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DATE: 17TH DECEMBER, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 18/12/2023 - 6.30PM

Jer. 23:5-8 / Ps. 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 /
Matt. 1:18-25)

TUESDAY, 19/12/2023 - 6:30AM

Jdgs. 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps. 71:3-6, 16-17
m/ Lk. 1:5-25

WEDNESDAY, 20/12/2023-6:30AM

Isa. 7:10-14 / Ps. 23:1-6 / Lk. 1:26-38

THURSDAY, 21/12/23 - 7:00PM

Song 2:8-14 / Ps. 33:2-3, n11-12, 230-
21 / Lk. 1:39-45 (Peter Canisius)

FRIDAY, 22/12/23 - 6:30AM

1 Sam. 1:24-28 / Ps. 1 Sam. 2:1, 4-8 /
Lk. 1:46-56

SATURDAY, 23/12/23 - 7.00AM

Mal. 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps. 25:4-5, 8-10 / Lk.
1:57-66 (Commemoration of John of
Khandy)

**NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 24,
2023 – 4TH 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 - 2 SAM. 7:1-5, 8B-12,
14A, 16**

RES. PSALM - Ps. 89:2-5, 27, 29

2ND READING: ROM. 16:25-27

GOSPEL - LK. 1:26-38

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

**SUNDAY, 24/12/23 – CHRISTMAS EVE –
7.00PM**

**MONDAY, 25-12-23 – NATIVITY OF THE
LORD (CHRISTMAS) – 2 MASSES AT
7.00AM AND 9.00AM**

**TUESDAY, 26/12/23 – ST. STEPHEN,
THE FIRST MARTYR'S DAY – MASS AT
6.30AM AND MASS AT PRISONS AT
9.00AM**

**SUNDAY, 31/12/23 – THE HOLY FAMILY
DAY – USUAL 3 MASSES**

**SUNDAY, 31/12/23 – NEW YEAR VIGIL
AT 9.00PM**

**MONDAY, 01/01/24 – NEW YEAR DAY,
MARY MOTHER OF GOD – 2 MASSES
AT 7.00AM AND 9.00AM**

Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice in the Lord!

Dearest in Christ, today, the Third Sunday of Advent is liturgically called “Gaudete Sunday”, and the Church beckons us to Rejoice because Christ the Messiah is close at hand. We celebrate our joy in Christ’s redeeming work among us, realizing that He who is to come is indeed already with us, unknown to us. Today is appropriately called Gaudete Sunday because the Saviour is near and the central theme is an invitation to a joyous celebration.

We are, by our preparation, to receive Christ; making our hearts light and joyful. The vestments get a little lighter and the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit. The rose vestments are worn to signal a kind of “relief” in the penitential character of the season, calling us to rejoice at the presence of the Holy One in our midst. With less than two weeks to the proper celebration of Christmas, this reminder is important to keep our minds and attitudes focused on the real things that matter in this Season. Christianity is a vocation of joy: the Christian ought to be a cheerful person because Christ has shown the meaning of life. Rich or poor, sick or healthy, the Christian is always happy and lives in joy. Hence, St Paul, in the second reading, exhorts his audience to rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances, do good, and shun evil.

Christians have the course to be joyous because we have seen signs of the Messiah’s arrival as highlighted in the first reading; thus, we have to rejoice and give thanks to God, for our salvation has come. For the prophet Isaiah, in our first reading, happiness is a gift that God gives to all though it is an ongoing and demanding task. He acknowledges that his vocation is to bring to those who have returned from the Exile a message of joy and hope; announcing “glad tidings” to the poor and a year of jubilee. He is anointed and sent for a specific task: to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and opening of prisons to those who are bound, to announce the year of the Lord’s favour. The prophet Isaiah greatly rejoices in the Lord while his soul exults in God because salvation is at hand.

Discerning God’s presence is not an easy business. The Gospel presents us with John as an example of one who discerns accurately the nature of God’s action in his life. He admits that he is not the Messiah, yet he insists on the reality and importance of the role he plays in God’s plan as the precursor, forerunner, to the Messiah. In faithfulness to his mission, he refuses to take any other title that people would like to give him, such as the Christ or the Prophet. He sees himself as the “voice in the desert, crying out: make straight the way of the Lord”. He is sent from God to bear witness to Christ, the Word of God, and the Light that comes into the world, that all might believe through him. The same should be said of us. Christians must be the voices crying out in today’s wilderness, resisting the temptation of self-glory, self-righteousness, and self-aggrandizement ahead of the Gospel. God wants us, like John, to be faithful, rejoicing heartily in Him. The Christian joy and rejoicing is much more meaningful in the hearts of those who know their calling and are faithful to it. Our task as Christians is to be the voices of God, pointing the way to Jesus, who can save us. We are obliged to speak up against anything that leads people away from God.

