

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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Annunciation: Yes, to Bringing Christ to Others!

Dearest in Christ, on this Fourth and Last Sunday of Advent (B) before Christmas, the Gospel focuses on Mary, the Mother of Jesus, drawing our attention to the mystery of the Incarnation by way of the events immediately preceding the birth of Jesus. An angel tells her about the birth of the Messiah. We are told that there was a young maiden, who knelt at the angel Gabriel's mysterious message and, in the freedom of her heart, gave the total gift of herself to God, saying: "Be it done unto me according to thy Word". Today's Mass is a great song to the everlasting love of God revealed in His covenant (love-pact) with His people. We praise the mystery of His love kept secret for endless ages, now revealed through a new ark of the covenant, Mary of Nazareth. This means David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfilment in the Son of Mary, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory and praise forever.

Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification have been marvellously planned, programmed, and permitted by God. This threefold event reaches its peak in the Incarnation of Christ, the God-Man. Today we are on the threshold of Christmas, commemorating how our salvation has arrived. The Gospel describes the event of the Lord's Annunciation. This event is the moment when God first revealed a mystery that He kept for endless ages. His love for us is indeed so great that He wants to become one of us. Mary was chosen by God to carry out His plan for the world and to send His Son among us. As a young virgin, at the beginning of her adult life, God entered it and called her to give it a direction she never expected. She was asked to cooperate with God and be the Mother of Christ. The moment she said "Yes" to the angel, salvation dawned for mankind and she brought that salvation to birth at Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day. Mary did not say "Yes" to God on only one occasion. She had to confirm that "Yes" many times during her life. She did not understand all that was implied but responded with a trusting "Yes" to what she understood. She had no idea that at Christ's birth, every door would close in her face. She was shortly to become a refugee in Egypt and some thirty years later she was to see her Son die the death of a common criminal. It is through the ordinary circumstances of life that God asks us to bring Christ into our world. God needs your "Yes" to bring His salvation to others.

As part of St Luke's infancy narrative, he demonstrates the divine origin of Jesus, as well as shows how His birth was the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies and expectations. The Bible has its way of showing that God calls somebody for a special task. Mary is called by God to be the Mother of Jesus. She is afraid but God assures her she will not be alone. With this assurance and the fact that the Child Jesus will be great, the Son of the Most High, and Saviour of others, she accepts. With Mary's "fiat", God entered into the life of this young couple, Mary and Joseph, and they acknowledged that their love for each other would become God's instrument to realize His plans for humanity. The quality of their relationship changed and they both started new lives.

Mary received her mission to become the Mother of Jesus, the Great One. She realized how important her mission was when she was told what the mission of her Child would be. He will be great and the Son of the Most High, Son of God. The Messiah was expected to

come from the family of David, and in Jesus, God will fulfil the promise that David's house will rule forever. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. He is to rule over the house of Jacob forever and His reign will have no end. Jesus is the Messiah arising from David's stock. Mary is told what name to give to the Child. His name is "Jesus" because He will save His people from their sins. He will mend what is broken; heal what is bruised; unite what is divided; and gather together what is scattered. Names, in the Bible, always express a mission. Jesus' mission, as revealed before His birth, is to be the Saviour of God's people, to help them re-establish their relationship with God that had been broken. Jesus will be called the Saviour because He will heal both physically and spiritually, and so save people from different kinds of bondage. What is your name, and what is your mission?

God asked Mary and Joseph to realize His plan to save people in the very ordinary circumstances of their family life. They know very well their limitation, but accept their call with great simplicity and trust. This tells us that it is in the ordinary circumstances of life that God is also going to ask us to bring Christ to our world today. Our limitations and weaknesses must not discourage us but make us humble enough to trust that we are not alone in whatever task God entrusts us with. Jesus is present with us through His Spirit and will show us what to do. We can be sure of God's guidance and strength so long as we, like Mary and Joseph, agree that God should take control of our lives and direct them the way He wants for His greater glory. If we say a total "Yes" to God, we will feel the joy and peace that is the sign of God's children.

Beloved, Christmas is almost upon us and, on this fourth Sunday of Advent, our thoughts turn to Mary our Mother, who is the model of listening and waiting for the Lord to come. God not only wants to become one of us, but His reason for doing so is that He wants us to become like him. In listening to the Word of God, Mary shows us an important aspect of our Christian life. To be Christians is to be persons who keep their ears open to what God is calling them to do so that they can answer that call. We can ask her to help us have her attitude of listening and responding to God's call so that we can be as ready and as willing to bring Christ into our world as she did.

My dear students and school leavers. Christmas is here with us again. As we share the love, joy and peace of the season, let us not forget the Reason for the Season! Our "Yes" to God is crucial for our salvation and that of others. 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 bless us in our celebrations. 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!

