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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 10/06/2024 – 6:30PM

1 Kgs. 17:1-6 / Ps. 121:1-8 / MATT. 5:1-12

TUESDAY, 11/06/2024 - 6:30AM/7:00PM

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 / Ps. 98:1-6 / Matt. 5:13-16 (Barnabas)

WEDNESDAY, 12/06/2024- 6:30AM

1 Kgs. 18:20-39 / Ps. 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11 / MATT. 5:17-19

THURSDAY, 13/06/2024 – 7:00PM

1 Kgs. 18:41-46 / Ps. 65:10-14 / MATT. 5:20-26. ANTHONY OF PADUA

FRIDAY, 14/06/2024 - 6:30AM

1 Kgs. 19:9A, 11-16 / Ps. 27:7-9, 13-14 / MATT. 5:27-32

SATURDAY, 15/06/2024 - 7:00AM

1 Kgs. 19:19-21 / Ps. 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 / Matt. 3:33-37 (B.V.M.)

Next Sunday June 16, 2024 – 11th 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 – EZ. 17:22-24
RESP. PSALM – Ps. 92:2-3, 13-16**

2ND READING – 2 COR. 5:7-10

GOSPEL – Mk. 4:26-34

The Family of Christ: Obedience To God's Will!

Dear People of God, today, we celebrate the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. Jesus invites us to be His family like Mary in whom we see the fullness of redemption. We celebrate with her, who did the will of God throughout her life. The readings elicit the themes of both creation and the Fall. The Church always presents creation in the light of our redemption in Christ and our redemption in Christ as illuminating the meaning of the Fall. By portraying Jesus as the one who “binds the strong man” (Satan) in his own house, we are called to reflect on the mystery of redemption.

The Genesis passage arose as the people of ancient Israel grappled with the reality of evil in a world which owed its existence to a Creator whom they knew to be utterly good. Taken from a section known as the prehistory, this short narrative by the Yahwist author shows how Adam and Eve's sin of disobedience immediately results in shame, mistrust, and blaming. God's cursing of the snake ends with a suggestion that the woman still has power over the snake. Indeed, although the snake tempted Adam and Eve, they were not merely victims but acted in freedom. Although they are visited by the disastrous consequences of their disobedience to God, they nevertheless retain a power and dignity which the serpent does not. The serpent has always been identified with the devil. The account of the eating of the “forbidden fruit” only gives a pictorial account of “the fall of humanity”. To the untrained mind, this could lead to the question “What kind of a parent will expel their children from the house because they ate some fruit they were asked not to eat?” But it is not as simple as that. The sin of Adam and Eve is more grievous. They committed the sin of over-reaching: they wanted to be like God as the tempter's words indicate that “the moment you eat it, you will become like God”. Humanity's attempt to “over-reach” is still prevalent today. This is seen in totalitarian regimes who are “playing God” (acting like God), in the scientists and others who want to invent mundane things, and in those using humans for devious and deviant experiments. We too must reflect on what actions of ours attempt to play God and strive to be the humans that God intends us to be.

The literary structure of today's Gospel reading is such that two parables spoken to unbelievers are sandwiched between two other passages that concern a common theme. This theme, family, arises at the beginning and the end of the structure, and in between, a dispute about the relationship of Jesus to the world of demonic power is settled. Jesus was surely a troubling and upsetting figure to many, including those in His own family. His deeds and teachings were not understood and welcomed by all at first. We see how He is misunderstood: by His family who think He is out of His mind; and by the Scribes who accuse Him of being possessed by Beelzebul, the master or prince of evil spirits. The disruptive influence that His preaching and healing brought about caused people to question His sanity and the origin of His authority. Jesus brilliantly confounds those who suspect Him of demonic power and turns the tables on His opponents. He shows the illogicality of the position of the religious leaders: Satan cannot be at work when people are brought back into a harmonious relationship with God. Jesus, the “stronger one” appears to fight against evil. Those who accuse Jesus of being influenced by Beelzebul are consciously refusing to recognise that God is the only source of goodness and

life. It is not Jesus but those whose hearts are hardened (through rejecting God's representative) who are in danger of irrevocably separating themselves from God's friendship. The Scribes attribute the work of Jesus not to God but to the devil and choose to close their hearts to the grace of forgiveness that the Spirit of God gives. That is why their sin is unforgivable. By refusing God's grace, they have excluded themselves and God's forgiveness cannot reach them. God can forgive only those who accept their need for forgiveness.

Amid this misunderstanding and opposition, Jesus shows who the real members of His new family are and what conditions must be met if one wishes to belong to this family of faith. Just as in many African tribes, cousins, nephews and nieces are referred to as brothers and sisters, the Jews had no trouble calling distant relatives brothers and sisters. The brothers and sisters of Jesus in this passage are, therefore, not children of Mary, but rather relatives. However, the true family of Jesus is composed of those who listen to the Word of God and put it into practice. Their relationship with Jesus acquires a new dimension, God-based, not blood-based. Doing the will of God is what gives meaning and unity to the community of believers. To be a disciple is to put Jesus first, to sit at His feet, to listen to His word, and to live it courageously. The passage concludes by asserting that the bonds of relationship with Jesus result, first and foremost, from doing the will of God. The passage has an unexpected outcome: challenging the hearer to conversion.

