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MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, 12/02/2024 –
6:30PM**

JAS. 1:1-11 / Ps. 119:67-68, 71-72, 75,76 / Mk. 8:11-13

**TUESDAY, 13/02/2024 -
6:30AM/6:30PM**

Jas. 1:12-18 / Ps. 94:12-15, 18-19 / Mk. 8:14-21

**WEDNESDAY, 14/02/2024-
6:30AM**

Joel 2:12-18 / Ps. 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 / 2 Cor. 5:20 – 6:2 / Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18 (Ash. Wednesday)

**THURSDAY, 15/02/2024 -
7:00PM**

Deut. 30:15-20 / Ps. 1:1-4, 6 / Lk. 9:22-25

**FRIDAY, 16/02/2024 -
6:30AM**

Isa. 58:1-9a / Ps. 51:3-6, 18-19 / Matt. 9:14-15

**SATURDAY, 17/02/2024 -
7.00AM**

Isa. 58:9b-134 / Ps. 86:1-6 / Lk. 5:27-32 (The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites)

**NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY
18, 2024 – 7TH 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 – GEN.9:8-15

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 25:4-9

2ND READING – 1 Pt. 3:1-8-22

GOSPEL – Mk. 1:12-15

Jesus and “the Outcasts or Rejected”

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. Jesus manifests the authoritative, healing love of God by curing “the leper” who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with the joy of being cleansed and reinstated back into the life of the community. For Jesus, nobody should be left out, or excluded from the new family that He had begun. To bring help to outcasts, Jesus Himself had to become an outcast and “stay outside in places where nobody lived”. We are invited to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus, not to look out for only our interests but to seek the good of all.

Throughout history, leprosy has been looked at with horror. Lepers were considered impure and were forbidden to enter cities. They had to live on the outskirts and when they came for food left behind, they had to make some noise and shout “unclean, unclean” so that nobody would run into them by chance. People even saw leprosy as a punishment from God. From the first reading, it was up to the priest to examine anyone who suffered from or contracted leprosy (any contagious disease of the skin), to determine his/her condition, and to order his/her separation from the community. The concern was not only leprosy but rather a whole array of skin ailments. Anybody showing symptoms of the disease was forbidden to set foot in the village and was forced to live in caves or woods, dress shabbily, and not comb their hair so they could be identified as a leper from a distance. If by chance they came across somebody they had to shout: “I am unclean”. Although the requirement of exclusion from the community may have originated in fear of contagion, the directives embodied in the text are clearly based on the religious principle of cultic worthiness. A holy people, in the understanding of the time, were required to be physically as well as morally whole. If lepers were considered cursed and punished by God because of their sins, then it was right for people to shun them. Israel was very much convinced that the community should be made up only of people perfect both physically and naturally.

Our second reading is a brief passage that follows an earlier section on the practice of eating foods and meat that have been offered in pagan sacrifices. The believers were in doubt if they could buy any meat they found in the market or must first inquire if it came from the temple of the gods. St. Paul is less concerned with maintaining a high standard of personal ritual purity than he is with humbly doing whatever is necessary to assist others on their way to salvation. “Give no offense to Jew or Greek, or to the Church of God” is not counsel for the wishy-washy, but advice for strong-minded Christians who must love and bear with one another in spite of their differences. As an apostle, Paul can claim more experience of the Lord, whom he imitates, and so he offers his own modest and kind attitude as a model for others who seek to be like Christ. For the sake of others, Christians cannot do all that they have a right to do. Why? Love for others may lead them to renounce some of their rights. If something, that is legitimate to do, hurts another, it should be avoided. Do your actions aid others on the way to salvation?

In the Gospel, a leper approaches Jesus and pleads with Him to be “cleansed”. After having lived for many years cut off from his family, friends, and society, new hope dawns on him. The man has probably heard of Jesus’ power to restore people to health. He presents his request to Jesus and out of a deeply felt compassion, Jesus restores him to health. Feeling sorry for the man, Jesus stretched out

His hand, touched him, and healed him. Then He sends him to the high priest to be reintegrated into the community. These details have deep meaning for us Christians. Jesus does not turn away from the “impure or unclean” person. It is a call on us to assume the same approach regarding the “rejected or outcast”. We must seek such an encounter and not be afraid of contact with those who need our help. Jesus shows us how we must make them feel the warmth of our love, which is the only way “sick” people, sinners of all kinds, can be brought back to life. Jesus felt pity for the man at his request to be made clean. This very human sentiment takes Jesus over all the barriers – religio-socio-cultural – to meet the leper. The single gesture of touch made Jesus reach through centuries of taboo and superstition to heal not only a disease but also a human being. By that gesture, He gave a lesson to His Church that we are to bring the Gospel to everyone, including those shunned by others. He also showed that beneath every exterior condition is a person deeply loved by God.