Merry Christmas! 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 Quagrainé — 0207024221
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin SJ — 0277154777
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CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
2nd Reading: Rom. 16:25-27
Gospel: Lk. 1:26-38

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 25/12/2023 – 7:00AM/9:00AM

Isa. 52:7-10 / Ps. 98:1-6 / Heb. 1:1-6 / Jn. 1:1-18 (The Nativity of The Lord – Christmas)

TUESDAY, 26/12/2023 – 6:30AM

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Ps. 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17 / Matt. 10:17-22 (St. Stephen – The First Martyr)

WEDNESDAY, 27/12/2023 – 6:30AM

1 Jn. 1:1-4 / Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Jn. 20:2-8 (St. John – Apostle, Evangelist)

THURSDAY, 28/12/23 – 7:00PM

1 Jn. 1:5 – 2:2 / Ps. 124:2-5, 7b-8 / Matt. 2:3-18 (Holy Innocents – Martyrs)

FRIDAY, 29/12/23 – 6:30AM

1 Jn. 2:3-11 / Ps. 96:1-3, 5-6 / Lk. 2:22-35 (Thomas Becket)

SATURDAY, 30/12/23 – 7:00AM

1 Jn. 2:12-17 / Ps. 96:7-10 / Lk. 2:36-40

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2023 – FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY (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 - GEN. 15:1-6; 21:1-3

RES. PSALM - Ps. 128:1-5

2ND READING: HEB. 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

GOSPEL - Lk. 2:22-40

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





FUN FACT

The Twelve Days of Christmas actually begin after Christmas Day! It starts on December 26th with the twelfth day falling on December 6th— The Feast of the Epiphany.

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 commenced after close of work on Friday, December 22, 2023 and will 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.

Aged/Homebound/Infirm Parishioners: We are appealing to parishioners to furnish the Chaplaincy Office with the names and house addresses of sick, aged, homebound, and infirm parishioners to enable our Catechists and Eucharistic Ministers visit and give them Communion.

Charity to the Sick and Homebound

Committees, Groups & Societies

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): Members are being reminded that today Sunday December 24, 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.

Parishioners: All parishioners are been encouraged to bring Offertory Gifts on the New Year's Day i.e., January 1, 2024 at all Masses. (Items like: rice, cooking oil, tomato paste – tin or sachet), biscuits, milk, drinks, etc. These items will be sent to our sick and homebound parishioners. We will also take a second collection to support the same. Parishioners should please come prepared to support our sick members.

Chaplaincy News Bulletin: Please, sign up to receive News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy.

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.

Teresian International – Children's Party: Members of the Teresians International will be organising a Christmas Party for Chaplaincy children at the Chaplaincy here on Wednesday December 27, 2023 at 9.00am. All parents/guardians should please allow their children/wards to attend the party.

3. In collaboration with PET, the Local CCR is organising a Prayer and Fasting program from Tuesday the 26th of December to Friday the 29th of December, 2023 at the Chaplaincy from 9.00am to 12noon each day. All parishioners are cordially invited.

Catholic Women Association (CWA): The Catholic Women Association is inviting new members to join them. Interested parishioners are to meet with the President after Mass.

Health Committee: The Chaplaincy Health Committee informs parishioners of its existence and also entreat us to channel our health needs and concerns to the Committee through the contact number 0241133879 (WhatsApp Number) for consideration. These needs and concerns may help the Committee to plan its programme

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, Twi and English Praesidia, Virgin Most Powerful and Our Lady of Holy Rosary, meet this and every Wednesday and Thursday at 5.30pm respectively. New and old members are warmly welcome.

Marriage Banns



1. 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. **(3rd Announcement)**.

2. Mr. Richard Sena Otio, son of Mr. Joseph Kojo Adzagli and Mad. Florence Abliza, born at Tamale, resided at Denmark, now residing at New-Jersey and **Ms. Cyndi Lomokie Doe**, daughter of Mr. Emmanuel Nartey Doe and Mrs. Gifty Aku Atandor Doe, born at Effiduase (Koforidua), resided at Koforidua, now residing in Kumasi. **(1st Announcement)**

3. Mr. Augustine Senanu Komla Kukah, son of Mr. Bernard Kwesi and Mad. Mary Theodora Akosua, born at Korle-Bu – ex Ho, resided at Asuoyeboah, Kumasi, now residing at Australia – Sydney and **Ms. Debra Mansaxya Kakora**, daughter of Mr. Leopold Naab-Kakora and Mrs. Susana Naab-Kakora, born in Kumasi, now residing at KNUST, |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 Invitations

Sincere Thanks

1. Mad. Felicia Korsah wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Christian Mothers' Association, Sacred Heart and Rosary Confraternity, Non-Aligned Movement and parishioners for your support and sympathy during her bereavement. She asks for God's blessings for you.

2. The family of Mad. Susana Suka Achido are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee and parishioners for supporting and sympathising them during the funeral of their beloved. They pray for God's blessings for 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.

<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 Chapel today 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 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.

4. 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, Bomo, Ayeduase, Kotei, or Deduako. Please call on 0504741374 to help.