St Paul's situation, described in the second reading, is that of one who has fearlessly spoken out on behalf of Jesus and His message, even though that truth has been a “stumbling block” for some. The strength of Paul's faith and the integrity of his preaching are not diminished by tribulations or his own bodily failing. Paul's belief in the resurrection includes the promise that the human body will one day be completely restored, which rules out despair over physical decay. He urges his fellow Christians to remain focused on their future hope of eternal well-being, expressed in the image of a temple rebuilt. Even in the present moment, he finds reason to hope and rejoice, because his “inner being” – the qualities of his personhood and spiritual life not observable by the senses – is being strengthened, despite an outward decline in health and vigour. We are thus reminded that Christ's victory over Satan has not banished illness and suffering, but grounds an unconquerable faith that strengthens us from within, as we await the final consummation of God's reign. May we cherish our family relation with Jesus by doing the will of God always.

Dear students, while on Campus, please make the Chaplaincy and its activities part of your daily lives. Always remember that you are the family of Jesus if you listen and put His words into practice. His victory over Satan is our victory. Pax!

Please, remember to stay well, healthy and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Observe the safety protocols. Your life is dear to us.

Have a Blessed and Joyful 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 3:9-15
2nd Reading: 2Cor 4:13—5:1
Gospel: Mk 3:20-35



General Notices

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm.

Sick/Aged/Homebound/

Infirm 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)

Episcopal Visit: Most Rev. John Yaw Opoku-Agyemang, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Ko-

nongo-Mampong will pay us an Episcopal Visit on Sunday, June 30, 2024. There will be three (3) Masses on that day – the Anticipatory Mass (i.e. the Vigil Mass on Saturday at 7.00pm), 6.30am and 9.00am on Sunday. All groups, societies, and parishioners are encouraged to welcome him warmly.

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 Har-

vest 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.



FACT

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 is on-going and the third session will be 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 Benti 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 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.

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 knustcatholicchaplaincy@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>

2. The Sunday School Teachers are meeting with all parents whose children/wards are in the Confirmation Class on Sunday, June 16, 2024 at the Bishop Sarpong Hall immediately after the 8.00 Mass. All concerned parents are entreated to be present.

Marriage Banns



1. **Mr. Andrew Obeng Wiredu**, son of Mr. Jonathan Kwaku Wiredu and Mad. Comfort Kwarteng, born at Fumesua, used to reside at Bomso, Kumasi, now residing at Anwomaso and **Mad. Agnes Mensah**, daughter of Mr. Andrew Mensah and Mad. Yaa Konadu, born at Tanokrom, used to reside at Bomso, Kumasi, now residing at Anwomaso. (**3rd Announcement**)

Youth Corner

Youth Mass comes off this and every **Thursday at 7pm**.
All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

Pax Corner

1. **Pax Zonal Conference 2024** – The Pax Zonal Conference 2024 which started at the Chaplaincy here, on Friday, June 7, 2024 is ending today Sunday, June 9, 2024.
2. **Students' Catechism** – Students Catechism – The Students' Catechism will start on Saturday, May 25, 2024 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. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR)– Praisydram! Praisydram!! Praisydram!!!**: Please, Watch Out.
4. **Cell Meeting**: There will be Cell Meeting for all students this and every Saturday at the various Halls and Hostels at 6.00am. All students should please take note.

Funeral Announcement

1. Mrs. Cecilia Angela Owusu, a parishioner and member of Christian Mothers' Association and her children Mr. Christian Kwasi Owusu and Dr. Abigail Akua Anima Owusu, who are all parishioners, announce the death of their husband and father Mr. Charles Owusu also a parishioner which occurred on Friday, May 24, 2024. The one-week observation of his death will be made known to you in due course.
2. We announce the death of Mr. Isaack Oppong, a parishioner. His one-week observation will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at Kentinkrono-Nsenie, near Last Stop Taxi Station H/No. AK-632-8055 from 6.00am to 6.00pm. All parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

Sincere Thanks

1. Mr. Mawuli Samuel Abednego Agbo wishes to express his sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Assisting Priests, Parish Welfare Committee, groups and societies and parishioners for your prayer, support and sympathy during his bereavement. He prays that the good Lord blesses you all
2. The family of Mrs. Christiana Bayor are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Dagaaba Union, Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association, St. Peter's Choir, Catechists, Mass Servers, Parishioners and all who sympathized and supported them during their bereavement. They ask for God's blessings for you.

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.

Our Lady of Grace Senior High School – 2024/2025 Entrance Examination: Our Lady of Grace Senior High School located at Mampong-teng is registering students for the 2024/2025 Entrance Examination on Saturday, the 20th of July, 2024 at all the twenty-three (23) centres across the nation. Interested persons should please visit the Notice Board to read for themselves.

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 /

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.

Accommodation/House to buy: A Male Religious Congregation in the Catholic Church is searching for accommodation/house to buy for community around KNUST and beyond. Preferably between KNUST and Santasi. Persons who can be of help should please call on this number 0596036520.