We are mostly very quick to judge people by outward appearances. There is so much emphasis today on the look, the appearance, the image, and how we dress. Jesus always saw beyond that. We might recall His calling some of the Pharisees “whitened sepulchres”, meaning that they looked good on the outside but were rotten on the inside, almost like lepers or skin ailments in reverse. We all have an outside and an inside. The outside is the part we show to others. By the way, we dress and carry ourselves, we send out signals. The person who dresses in bright, loud colours is saying something about himself. A person who dresses in darker, subdued colours is saying something else too. Some people want to look strong, sophisticated or intellectual. There is the power of look; the “with-it” look, and the “out-of-it” look. But then, there is the inside of us that very few people see. That is the part of us that Christ sees. Sometimes, that is the part of us to which we do not pay much attention; meanwhile, it is the part of us that is most important, the condition of our soul. The Church’s ministry of Healing, through the Sacraments of Anointing and Confession, brings God’s healing touch to the outside and the inside of us where no doctor can operate, no therapist can probe, no medicine can soothe, and no friend can reach. Why not make use of this healing grace?

Beloved, Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. By listening more intently to the Word of God and devoting ourselves to Prayer, Fasting, and Charitable deeds, we prepare through a spirit of Repentance to renew our Baptismal Promises at Easter.

Dear students make activities at the Chaplaincy an essential part of your Campus Life. Never forget how and why you are here. As we present our needs to Jesus for restoration, we are called to care for the suffering/outcast. That is Christianity! Have a successful and blessed Semester. 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.

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 Baghrmwin SJ—0277154777
Rev. Fr. Richard Antwi Boasiako — 0501154065
CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655
CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Lv 13:1-2,44-46

2nd Reading: 1Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45





FUN FACT

The ONLY Christian church in existence for the first 1,000 years of Christian history was the Roman Catholic Church. All other Christian churches which exist today can trace their lineage back to the Roman Catholic Church. Most non-Catholic churches which exist today are less than a century or

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

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday February 14, 2024 is Ash Wednesday. There will be two (2) Masses at 6.30am & 6.30pm to enable many parishioners attend Mass. Ashes will be distributed at the two (2) Masses. We will therefore, be pleased if parishioners will bring some of the blessed palm branches they took home from the chapel last year 2023 for the purpose. Please, it is an obligatory for all Catholics to fast on Ash Wednesday and also on Good Friday. Please, take note.

Stations of The Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of the period of Lent at 1.00pm and 7.00pm. Parishioners should please take note and avail themselves to journey with the Lord throughout the period.

Lenten Prayer Session: The Catholic Chaplaincy is organising an hour of Prayer Session during this year's Lenten season. Theme: **"Let Your Hearts Be Broken, not Your Garments Be Torn"**– (Joel 2:13). This will start from Wednesday February 14, 2024 and will end on Tuesday March 12, 2024. This will take place at the Main Chapel from 5.00pm to 6.00pm each day. Parishioners/groups/

societies are encouraged to be part of this spiritual exercise. This program is to be launched today Sunday February 11, 2024 at all Masses.

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/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.

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: Parishioners are advised to make payments of Harvest Levy, Chapel Fund Contributions, etc.

through the Merchant ID: 097655 to enjoy less charge.

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.

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

Piano/Organ Lessons: There is on-going Piano/Organ lessons at Room 5 of the R.P Baffoe Complex on Fridays and Saturdays at 5.00pm. Interested persons should take note.

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Sunday School Teacher: We invite parishioners and students who want to be Sunday School teachers to see any of the Sunday School teachers. Note that you have to be a baptized and confirmed catholic

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, 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.

Harvest Committee: 1. Members of the Harvest Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at the Chaplaincy (Msgr. John Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall) at 5.30pm. We entreat all members to be present and on time.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): Members are being reminded of their usual meeting

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 con-

tact 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.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society: Members of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society are been informed that you are resuming meeting on Friday, February 16, 2024 as usual. We are entreating all members to be present and on time.

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.

TwI Catechism: It is announced for the information of parishioners that TwI Catechism for all the Sacraments i.e. Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirma-

tion for the year 2024 will be on every Tuesday and Wednesday of the week 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, 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



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.
3. **ITI-CCR National Conference:** The ITI-CCR National Conference is an annual conference organised for all Tertiary Students across the country. This year, it is hosted at UCC from 1st to 3rd March, 2024 and we are all called to participate to be fruitful in our Christian lives. Theme: **“Be Fruitful”** (Jn. 15:4-8 & Gal. 5:22-25)

Funeral Announcement

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 17, 2024 at Bomso School premises (Park) from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

2. We announce the funeral of Mr. Joseph Adinyiah Mensah (a.k.a. Joe Mens) as follows: there will be wake-keeping on Friday, February 16, 2024 at his residence, Beyin, in the Western Region, laying in state and burial Mass on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at St. Patrick Catholic Church at 9.30am, memorial Mass on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 8.30am. all parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **Dress Code:** Saturday **“Black and Red”**, Sunday **“Black and White”**

NB: Attire – Saturday: “Black and Red” – Sunday: “Black and White”

Sincere Thanks

1. Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu-Sarpong and his Family wish to express their sincere thanks to the Chaplain and all parishioners who sympathised with them during the final funeral of their grandmother and relative. They ask 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

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.

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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.