

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

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DATE: 14TH JANUARY, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 15/01/2024 – 6:30PM

1 Sam. 15:16-23 / Ps. 50:8-9,
16-17, 21-23 / Mk. 2:18-22

TUESDAY, 16/01/2024 -

6:30AM/6:30PM

1 Sam. 16:1-13 / Ps. 89:20-22,
27-28 / Mk. 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY, 17/01/2024-

6:30AM

1 Sam. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 /
Mk. 144:1-2, 9-10 / Mk. 3:1-6
(St. Anthony)

THURSDAY, 18/01/2024 -

7:00PM

1 Sam. 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Ps.
56:2-3, 9-13 / Mk. 3:7-12

FRIDAY, 19/01/2024 - 6:30AM

1 Sam. 24:3-21 / Ps. 57:2-4, 6,
11 / Mk. 3:13-19

SATURDAY, 20/01/2024 -

7:00AM

2 Sam. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-
27 / Ps. 80:2-3, 5-7 / Mk. 3:20-
21 (Fabian & Sabastian)

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY

**21, 2024 – 3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (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 - JON. 3:1-5, 10

RES. PSALM - Ps. 25:4-9

2ND READING: 1 COR. 7:29-31

GOSPEL - MK. 1:14-20

Discipleship: Call to Glorify God In Your Body!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B). This Sunday serves as a bridge in the Liturgical Cycle between the Christmas Season, which ended with the Baptism of the Lord, and that of Ordinary Time. The readings dwell on discipleship, inviting us to reflect on discerning our Calling/Vocation. Christ calls each of us by name. In this celebration we listen to what He has to say to us, prepared to use in His service the body that He has given us for the glory of God. We say with Him: "This is my body which is given up for you".

Every person in this world has a mission to accomplish and it is God who calls each one of us to our respective missions. To realize God's call, we need to be attentive to the Voice of God and equally be at the right place where the call is possible. God calls us directly or through various mediums. Most often, He calls us through human mediation as is the case of the young Samuel guided by the prophet Eli in our first reading; and the apostles Andrew and Simon through John the Baptist. Samuel, already placed in the service of the Lord from birth (by his mother), experiences a Divine Call to further dedicate himself. Having been offered to God, Samuel had nowhere else to lay his head other than the place where the Ark of God was kept. It was here that God called him. Samuel was quiet enough to hear the Voice of God clearly. Three times he ran to Eli, thinking it was Eli's voice. Eli then understood what was happening and gave spiritual guidance to Samuel – when He calls again, say: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening". His dialogue with Eli, under whose mentorship he served in the Temple, illustrates the persistence of God's call and the need to discern whose voice is being heard in the watches of the night. The Psalmist celebrates the obedient listening appropriate for the one who is called. Samuel is called to be a prophet, and as a prophet, his words and deeds display the mission he is given.

St Paul in our second reading takes the advantage to remind and invite us to our common calling or vocation as Christians. Instructing the Christian community in the port city of Corinth, a place known for sexual licentiousness (immorality), where the dignity of the human body and sexuality is trivialized, Paul argues that honour is due to the body because of the bodily Resurrection of Jesus. In contrast with Gnostic teaching which claimed that the body, evil of itself, inhibited the spirit, Paul teaches that the body cooperates with the spirit as its temple and cannot be regarded as evil: liberating all who are trapped, addicted, driven, or paralyzed by the erotic. A reverential, rather than a casual, attitude therefore should be maintained towards sexuality and other related aspects of bodily life. The Christian calling is indeed toward an integration of the whole person, whose salvation – body and soul – is won by Christ. We all have a common vocation to purity and sanctity of life by keeping our bodies holy and free from the corruption of sin. No matter our calling/vocation, all must respect the dignity of the human body, which belongs to God and is God's temple. We are called to show respect, responsibility, and integrity in sexual life. Our bodies are more than biological units: they are real temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Christ, and we glorify God in our bodies by the way we live.

