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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 29/04/2024 – 6:30PM

ACTS 14:5-18 / Ps. 114B:1-4, 15-16 / JN. 14:21-26 (CATHERINE OF SIENA)

TUESDAY, 30/04/2024 - 6:30AM

Acts 14:19-28 / Ps. 145:10-13, 21 / Jn. 14:27-31a (Pope Pius V)

WEDNESDAY, 01/05/2024- 7:00AM

GEN. 1:26 – 2:3 / Ps. 90:2-4, 12-14, 16 / MATT. 13:540-58 (JOSEPH THE WORKER)

THURSDAY, 02/05/2024 - 7:00PM

ACTS 15:7-21 / Ps. 96:1-3, 10 / JN. 15:9-11 (ATHANASIUS)

FRIDAY, 03/05/2024 - 6:30AM

1 COR. 15:1-8 / PS. 19:2-5 / JN. 14:6-14 (PHILIP AND JAMES – APOSTLES)

SATURDAY, 04/05/2024 - 7:00AM

Acts 16:1-10 / Ps. 100:1-3, 5 / Jn. 15:18-21

Next Sunday May 05, 2024 – 6th Sunday of Easter (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 – ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

**RESP. PSALM – Ps. 98:1-4
2ND READING – 1 JN. 4:7-10
GOSPEL – JN. 15:9-17**

Remain in the Living Lord to Bear Much Fruit

“Peace be with you”.

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The Liturgy invites us to explore the deeper meanings of our new life in Christ received at Baptism. Jesus is indeed the True Vine and we are the branches. If we abide in Him and He in us, we will bear much fruit. To abide in the Lord is to stay in contact or be connected to the Body of Christ, the Church. St Paul witnesses the Risen Jesus and boldly proclaims His Lordship. Christians are called upon to proclaim our belief in Jesus by our love for another. When, like St Paul, we believe in the name of Jesus Christ, God lives in us and we in Him. We become branches of the True Vine, Jesus Christ.

In the first reading, St Luke gives us a balanced presentation of the growth of the young Church as the work of both the Holy Spirit (“with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers”) and of human agency (“the brothers sent him on his way”). Barnabas introduced Paul to the wary leaders of the community in Jerusalem. For Luke, the mother Church in Jerusalem, with its apostolic origins assuring the authenticity of its mission, was important both theologically and strategically. That Paul should receive acceptance by the apostles in Jerusalem legitimated his ministry. We see the Body of Christ, the Church, as a structured community of apostolic origin and governance, with an animating force that is unmistakably divine. The Risen Lord made Saul, once a persecutor of Christians, the apostle of the nations: a story of a tyrant oppressor turned into a loving and ardent follower. “With God, all things are possible”. We can observe how great things happen when God mixes with us. It is not surprising that the disciples were afraid of Saul and, because of his former way of life, doubted the possibility of him becoming one with them. Barnabas instead makes himself a bridge of reconciliation between Paul and the disciples; the attitude of a true Christian. Forgiveness, rooted in love for one another, is one of the good fruits we have to bear if we remain as branches of the True Vine. Never allow the past lives of others to determine our present relationship with them.

The rich, metaphoric quality of the Gospel reading this Sunday offers numerous Ecclesiological insights useful for our reflection. As the raining season sets in to prepare the grounds for the farming season, we observe trees beginning to bud, plants flowering and grass turning green. The rebirth of nature gives us the lift we all need in a way. This is the time that our hardworking farmers put a great deal of work into their yards, gardens and fields; clearing and burning dead leaves and dead twigs. We also see our reliable women gather withered branches and even cut dead ones for firewood. Everything dead is removed to make way for new planting and fresh growth. Is it possible that we who are now children of God will someday find ourselves like those broken branches or crumpled leaves that are cleared and burnt? It is possible if we let ourselves be separated from Christ, the True Vine. Just as branches get separated from trees, we can become separated from the Lord and the Body of Christ, the Church. Jesus in our Gospel says: He is the True Vine. A person who does not live in Him is like a withered branch ready for the fire. Interestingly, those branches and leaves that were once the glory of nature, giving a green environment, become an eyesore. They become separated from their source of life and die. When we become detached from our source of life, Jesus Christ and His Church, we die spiritually.

