



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, 01/01/2024 – 7:00AM / 9:00AM**

Num. 6:22-27 / Ps. 67:2-3, 5-6, 9 / Galt. 4:4-7 / Lk. 21:16-2 (Mary, Mother of God)

**TUESDAY, 02/01/2024 -6:30AM**

1 Jn. 2:22-28 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Jn. 1:19-28 (Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen)

**WEDNESDAY, 03/01/2024- 6:30AM**

1 Jn. 2:29 – 3:6 / Ps. 1, 3-6 / Jn. 1:29-34 (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

**THURSDAY, 04/01/2024 - 7:00PM**

1 Jn. 3:7-10 / Ps. 98:1, 7-9 / Jn. 1:35-42

**FRIDAY, 05/01/2024 - 6:30AM**

1 Jn. 3:11-21 / Ps. 100:1-5 / Jn. 1:43-51

**SATURDAY, 06/01/2024 - 7.00AM**

1 Jn. 5:5-13 / Ps. 148:12-15, 19-20 / Mk. 1:7-11

**NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2024 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (CYCLE B)**

**7:00PM — VIGIL MASS**

**6.30AM – 1<sup>ST</sup> MASS**

**8.00AM – 2<sup>ND</sup> MASS**

**10.00AM – 3<sup>RD</sup> MASS**

**PLEASE ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE**

**1ST READING - ISA. 60:1-6**

**RES. PSALM - Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13**

**2ND READING: EPH. 3:2-3, 5-6**

**GOSPEL - MATT. 2:1-12**

**Holy Family: Life of Obedience to God!**

Dear People of God, today, the Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, we are called to reflect on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Feast of Holy Family gives us the shining example of a Christian family as a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of and obedience to God as witnessed and lived by the Holy Family. It is the model for all who fear the Lord and walk in His ways. In the procreation and education of children, the Christian family reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen the family in charity. As the saying goes: a family that prays together stays together.

How beautiful to end the year with the feast of the Holy Family. What a joy to live in a happy family! This celebration is an opportunity for us to reflect on family life and our family's life. Family life is something Jesus shared with us, and like Jesus, we are all profoundly influenced by our families. We are deeply shaped mentally, emotionally, and spiritually by the people in our families and by family events such as births, deaths, marriages, and illness. The family is the most important community to which we will ever belong. This offers us ample opportunity to reflect on our different responsibilities in our families and how we have lived out our call to family life. It is here that primary evangelization takes place. How have we lived up to this responsibility?

Our first reading presents us with the family of Abram and Sarai, faced with childlessness, yet obeyed and trusted God. Abram needed an heir to fulfil his dreams. Having tried many times for several years without a child, he seemed to be disillusioned and was ready to give up. But God intervened in the life of this family promising them that his own issue (son) shall be his heir. Abram put his trust and faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. We share the pain, frustration, anxieties, and sadness of couples seeking the fruit of the womb and commend all of them into the mighty hands of God to grant them their heart's desire. Do not give up but keep faith in God, and He will surely do it. Our second reading also offers us the example of the faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac. Their faith taught them that "the one who had made the promise was trustworthy" and that "God was able". They transformed their faith into obedience to God.

In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple for their purification in obedience to God's Law (religious tradition). By rituals such as this, they joined their family to the larger family of Judaism. When people come to Church as a family, they join their family life to the larger family life of the Church. Here, in Church, we come to see the Church's mission and concerns as our mission and concerns. Each family is a vital and living cell of the huge Body of Christ. We see an elaborate description of the Jewish piety that marked Jesus' family and society. The humble eloquence of Simeon, the profound devotion of the elderly Anna, and even the simple poverty of the holy family (the poor offered a pair of turtledoves – those with greater means offered a lamb) combine to form a touching portrait of the manifestation of God's Son to the faithful Israel. Family life thus takes its place in the wider context of the faithfulness of a people. The fami-

ly both receives and witnesses the grace of God given to all.

There are some features of the family that nobody can ever replace. The family is the place where we develop a sense of self-worth, where we see our faith lived, and where we see virtues displayed. It is one thing to have a family but a very demanding choice to be a family. We all must choose to be a family. The example of the Holy Family which, despite all the usual difficulties, stayed together and was led by the Word of God, is given to us as a model. It is a family centred on God, prayed together, and accompanied by a spirit of work. Each member of the family did her/his bit with mutual respect and love. The Christian family is like the human body: when each part or member performs his/her duty diligently and remains faithful to their calling, the family reflects the Holy Family. The family is indeed, the privileged place where attitudes toward God, Prayer, and the Church are powerfully formed; where we learn our first and most important lessons about the virtues of responsibility, self-reliance, self-control, and getting along with others. Families today, big or small, in struggle or pain, are still places where love can be shared. The Family, even one with problems, is our Nazareth where through all the dynamics of family life, good and bad, people can still grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

Sometimes it happens that some families are scarred with problems that can burden people years later and we need to pray for them. People who have come from families with difficulties know, first-hand and in a way nobody else can, the wounds of the world and the reason why we need a Redeemer. Today, we lift all our families to the Lord in prayer asking for healing, grace, and strength because family life is not easy today. This Holy Family Sunday is a chance not to simply reflect on family life in general; but to decide on how we can strengthen our own family's life in the coming year; how to make it a bridge that connects generations, young and old; how to make it a more effective "factory" of faith; and how to make it a vital, living cell of the Body of Christ.

My dear students and school leavers. The Christmas Season 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, Jesus Christ! Let us decide to be family, live out our responsibility, help one another, be centred on God, and live in mutual respect and love. Such is the source of happiness for every family. May we grow strong, with wisdom, and the favour of God upon us. May 2024 bring us Blessings. 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!

Happy and Blessed New Year 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 Quagraine - 0207024221  
 Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwin SJ—0277154777  
 Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako — 0501154065  
 CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655  
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**READINGS FOR THE DAY**

1st Reading: Gen. 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
 2nd Reading: Heb. 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
 Gospel: Lk. 2:22-40





## FUN FACT

The title "Mother of God" is a rendering of the Greek title Θεοτόκος (Theotokos), meaning "Bearer of God" dogmatically adopted by the First Council of Ephesus (431) as an assertion of the divinity of Christ.

**New Year – Monday January 1, 2024:** Monday, January 1, 2024 is Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and is the beginning of the year 2024 (a public holiday). There will be two (2) Masses at 7.00am and 9.00am. Parishioners should please take note.

**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 parishion-

ers 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.

**Charity to the Sick and Homebound Parishioners:** All parishioners are been encouraged to bring Offertory Gifts on the New Year's Day i.e., tomorrow 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 Contribu-

tions, 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.

## Committees, Groups & Societies

**Lait Council: Submission of 2022 Lait Week Evaluation Questionnaire:** Lait Council is expecting all Groups and Societies to submit the 2022 Lait 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 31, 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 Jr. 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 subse-

quent 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](mailto: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. 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. **(2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses)**

**2. Mr. Augustine Senanu Komla Kukah**, son of Mr. Bernard Kwesi and Mad. Mary Theodora Akosua, born at Korle-Bu – ex Ho, resided at Asuoeyboah, Kumasi, now residing at Australia – Sydney and **Ms. Debo-  
ra Mansaxya Kakora**, daughter of Mr. Leopold Naab-Kakora and Mrs. Susana Naab-Kakora, born in Kumasi, now residing at KNUST, |Kumasi. **(2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses)**

## 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. 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.