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DATE: 3RD MARCH, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 04/03/2024 – 6:30PM

2 Kgs. 5:1-15AB / Ps. 42:2-3; 43:3-4Lk. 4:24-30 (CASIMIR)

TUESDAY, 05/03/2024 - 6:30AM/6:30PM

Dan. 3:25, 34-43 / Ps. 25:4-9 / Matt. 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY, 06/03/2024- 6:30AM

Deut. 4:1, 5-9 / Ps. 148:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Matt. 5:17-19

THURSDAY, 07/03/2024 - 7:00PM

Jer. 7:23-28 / Ps. 95:1-2, 6-9 / Lk. 11:14-23 (Perpetua & Felicity)

FRIDAY, 08/03/2024 - 6:30AM

Hos. 14:2-10 / Ps. 81:6, 8-11, 14, 17 / Mk. 12:28-34 (John of God)

SATURDAY, 10/03/2024 - 7.00AM

Hos. 6:1-6 / Ps. 51:3-4l 18-21 / Lk. 18:9-14 (Frances of Rome)

NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT(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 – 2 CHRO. 36:14-16, 19-23

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 137:1-6

2ND READING – EPH. 2:4-10

GOSPEL – JN. 3:14-21

Purifying the Temples of Our Lives

Dearest in Christ, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent, Year B. We celebrate the foolishness of God that is wiser than any human wisdom: the utter folly of His love that allowed the destruction of the Temple of the Body of His Son. The readings invite us to reflect on God's "Ten Words" to humanity and the purification or cleansing of God's Temple. We, the new Temples but, like the old, also often need purification from all that hinders our offering to God acceptable sacrifices. God's Commandments, summarized in the Love of God and Neighbour, require lives acceptable to Him and a call to purify our religion of cults that have nothing to do with the love of God or neighbours. We are to dedicate ourselves anew to the Law of the Lord which gives wisdom to the simple.

God has a message of eternal life and He desires that we live by this message so that we can attain the joys of being reunited with him. He demonstrated this by giving us His Commandments, the Law that liberates and leads us to freedom. The Ten Commandments, also called the Decalogue, "Ten Words", stand at the heart of the Mosaic covenant: obedience to them embodies the faithful response of the people to their God "who brought you out of the land of Egypt". They are God's gift and they form the foundation of the common life of the chosen people. Unlike other ancient law codes (impersonal and casuistic), these "Ten Words" are presented as direct, incontestable commands of God. They also differ in that, from the fourth to the tenth commandments, which appear in other codes as crimes against people, are presented here as crimes against God – a shift in fundamental orientation. No wonder the Psalm praises and celebrates God's Law as an enhancement to life. It is desirable, attractive, and valuable. It is to be trusted for it is a source of wisdom. The Commandments, which sound like restrictions, are ways to set ourselves free. They cleanse, heal, and free us from the idolatry of things around us so that the things we consume do not end up consuming us.

The Jerusalem Temple, the centre of the nation's cultic life, is judged by Jesus as corrupted. In a scene reminiscent of Malachi, foretelling a messianic cleansing of the Temple, and of Jeremiah, who prophesied the Temple's destruction, Jesus drives out the moneychangers and sellers of animals in the Temple and foretells both its destruction and rebuilding. In a typical gesture of Johannine irony, however, the people think He speaks of bricks and mortar, when in fact He is speaking of His death and resurrection. Jesus came to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast, the greatest of Jewish feasts which drew all kinds of pilgrims from all over the world to celebrate their deliverance from Egypt centuries earlier. People came a long distance and could not carry animals for the sacrifice with them. They bought them on the spot. They came from all over the Roman Empire, thus the various coins they had needed to be changed into the standard Temple currency. A pilgrim to the Temple was supposed to be a religious, sacred experience, but the atmosphere of the Temple destroyed it with this buying, selling and currency exchange which got out of hand. At the Passover, the Temple, the house of prayer, became a shopping mall: merchants selling animals for the sacrifice; moneychangers trading currency at predictably exorbitant rates of exchange. Instead of establishing a relationship with God, the place turned out to be a commercial centre dealing with money.

To turn religion into business is an insult to God. Jesus will not allow it and no effort is too much for him to instil sanity. When Jesus saw this, anger rose within him. You may have seen a painting or picture of this scene, with Jesus holding a whip and poised to strike. All around Him is in confusion, merchants holding up their arms to protect themselves while tables are turned over. Animals are running

away and coins are spilled all over the place with bystanders dashing for cover. This scene has many interpretations. Some say it is an instance of Jesus' righteous anger, teaching us that there is a thing as "righteous anger" when we see something that is wrong. Others say Jesus' act was a prophecy of the cleansing He would bring to the human race. Still, others say that Jesus throwing out the moneychangers means that we should stop all second collections in the Church. But John and the disciples recalled it as the fulfilment of the prophecy that the Messiah would purify the Temple. The Temple needed radical cleansing at that moment and, once in a while, so do our lives. That is what Lent is for. Our lives need cleansing just like our homes and offices do. With time, excess baggage, useless junk and dust balls tend to accumulate. Our lives get cluttered sometimes in ways we never planned: some imperfections grow into sins; small omissions that become major areas of neglect; and personal preoccupations that become sinful behaviours. There may be merchants and money changers that need to be driven out of the Temple of our lives. Lent calls us to do some purification or cleaning.