People seldom separate themselves from Christ in a dramatic way. Usually, it is gradual as people begin to give way to small things, discarding what seem to be insignificant religious practices that then lead to the abandonment of more important ones. Then comes a moment when someone is coming to Church, saying the words and sing-

ing the songs that no longer speak from their heart. It is like singing a foreign national anthem: the words are alien and fail to invigorate. The words express a faith that is no longer in our hearts nor part of us. Nothing seems to go well for such people in the organization of the community of believers and in the liturgical worship; everything seems wrong. We have become cut off from the vine.

We need to stay connected with the Living Lord through the community of the Church. In today’s first reading, we see St Paul staying in contact with the Jerusalem Church, the centre of the Apostolic Faith. His conversion experience needed to be tested, verified and transformed into a way of life that would last beyond the drama of the moment. He did this by becoming part of the Church, getting himself involved and taking an active role in the Church no matter the challenges, difficulties, misunderstandings and different opinions. The same is true of us. We know if the spiritual experiences we have are rogue events or inspirations from God when they draw us closer to the Church, to the community of faith rather than isolating us, setting us apart in spiritual individualism and groupings. Taking an active part in the life of the Church verifies our personal spirituality and keeps us balanced. We also stay in contact with the living Lord by nurturing our prayer life. We all need and can have a personal prayer life. The celebration of the Liturgy, the Sunday Mass, does not exhaust the spiritual life of a Christian. The Liturgy is our centre but it should radiate into a daily routine of personal prayer. We also stay connected with Christ by expressing our faith in works of charity toward others. This is how our faith influences our relationships or work, and the causes in which we believe.

What about people who have no connection with the Church, who seldom pray, and whose claimed faith has absolutely nothing to do with how they live their lives? Could they be dead branches? There is still life in us if, during this Easter Season, we are somehow moved to pray more often; our consciences have spoken to us about changing our way of life; we have had the desire and the will-power to set things right with the Church and others; if there is some injustice in our homes, families, communities and places of work that we are moved to address; if we desire and want to come closer to God; if we love our community and are contributing in our little way toward its growth; if we want to begin again with the Lord, then we are not yet dead branches. We are connected, however tenuously, to the vine. If we stay connected to the True Vine, we will bear much fruit, more than we ever imagined. Stay connected to the Vine!

Beloved, we remind ourselves that May is a Rosary Month. We encourage parishioners to find time, as individuals and families, to pray the Holy Rosary. Those who pray it already are encouraged to do it more reflectively and with devotion. May Mary accompany us in the month.

We pray Journey Mercies upon our students travelling home for the vacation. While at home or on campus, stay safe and keep well: you are dear and precious to us. Be connected to the True Vine. 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
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading: 1Jn 3:18-24

Gospel: Jn 15:1-8





**EASTER
FACT**

The period of Easter Sunday until Divine Mercy Sunday (or, the second Sunday of Easter) is called the Octave of Easter.

This is the first phase of the Easter season and an extension of the Easter celebration. Eastertide is considered the period of time after the octave of Easter.

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

Collection of Food Items for St. Gregory the Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso: 1. The Archdiocese of Kumasi is organising the Yearly Food Collection for Seminarians at St. Gregory the Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso. The Chaplaincy is supposed to send food items on behalf of the Archdiocese to the Seminary. In view of this, we (parishioners, groups and societies) are all entreated to bring non-perishable food items such as Milo, Sugar, Milk, Nido, Biscuit, Oil, Rice, Gari, Sardines, Mackerel, Assorted Drinks, etc. to support them today Sunday April 28.

2. We shall take a second collection to support the food items for the Seminarians. Please, give willing-

ly and receive bountiful blessings from God.

St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day – (01/05/24): Wednesday, May 1, 2024 is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and it is a statutory holiday. Mass will be in the morning at 7.00am instead of 6.30am. Please take note.

Sick/Aged/Homebound/Infirmed Parishioners: We appeal 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.

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.

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.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Marriage and Family Life Committee: Parishioners are to take note that the first session of the Marriage Counselling has ended. The second session will start 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.

