



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 05/02/2024 – 6:30PM

1 Kgs. 8:1-7, 9-13 / Ps. 132:6-10 / Mk. 6:53-56 (AGARTHA)

TUESDAY, 06/02/2024 - 6:30AM/6:30PM

1 Kgs. 8:22-23, 27-30 / Ps. 84:3-5, 10-11 / Mk. 7:1-13 (PAUL MIKI AND HIS COMPANIONS)

WEDNESDAY, 07/02/2024- 6:30AM

1 Kgs. 10:1-10 / Ps. 36:5-6, 30, 39-40 / Lk. 7:14-23

THURSDAY, 08/02/2024 - 7:00PM

1 Kgs. 11:4-13 / Ps. 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 / Mk. 7:24-30 (JOSEPHINE BAKHITA)

FRIDAY, 09/02/2024 - 6:30AM

1 Kgs. 11:29-32; 12:19 / Ps. 80:10-15 / 7:31-37

SATURDAY, 10/02/2024 - 7:00AM

1 Kgs. 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Ps. 106:6-7, 19-22 / Mk. 8:1-10

(Scholastica)

NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024 – 6TH 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 – LEV. 13:1-2, 44-46

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 32:1-2, 5, 11

2ND READING – 1 COR. 10:31 – 11:1

GOSPEL – MK. 1:40-45

God and Suffering Humanity: Faith of Believers

Dear People of God, today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. The Liturgical readings call on us to reflect on the hope of believers in times of innocent human suffering and crisis. Christ sets believers free to serve. Without Christ, the Christian life would be pure drudgery: we would be like slaves, or workmen with nothing to look forward to but our wages. But the healing power of Christ transforms our lives: we are free to make ourselves like His, the slaves of everyone, offering humanity the Good News free of charge.

Sickness, suffering, and pain, to some degree, are universal experiences of daily life. Suffering is said to be “democratic”: it does not come only to people who are sinful, selfish, or evil. It comes to everybody: to the young and old, the wise and fool, to saints and sinners. In our first reading from the Book of Job, we hear Job’s lament: “My pain is more than I can bear. I can’t sleep at night. I shall not see happiness again”. Job’s lament is a cry we all feel within ourselves at some point in time of our lives when we become seriously ill or when someone we love becomes ill or dies. When we read in the Scriptures about individuals speaking with God and their mystical experiences, we may or may not be able to relate to that. But we can all connect to human suffering. Our hurt might not be physical, as in the case of Job, but emotional such as marriages in distress or crisis, a child’s disobedience or rebellion, a friend’s or lover’s betrayal, disappointments, and or failures. When we experience pain, regardless of its origin or source, we so desire to join Job in saying: “I shall never see happiness again”.

While sickness, suffering, and pain are part of the human condition on earth, they are not necessarily signs that God loves us less or is punishing us for our sins. Such debilitating conditions can very often test our faith in God and lead us to despair, as in the case of Job. Sometimes, God may allow us to endure sickness, suffering, and pain to test our faith, humble us, and bring us back to Him. Job’s cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus, who “heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds”. Such are the blessings of the Good News. Into our world of sickness, suffering, and pain comes Jesus, desiring to take us by the hand, as He did with Simon’s mother-in-law, and heal us. In the Gospel, the Lord heals and restores to health not only Simon’s mother-in-law but all those afflicted with all sorts of diseases and illnesses. He heals so many people that He has to find time alone in the desert for prayer. Some are healed physically and others spiritually by the power of Jesus’ teaching. Jesus realizes that the deepest healing we all need is spiritual. That is why He moves to preach in another town. Ironically, people are healed spiritually when they are given the strength to accept their condition in life; even to make their suffering a place of strength, depth, and compassion for others. That is a powerful, healing grace because suffering and pain can make us confused, desperate, bitter, isolated, neglected, alone and self-absorbed.

It is a sign of Christ’s touch when our suffering gives us depth, spiritual strength, and compassion for others as exemplified by St Paul in his striking example of the deprivations he experienced at the hand of God for the sake of the Gospel. He gave up his freedom and rights to any recompense for the work he did. He willingly became like a slave to others, divesting himself of rank and privileges to fulfil his mission. This may sound like “pulpit rhetoric” or easy talk until we see it happen in the lives of people who in

their deepest suffering become like Christ. In their suffering, they see a deep truth about the world. They see that ours is not the perfect world and we are not the perfect people portrayed in television and media advertising. They see that life is not filled with happy endings as in movies. Through suffering and misery, we experience the fragility and frailty of life and see what is important and how we all need the grace and redemption of Christ. When people unite their suffering, which is always a sign of our broken world, with the Cross of Christ, they make their pain an occasion for spiritual victory for themselves and others.

Jesus Christ continues his work of healing and exorcism in our midst. His presence announces victory over the age-old enemies of the human race: sickness, diseases, pandemics, and death. It is by His wounds we are healed. It is in this context that we can best understand the Sacrament of Healing, the Sacrament of the Sick, and the Anointing of the Sick. This is the Sacrament that for centuries was given to people who were seriously ill. Eventually, it came to be limited to those who were dying and then used to be called the last anointing or the “Extreme Unction” or the last rites. However, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is meant to be a Sacrament of Spiritual and Physical healing, renewal, restoration, strength, and peace. And so, the Church has restored it as a Sacrament not just for those at the point of death but for all those who are seriously ill and in need of healing, spiritually and physically. As in all the Sacraments, the Lord Jesus is present in this Sacrament at a time when we need Him most. Illness can be frightening, challenging our faith. We need the special help of God’s grace in these times of anxiety, in our plight, so that we are not broken in spirit, feel isolated or neglected, and alone.

