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DATE: 21ST JANUARY, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 22/01/2024 –6:30PM

2 Sam. 5:1-7, 10 / Ps.
89:20-22, 25-26 / Mk. 3:22-30

**TUESDAY, 23/01/2024 -
6:30AM/6:30PM**

2 Sam. 6:12b-15, 17-19 /
Ps. 24:7-10 / Mk. 3:31-35
(Vincent)

**WEDNESDAY, 24/01/2024-
6:30AM**

2 Sam. 7, 4-17 / Ps. 89:4-5,
27-30 / Mk. 4:1-20 (Francis
de Sales)

**THURSDAY, 25/01/2024 -
7:00PM**

Acts 22:3-16 / Ps. 117:1-2 /
Mk. 16:15-18 (The Conver-
sion of St. Paul)

FRIDAY, 26/01/2024 - 6:30AM

2 Tim. 1:1-8 / Ps. 96:1-3, 7-
8a, 10 / Mk. 4:26-34
(Timothy and Titus)

**SATURDAY, 27/01/2024 -
7:00AM**

2 Sam. 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Ps.
51:12-17 / Mk. 4:35-41
(Angela Merici)

**NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY
28, 2024 – 4TH 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 - Deut. 18:15-
20**

**RES. PSALM - Ps. 95:1-2, 6-
9**

**2ND READING: 1 Cor. 7:32-
35**

GOSPEL - Mk. 1:21-28

A New Time Has Begun With The Word!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B). The readings present to us the importance of hearing the Word of God for our Christian life and the kind of response expected upon listening to the Word. The Word of God calls us, requesting us to leave our “nets” behind and to follow the Lord so that He may teach us His ways. Like Jonah, Christ was sent to preach Repentance. He calls us to change our ways. We are not to become engrossed in the world but to believe the Good News and live for the Kingdom of God.

As part of Jesus’ invitation to repent and believe in the Gospel, in his *mutu proprio* of 30/09/2019, *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis declared that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of the time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity”. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak His Word and to break Bread in the community of believers. The Bible is a powerful tool for us Christians. Hence, the need for all of us to Owe, Read, and Meditate on the Word of God daily as individuals, families, groups or societies, and communities. We also remind ourselves that every spiritual group/society in the Church is encouraged to read a portion of the Bible at the start of every meeting. A minimum of fifteen (15) minutes should be dedicated to the Word of God at every societal or group gathering.

The readings present us with a call with the same urgency as a drowning person yelling for help. We are called to transform ourselves according to the mind of God. The Church encourages us to re-examine our ways to avoid the imminent wrath of God and enjoy His mercy. God proved Himself as a merciful father when He forgave the Ninevites their sins after they repented. We are made to understand that our earthly time is growing very short, so we must hasten to do whatever we need to do right. Regardless of how great our sins are, God’s mercy awaits those who make the effort to repent. We are called to repent now and believe in the Gospel before it gets too late. Time is too short and waits for no one! Detachment from earthly things and pleasures, while clinging to heavenly things, will save us from destruction on the last day. God’s patience should not be taken for granted. Our call to follow Jesus is to follow Him in holiness and allow Him to direct our lives.

The scene of Jesus calling Simon and Andrew, then James and John, is a very personal moment between themselves and the Lord. It is also a moment whose features should be part of every Christian’s life. The Lord calls, they leave their nets, and they follow Him. As Jesus walked along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, many people were there. Out of the lot, the Lord zeroed in on Simon and Andrew, then on James and John. His eyes met theirs and He said: “Follow me”. The Lord called them for a purpose. Jesus calls each one of us for a reason. Our calling in Baptism is not just generic but very personal. Each of us is called to follow Christ for a purpose – to save our souls in the first place but is also for more than that. We are each created for a purpose larger than ourselves, our happiness, prosperity, success, or salvation. We are called in Baptism for a purpose that nobody else can accomplish in quite the same way.

To follow Christ, we too have to leave behind the “nets” that entangle, burden, or ensnare us. It would be tempting to imagine that if we just somehow could leave the world behind, all would be well. But it is not so! Many of the negative things we see and experience in the world

like conflicts, tensions, and darkness, reflect the conflict, tension, and darkness in the human heart. We cannot escape these in any part of the world. Most often we try to escape some of these things by travelling to far distant places, a new world, for a fresh beginning. History tells us that we end up carrying our old world along. To be a Christian therefore is not simply to leave the world behind, but to stay in the world as salt and light, and use the things of the world differently than others do, for the sake of the Kingdom. That is the point that St Paul is driving at in the second reading. If we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, then we start to see marriage, family, work, studies, and professions in a different light, as places where we can be Christ to others. This way our mourning, rejoicing, illness, perplexity, joys, or sorrows will serve the Plan of God.