The call of the first disciples in the Gospel of John, so important to the classic vision of Christian vocation, enjoys a privileged place in the Catechumenal journey. It is a Gospel assigned for the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, and is remarkable for its

synthesis of numerous features of adult conversion and discipleship: the recognition of the Person of Jesus, both directly or through witnesses; the followers' invitation to others to share their discovery; hearing the challenge of "what are you looking for?"; and responding to the invitation to abide with and be enlightened by the One who calls. This passage is a fitting introduction to the entire Season of Ordinary Time, in which the invitation to discipleship, and the life and ministry of Jesus are repeatedly offered as the subject of our prayer, action, and reflection. John introduced Jesus as the "Lamb of God". This title suggests not only the Passover Sacrifice whose blood spared the chosen people from death, but also the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, and the Triumphant Lamb of apocalyptic literature who defeats evil. The "Lamb of God" image evokes more than it explains and renders even more necessary the invitation to "Come and See": to explore Christ's mystery first-hand.

Truly, some people are called directly by God like the young Samuel. They can say "Here I am Lord. I have heard You calling in the night". Most of us, however, were brought to the Lord by people like Eli, John the Baptist, or Andrew: baptized as infants and brought to the Church by others. We grew up in the Church and were taught truths of the Faith by others. We were encouraged to follow Christ in everything we do by others. The Lord called us through others just as He did Samuel in the middle of the night. Or there was an "Andrew" in our life that the Lord used to reach us, to teach, and to guide us. Inviting people to Christ and His Church, or mediating God's call, is our privilege and responsibility as people who belong to God. We can all be an "Eli, John, or Andrew" to someone. That is part of the dynamics of discipleship, the way people receive God's Call. Some receive it directly in the middle of the night, most receive it through others. The dignity of discipleship is demonstrated by what God saw in young Samuel and what Jesus saw in Peter and Andrew. God and Jesus did not only see what they were, but what they could become as well. They saw their potential: a great prophet and leader (Samuel) and great apostles (Peter and Andrew). When we look at people what do we often see? May we all be attentive to the Voice of God, be at the place where God's calling is possible, and be careful to help direct each other towards our rightful vocation. Those under superiors should be obedient and humble enough to follow the directions of earthly masters. Remember to shun/avoid immorality for you are God's and your body is His temple: Yours is to glorify God in your body.

We take this opportunity to welcome our cherished Continuing Students back to school. My dear students make activities at the Chaplaincy an essential part of your Campus Life. Never forget how and why you are here. You are the Eli, John the Baptist, and Andrew of our time. Live out your calling. We wish you a successful and blessed academic year. 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.

Blessed 2024! 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
Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako – 0501154065
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: 1 Sam. 3:3b-10, 19

2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: Jn. 1:35-42



General Notices

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm. All safety Protocols will be observed.

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.

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.

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.

FUN FACT

It seems we always celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time but not the first. This is because the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord ends the Season of Christmas and begins the Season of Ordinary Time. It is not usually referred to as the First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Marriage and Family Life Committee:

Parishioners are to take note that there are three (3) Main Marriage Counselling sections. The first session begins tomorrow Monday January 15, 2024 at 5.00pm. All would-be couples who have registered and those yet to register should kindly take note.

Visit of Seminarians: Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Kumasi are here with us at the Chaplaincy and will interact with parishioners at all Masses. Parishioners are to take note.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday January 7, 2024, 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.

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 knustcatholicchaplaincy@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:

Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary, 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



Mr. Hubert Owusu Boateng, son of Mr. Manu Boateng and Mrs. Faustina Manu Boateng, born at U.S.T., used to reside at KNUST, now residing at Kotei and **Ms. Abigail Nana Akua Osei-Wusu**, daughter of Mr. Osei-Wusu and Mrs. Osei-Wusu, born at Asokwa, now residing at Ahinsan (**2nd Announcement**)

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

The Chaplain, Parish Council and Pax Romana Local Executives wish to welcome all continuing and fresh students to school (KNUST Campus) and pray that the good Lord guides and be with you throughout your studies.

Funeral Announcement

We announce the death of Mr. George Kofi Doodery (a.k.a. 2 |Direct), a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Union and also the husband of Mad. Mary Nobio, a parishioner and member of the Dagaaba Union/Christian Mothers' Association. The one week of his death will be held next Sunday January 21, 2024 at Ayigya Zongo School Park from 8.00am to 6.00pm 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.

<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

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