Knights and Ladies of Marshall – New Members wanted: The Knights and Ladies of Marshall Council 78 KNUST are inviting new members to join. Interested persons should contact Prof. Jacob Agbenorhevi on 0208954223 or Dr. Joseph Bentil on 0241133879 for the membership application form.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded of their usual meeting here at the chaplaincy

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.

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.

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 knust-catholicchaplaincy@gmail.com.

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>

Pilgrimage! Pilgrimage!! Pilgrimage!!!: Pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel. Interested persons should contact Nana on 0266757231 for forms. Closing date is May 15, 2024.

Marriage Banns



1. **Mr. Theophilus Akurugu**, son of Mr. Joseph A. Ababagre and Mrs. Azuure Ababagre, born at Bolga-Zualungu, residing at KNUST Campus and **Mad. Helena Amoro (Elizabeth)**, daughter of Mr. Francis Amoro and Mrs. Felicia Amoro, born in Kumasi, resided at Ayigya, now residing at KNUST Campus. **(2nd Announcement – To Be Introduced At all Masses)**
2. **Mr. Anthony Appiah**, son of Mr. Kobina Appiah and Mad. Martha (Abakwah) Koomson, born in Accra, resided at Maalam-Accra, now residing at KNUST-Ayeduse and **Ms. Anita Fremah Adutwum**, daughter of Mr. Joseph Adutwum, born in Kumasi, resided at Takoradi, now residing at Oduom, Kumasi. **(2nd Announcement)**
3. **Mr. Bertin Kipre Guede**, son of Mr. Justin Guede and Mad. Donet Logbo, born at resided at Ayeduase, Kumasi, now residing at Riviera – Abidjan and **Ms. Felicite Djeli Djoziee Djolou**, daughter of Mr. Philippe Djeli Bi Djo and Mad. Bonan Lou Bouye, born at Riviera-Cocody, Abidjan, resided at Kounassi – Abidjan, now residing in Riviera Cocody, Abidjan **(2nd Announcement)**
4. **Mr. Patrick Sasu-Anim**, son of Mr. Peter Kofi Sasu-Ansong and Mad. Elizabeth Amoakoh, born at Nsawam, resided at KNUST Campus, now residing at Sokoban Wood Village and **Ms. Margaret Nkum**, daughter of Prof. Bernard C. Nkum and Mrs. Gifty Nkum, born in Kumasi, resided at KNUST Campus, now residing at Brofoyedu. **(1st 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 Announcement

We announce the funeral of Dr. Godfred Owusu Boateng, a parishioner and husband of Madam Grace Boakye also a parishioner as follows: laying in state on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Adjamesu School park at 4.00am, burial Mass at 8.00am, burial follows, final funeral rites at Adjamesu School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, May 5, 2024 at the Chaplaincy at 8.00am, family gathering at Adjamesu School park from 1.00pm to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. **(Madam Grace Boakye to be introduced)**

2. We announce the death of Mr. Patrick Arthur Kwaku Awotwi, a parishioner and husband of Mrs Juliana Otwiwaa Awotwi, also a parishioner. Funeral arrangements will be communicated to you soon.

Funeral Invitations: 1. Mad. Comfort Adongo, a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Union/Christian Mothers' Association is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her mother Mad. Agiepagle Atog-Ganya at Bolgatanga from the 3rd to the 5th of May, 2024. All parishioners are invited to mourn with her. (Mad. Comfort Adongo to be introduced)

2. Mrs. Debora Akurumaka Aduko, a parishioner and member of the Frafra/Grushie Union/Christian Mothers' Association invites parishioners to the funeral of her father Mr. Akurumaka Adwiir on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at her hometown in the Upper East Region. (Mrs. Debora Akurumaka Aduko to be introduced)

Sincere Thanks

Madam Felicia Agana and family wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Catechists, Mass Servers, Ushers, Lectors Frafra/Ggrushie Union/Choir/Christian Mothers' Association, and parishioners for sympathizing with them during their bereavement. They pray for God's blessings for us 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. Natural Bouquet and Wreath for sale at St. Louis Senior High School. Please contact Sr. Evelyn Serwaa Adjei on 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.

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/

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. 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.

1. House for Rent: A Two-Bedroom apartment with bath, toilet, and kitchen at Naliniso, 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. 3-bedroom apartment with two washrooms is available and ready for rent at Top High. Interested persons should call 0244028323.

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.