John the Baptist, our model, witnesses to One who is to come, One far mightier than he, One who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. He as a true prophet does make himself important, advertise his name or enjoy drawing crowds to cheer him. He does

not attract attention to himself, but to Jesus whom he served humbly. To Him be all the glory. As we await His coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God. This is our joy in Christ! Being joyful in the Lord entails living an authentic Christian life: that is, turning away from sin and all that entices us, and returning to God wholeheartedly. To live happily and walk joyfully before God we must be fully connected to Him in sincerity of purpose and integrity of life. This kind of life is fruitful and comes from Christ Himself: not from stereotyped observance of religious duties and stipulated rites. To seek and do the Will of God at all times brings about a true change of heart as advocated by John. The Season of Advent invites us to respond positively to this call and greatly rejoice in the Lord who has clothed us with the garments of salvation.

Beloved, this period should not be limited to thinking and buying presents, sending cards, attending pre-Christmas parties, enjoying carol services, and awaiting the New Year. It is a time to discern the true source and cause of Christian joy, the presence of God in our midst, and our place and role in God’s salvific plan. Let us make time to do our spiritual preparation for Christmas. May the joy of the Lord follow us all the days of our lives as we make the effort to know our place and role in God’s plan, being kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will surely do it.

Sincere thanks to the Harvest Committee and our cherished Parishioners for making our Annual Adult Thanksgiving, our 2023 Harvest, a reality. Many thanks for adhering to our appeal to participate in this opportunity to thank God. I believe you looked into your life, as an individual and as a family, groups, societies, and as a believing community, saw what the Lord did for you in the course of the year, and showed your appreciation to Him in this year’s harvest. God appreciates your sincere and generous Thanksgiving. May He 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 for one reason or the other, and may you enjoy God’s protection. Take good care of yourselves and always be in touch with the Catholic Church and God. Let us always rejoice in the Lord’s redeeming work among us, realizing that He who is to come is indeed already with us. Never forget the Reason for the Season! Our prayer is: Come, Lord, do not delay, 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 Quagrainie - 0207024221
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin SJ – 0277154777
Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako – 0501154065
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Isa. 61:1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 5:16-24

Gospel: Jn. 1:6-8, 19-28





FUN FACT

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. This is based on the Introit for the day's Mass: *"Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete."* which translates as: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice."*

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.

Christmas Break: The University Community is informed that the Christmas and New Year Holidays will commence after close of work on Friday, December 22, 2023 and end on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Normal work will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2024. The Chaplaincy Office will be opened on December 27, 28 and 29, 2023 and January 3, 2024 from 8.30am to 2.00pm. Parishioners should please take note of this.

"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 today Sunday December 17, 2023 at the forecourt of St. 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 today Sunday De-

ember 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 and be there.

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.

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.

Carols Service and Launching of Deanery Youth Choir: Rev. Fr. Edward Akwasi Gyebi, the Asawase Deanery Youth Chaplain is inviting all Youth and Senior Choirs to a Carols Service and Launch of the Asawase Deanery Youth Choir today Sunday December 17, 2023 at the St. Paul's Catholic Church, Adukrom at 4.00pm prompt. Please be there to grace this festive occasion.

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: 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 as below:

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday December 17, 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.

Two Catechism Class: Parishioners have been informed that the Two 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 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, Two 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. 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. **(3rd Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses)**

2. **Mr. Samuel Kyekyire Akwaboah**, son of Mr. Francis Kwabena Akwaboah and Mad. Akosua Akyeamah, 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. **(2nd Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses)**

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. **(3rd Announcement)**

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

Funeral Invitations

1. Mrs. Mary Puobe, a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Union/Christian Mothers' Association announces the funeral of her father Mr. Felix Daawieh Vuore which occurred some few weeks ago. The final funeral has since been performed at her home town in the Upper East Region.
2. Mrs. Harriet Wilson, a parishioner and member of the Local CCR and Christian Mothers' Association is inviting parishioners to the one-week celebration of the death of her father Opanyin John Otoo (a.k.a. Loco Fall Down) on Thursday December 21, 2023 at No. NN 106 New Nsuta, Obuasi, near the Central Mosque from 6.00am to 6.00pm. Please, you are invited to mourn with Mrs. Wilson and her bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

1. Mrs. Mary Aniah Appiah and Family are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Assisting Priests, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Joseph's/Chaplaincy Mass Choir, Ushers, Catechists, groups/societies and parishioners for your support and sympathy during their bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for you.
2. Rev. Fr. Prof John Appiah Poku, Rev. Fr. Prof Thomas Poku and family are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Assisting Priests, groups/societies and parishioners for your support and sympathy during the final funeral rites of their mother Mrs. Mary Poku. 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.

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

Divine Eye Care: The Divine Eye Care Optical Services and Vision will be at the Chapelaincy next Sunday December 24, 2023 for Eye Screening. You may see them at the Klaver Hall for your reading spectacle, designer frame, photo-chronic bifocal lens, sophisticated frame and etc. Please, find time to visit them after each Mass for 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.

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.