah and Mad. Akosua Akyamah, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Kronum-Kwapra, now residing at Oduom and **Ms. Afia Dufie Yeboah-Mensah**, daughter of Prof. Abraham Yeboah Mensah and Mrs. Gloria Cynthia Yeboah Mensah, born in London, now residing at Kotei, Kumasi. (**1st Announcement**)

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

Funeral Announcement

We announce the death of Mrs. Georgina Buabeng, a parishioner and member of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall. The one-week celebration will be held on Friday, 15th December 2023 at Brobbey Junction, Kotei (GP Address: AK-507-8234) from 6:00am to 6:00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

- Mrs. Grace Addai Essiaw and family are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Christian Mothers' Association, Mass Servers, St. Cecilia's Guild, Catechists, Ushers and parishioners for your sympathy and generous donations during their bereavement. They pray that the good Lord replenishes all that you lost in their favour. God bless you all.
- Mr. & Mrs. Dokey are thanking the Chaplain, the Assisting Priests, Catechists, (Nana Agyenim Boateng), Non-Aligned Movement and all who helped to make their holy matrimony a success. They pray for God's blessings for you all.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Ofosu wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Assisting Priest, Marriage and Family Life Committee, Mass Servers, Christian Mothers' Association, Catechist, Youth Choir, Ushers and parishioners for prayer and support and also making their holy matrimony a success. They ask for God's blessings for you.
- Mr. Julius Segkpeb and family are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Peter's Choir, Dagaaba Union, Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association, and parishioners for your sympathy and generous donations during their bereavement. They pray that the good Lord restore all that you lost in their favour. God bless you all.

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.

Job Opportunity: 1. A parishioner is looking for a female to work as a house help. Please interested persons should contact her on 0202027360 / 0208198270 for help.

2. 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.

3. 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: 0204020362.

4. 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.

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

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

4. 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.

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