We have the Decalogue, ancient and God-given avenues for real liberation and genuine cleansing of our lives. The first three Commandments call on us to let God be the only God in our life, to revere and respect everything that is connected with Him: His person, name, and Sundays. The fourth invites us to respect family relationships, especially our parents. The fifth through the eighth call on us to respect the community of which we are a part by respecting property, truth-telling, marriage, our own and that of others, as well as respecting the sacred of human sexuality. The last two ask us to look underneath our behaviour, to look within, at that secret inner world of our desires and yearnings to see if the Gospel shapes them. What do we covet or desire and, more importantly, why? Lent is a time to cleanse our Temple, not just to hope for things to go away, but as Jesus does, to remove, to expel seriously and radically all the infidelities, sins, and distortions of our Christian life. We need regular cleansing or else we can end up like those who do not even notice the sins, imperfections, and clutter in and around them anymore. Christ's displeasure is visible when He sees people putting their business, trade and others before God, even in the very house of God. We are encouraged to retrace our steps and be obedient to God's Commandments because they liberate, free, and purify us. In cleansing the Temple, Jesus reminds us of what we should be doing to sin, spiritual debris and clutter, in our life to make room for Christ.

We join our students in thanking God for successful Mid-Semester Examinations. May God crown all their efforts with success. As we reflect, pray, fast, and give during this Season of Lent, let us also do some cleansing of our lives. God bless you. 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: Ex 20:1-17
2nd Reading: 1Cor 1:22-25
Gospel: Jn 2:13-25



General Notices



Lent Fact

Lent is marked by the liturgical color purple and culminates in Holy Week, concluding with the joyous celebration of Easter, which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Benediction: There will be Benediction today Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 7.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to be present to pray.

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

Infant Baptism: There will be Infants' Baptism on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 4:00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday, March 8, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Chaplaincy with their children/wards' godparents.

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.

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. (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.

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.

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.

Knights and Ladies of Blessed Sacrament (KLBS – Mass Servers): The Knights and Ladies of Blessed Sacrament are inviting new members to join them. Meetings are held on Saturdays at the Chaplaincy at 3.00pm. interested parishioners are to take note.

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

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 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.

TwI Catechism: It is announced for the information of parishioners that TwI Catechism for all the Sacraments will be on every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Chaplaincy. Time: 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Please, take note.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:

Students/ Parishioners 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).

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.

Sunday School (Children's Liturgy): All parents who have their children/wards at the Sunday School (Children's Liturgy) are to call on the following numbers to be added to the Sunday School (Children's Liturgy) P.T.A. WhatsApp Page: 0202629253 – Kyere Yeboah Emmanuel, 0207609053 – Bernadette Agbavor or join through the following link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/IKd2LJdxOSm8ppy6Eup43Q>

Marriage Banns



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. Night of Hymns'24: Pax Choir comes again with Night of Hymns, and this year promises to be exceptional. Join us as we countdown to next Sunday, the 10th of March, 2024 at exactly 5:00pm. Be prepared to grace us with presence as we sing hymns to our God. N.O.H. 2024. Come let us sing a hymn to God.

Youth Corner

Youth Mass comes off this and every **Thursday at 7pm.**

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

Funeral Announcement

Funeral Invitation: Mr. Enoch Anning, a parishioner and an Usher announces the funeral of his mother Obaapanin Beatrice Serwaa Konadu (a.k.a. Auntie Bee) as follows: laying in state on Saturday March 9, 2024 at 4.00am, burial Mass and burial follows, final funeral rites at the funeral grounds from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday March 10, 2024 at the Roman Catholic Church, family gathering at the funeral grounds from 12noon to 6.00pm – all at Atwima-Koforidua. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family (**Mr. Enoch Anning to be introduced**)

Sincere Thanks

Mrs. Harriet Wilson and family wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Local CCR, Christian Mothers' Association and individual parishioners who sympathised and supported them during their bereavement. They pray for God's special blessings for you all.

1. 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.

2. 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).

3. 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.

4. Honey for Sale: A parishioner has some Pure Honey for sale. Contact: 0240776529.

5. 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.

3. St. Louis Jubilee School – 2024/2025 Admission: St. Louis Jubilee School Management is admitting children born in 2021 (i.e. strictly 3-year-old children) into the school. Admission Forms would be sold out at the school’s Auditorium on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 8.00am. **Price:** GH100.00. **NB:** Please come with the child’s (i) Birth Certificate and (ii) Weighing Card. Catholics should come with the child’s Baptismal Card. (Kindly note that, without the Birth Certificate and Weighing Card of the child, the form will not be sold out).

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,

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.

1. House for Rent: 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. 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.