The Anointing of the Sick gives us the courage and grace to hold to our faith in the face of illness, suffering, and pain. It helps us see that when we think we are alone, we are not. It helps us see that when we think we are powerless, we can be spiritual warriors. It helps us see that when our body is weak, our soul can be strong. It provides healing that is sometimes physical, sometimes emotional, and always spiritual. When we feel that no one could possibly understand what we are going through, Jesus joins us in our suffering and pain and turns a moment of desperation into a moment of conversion and hope. The Anointing of the Sick assures us that Jesus Christ is with us. He is there to protect us from the doubts and anxiety that plagued Job. He is there to give us the courage and grace to journey with Him and, even to make our illness an instrument of salvation to ourselves and others. We commit all the sick – physically, emotionally, psychologically, – to the healing power of God. May they experience the healing mercy of God. We wish them speedy recovery.

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 Quagraine - 0207024221
 Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrwin SJ—0277154777
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Job 7:1—4:6-7
 2nd Reading: 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23
 Gospel: Mk 1:29-39



General Notices

Benediction: There will be Benediction today Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 7.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

Infant Baptism: There will be Infants' Baptism on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 4:00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday February 9, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Chaplaincy with their children/wards' godparents.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm.

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 Cat-

echists and Eucharistic Ministers visit and give them Communion.

Chaplaincy News Bulletin: Please, sign up to receive News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy. (0596036520)

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.

Invitation to Local Council of Churches Prayer Meeting: Parishioners are invited to this year's Prayer Meeting of the KNUST Local Council of Churches next Sunday, February 11, 2024 at the Victory Baptist Church, Ayigya (Tech. Junction) from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. All parishioners should please, take note.

Lenten Prayer Session: Parishioners are please, informed to look out for the Programme of Activities for the 2024 Lenten Prayer Season which will start from Wednesday February 14, 2024.

Piano Lessons: The tutor would be meeting those who wrote their names for piano lessons and all other persons interested in learning the piano on Monday (tomorrow), February 5, 2024 at 5:00PM at the R.P Baffoe Complex Room 5

Interested persons should take note.

Sunday School Teacher: We invite parishioners and students who want to be Sunday School teachers to see any of the Sun-

FUN FACT

Vatican City has the highest crime rate in the world! With a population around 500 people and a little over one crime per day, the Vatican crime rate is above 100 percent, per capita. Although the fact is shocking it should be remembered that the Vatican is about one square mile in size, and has nearly 20 million visitors annually. Most of the crimes are pickpockets, purse snatching and other petty offenses done by outsiders.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Serra Club: The club is inviting parishioners to a talk on "The Eucharist: Source and Summit of our Faith" **Speaker:** Rev Fr Dr Benedict Adu-Frimpong

Venue: Monsignor Opoku-Agyeman Conference Hall

Date: Sunday February 4, 2024 (after 8am mass)

New members are welcome

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, 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.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday February 4, 2024, there

will be Prayer Meeting at the Chaplaincy here at 4:00pm due to a hosting of a guest from Malta. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

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.

Christian Mothers' Association: It is announced for the information of all members of the Local Christian Mothers' Association that, you are resuming meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024 as usual. All members are entreated to be present.

Twii Catechism: It is announced for the information of parishioners that Twii 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.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:

1. Freshers (Students) who wish to join the confraternity should please contact **Maa Joe on 0554023363** or interested members are invited to give their names to Mr. Lambert Nakpi (the Sacristan).

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

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary, Twii 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 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 (**3rd Announcement – To be Introduced at all Masses**)
2. **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 (**3rd 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 – This and every Tuesday at 6.30pm. Please, all students should take note.
2. **Students' Catechism** – Students Catechism – This and every Saturday 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

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1. We announce the death of Obaapanyin Mary Araba Mansah, a parishioner and member of St. Theresa of The Child Jesus and St. Cecilia's Guild and also the mother of Mad. Cecilia Esi Tanoah, also a parishioner. The one-week observation of her death will be on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Susuanso Christ Apostolic Church premises from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.
 2. We announce the death of Mr Thomas Kwaku Mensah, a parishioner. He has since been buried. Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday February 4, 2024 at the Family house near the Affordable housing.

Funeral Invitation: Mr. Kwabena Bonsu Fordwor is inviting parishioners to the funeral of his mother Obaapanin Cecilia Poku (a.k.a. Yaa Takyiaw) as follows: laying in state on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at her residence Asabere Rd., off Napo Drive – Kwadaso Estate at 5.00am, burial service at St. Paul on the Hill Anglican Church, North Suntreso, Kumasi, at 9.00am, burial at Tafo Cemetery, final funeral rites at the Church premises from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving service on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 9.00am, family gathering at her residence from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereave family.

NB: Attire – Saturday: "Black and Red" – Sunday: "Black and White"

Sincere Thanks

1. The children and family of Mrs. Georgina Buabeng wish to express their sincere gratitude and utmost appreciation to the Chaplain, Welfare Committee and parishioners for your support during her final funeral. They ask for God's blessings for you.
2. The entire Kusiele clan and Beyogle family wish to express their sincere gratitude to the Chaplain, the Knights and Ladies of St. John International (KNUST BRANCH), Christian Mothers Association, the Dagaaba Union, the general public and individuals for morning with them during the loss of Eunice Beyogle and Mr. Santos A. Beyogle
3. The seminarians and staff of St. Peter's Regional Seminary, Pedu are thanking parishioners for their support during the sale of their magazine. They say God richly bless 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

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.

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. 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.

Sales experience will be an added advantage.

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.

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.