Before we can change the world around us, we need to change the world inside us. What will you leave behind for Christ, not in property but in attitudes and actions? Are we ready to abandon the gossiping, the deception, the prejudice, the greed, the arrogance, the anger, the jealousy, the resentments, the cheating, the laziness and idealness, the unforgiveness, and the desire for revenge that entangle us and make us no different than unbelievers? These are more difficult nets for us to leave behind because we are mostly so wrapped up in them. But when we do, it opens up a whole new world of living. It is like the repentance of the Ninevites in the first reading. When they heard the preaching of Jonah, they repented of their evil ways and experienced the Lord’s compassion. They lived in the same city, but it was a different world. They were changed on the inside.

Christ invites us to follow him. To follow Jesus is much more than dressing like Jesus, quoting Him, or visiting the places where Jesus has been or is. It is being Jesus to the people and the culture around us. We are retold that, through our Baptism, Jesus has a call and a personal mission for each of us. This means that we need to leave behind our “nets”, the things and attitudes that burden, entangle and compromise our mission. We need to follow Jesus not only by preserving but also by taking His Gospel to people in and around us. Like the apostles, Christ calls us not only for ourselves but for others. We are to be fishers of men, not keepers of aquariums, in this new time that has begun with God’s Word. We must invest in the Kingdom of God rather than the world.

We 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. Your call is to repent and be fishers of men. Wishing 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 Quagrainie - 0207024221
Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrwin SJ—0277154777
Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako — 0501154065
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Jon 3:1-5
2nd Reading: 1Cor 7:29-31
Gospel: Mk 1:14-20



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 began on Monday January 15, 2024 at 5.00pm. the second session will be from May 6, 2024 and the third session from September 9, 2024 all at 5.00pm All would-be couples who have registered and those yet to register should kindly take note.

Sale of Pedu Magazines: Seminarians from Pedu will be here at the Chaplaincy next Sunday, January 28, 2024 to sell their Magazines. All parishioners are encouraged to patronise it.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday January 21, 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.

TwI Catechism: It is announced for the information of parishioners that TwI Catechism for all the Sacraments i.e. Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation for the year 2024 will be on every Tuesday and Wednesday of the week and it is commencing from Tuesday, February 6, 2024 and Wednesdays February 7, 2024 at the Chaplaincy. Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Please, take note.

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 (**3rd Announcement**)

2. Mr. Samuel Okyere Abayie, son of Mr. Samuel Okyere Abayie and Mrs. Veronica Asantewaa Okyere Abayie, born in Kumasi, used to reside at Apemso, now residing in Oulu – Finland, and **Ms. Patience Obeng-Manu**, daughter of Mr. Michael Obeng-Manu and Mrs. Esther Obeng-Manu, born at UST, Kumasi, used to reside at Ahinsan Estate, Kumasi, now residing at Oyarifa, Accra (**1st Announcement**)

3. Mr. Collins Cudjoe, son of Mr. Thomas A. Cudjoe and Mrs. Veronica Cudjoe, born at Tema New Town now residing in Tema Community 7, and **Ms. Abigail Frimpong**, daughter of Mr. Charles Frimpong and Mrs. Vida Frimpong, born at Wenchi, used to reside at Kumasi, now residing at Juba Villas, Burma Camp, Accra (**1st Announcement**)

Youth Corner

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

Pax Corner

1. Students' Mass – Students Mass begins from Tuesday January 23, 2024 at 6.30pm. Please, all students should take note.

2. Students' Catechism – Students Catechism will commence on Saturday January 27, 2024 at Room 7 of the Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex at exactly 4.00pm. Students who would want to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation should be part of the Class.

Funeral Announcement

1. 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 today Sunday January 21, 2024 at Ayigya Zongo School Park from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

2. We announce the funeral of Mrs. Georgina Buabeng, a parishioner as follows: laying in state on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at residence, Kotei, near Brobbey Junction at 5.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at

9.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at the KNUST Pool Side from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 8.00am, family gathering at her residence from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (**Her children to be introduced**).

3. We announce the funeral of Dr. Ebo Kwegyir-Afful as follows: observation of body on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at family house, Akyawkrom at 4.00am, burial service at family house at 9.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at Akyawkrom funeral grounds from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, family gathering at family house from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

4. We announce the Funeral of Mr. Komla Figah, a parishioner as follows: laying in state on Saturday January 27, 2024 at his residence No. AK-572-0162, Kentinkrono, near Silicon Hotel at 4.00am, burial Mass at the Chaplaincy at 9.30am, private burial follows, final funeral rites from 12.30pm to 6.00pm, family gathering on Sunday February 28, 2024 at his residence from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **Attire:** Saturday – 'Black and White'. Sunday – 'All White'.

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

