MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 02/12/2024 -6:30AM

Isa, 2:1-5 / Ps, 122:1-9 / Matt.

TUESDAY, 03/12/2024 -6:30AM

RIsa. 11:1-10 / Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Lk. 10:21-24 (St. Francis Xavier)

WEDNESDAY, 04/12/2024-6:30AM

Isa, 25:6-10 / Ps, 23:1-6 / Matt. 15:29-37 (John Damascene)

THURSDAY, 05/12/2024 -6:30AM

Isa. 26:1-6 / Ps. 118:1, 8-9, 19 -21, 25-27 / Matt. 7:21, 24-27

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

Isa, 29:17-24 / Ps, 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Matt. 9:27-31 (Nicholas)

SATURDAY, 07/12/2024 -7.00ам

Isa. 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps. 147:1-6 / Matt. 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8 (Ambrose)

Next Sunday December 01, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

7:00PM — VIGIL MASS

6.30AM - 1ST MASS

8:00AM - 2ND MASS

10:00AM - 3RD MASS

PLEASE ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE

1st Reading - Bar. 5:1-9

RESP. PSALM - Ps. 126:1-6 2ND READING - PHIL. 1:4-6, 8

GOSPEL - LK. 3:1-6

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Look Up and Raise Your Head: Your Redemption is Near!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent (Year C) Sometimes we are like Israel in Jeremiah's time: considering the great to mark the beginning of the Church's New Year. Per the tradition of promises of God as dead and in the past. We are even tempted to be the Catholic Church, each New Liturgical Year begins on the First cynical when we see the behaviour of other Christians. Then comes Sunday of Advent, not with looking back to our origins but with looking forward to our future. The Liturgy invites us to be a church of expectancy and hope because we live in the light of a particular future. inside us: the desire to reconcile; get closer to Christ and His Church; The Coming of the Lord at the End of Time is meant for our reflection. Fear is the most crippling of all emotions and there are many things in life and in the world to make us afraid. We lack integrity because we are so scared to be ourselves. But today we lift up our souls to Christ who comes to deliver us from every fear. We can stand erect, hold our heads high, and dwell in confidence, for Christ is our liberation from fear.

We remind ourselves of the two-fold character of Advent: a time of Coming of the Son of God to humanity; and likewise, a time when by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight: we recall the cry of the early Christians: Maranatha! "Come, Lord Jesus". This requires of Christians serious preparation: not the kind done in the markets, banks, bakeries, fashion shops and hair salons. Our actual preparation which took place many years ago but whose effect remains ever present; we prepare to welcome Christ born anew in our hearts and homes; we get ready for the Second Coming of the One who loves us unconditionally; and we deepen our relationship with the Reason of the Season: Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel describes the Second Coming of Christ, the Son of Man, in cosmic terms. Rather than an image of servants facing a master's unexpected return home, or a householder guarding against a thief, St Luke portrays a cosmos wracked with upheaval. The sun, moon and stars, the powers of the heavens, and the roaring sea conspire to terrify whole nations and make individuals die of fright. It not only speaks about the end of the world but describes a new beginning, the final and complete establishment of the new, redeemed creation. When everything seems to have collapsed, people will see the Son of Man coming with great power and glory. Before the new world these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your head, because your redemption is near at hand." This passage breathes assurance that believers will not only endure these and any other disasters, but in the midst of them all they will find their salvation revealed.

This reading at the start of Advent is appropriate because Advent is a new beginning, a chance for a fresh start for the soul and spirit. The prophet Jeremiah in today's first reading looks to a new future for his people. Having experienced a history of failure in their kings, leading Pax! to grim situations. Jeremiah says there will be a new shoot, "righteous Branch", on the old family tree of David and he will be the Messiah. Jeremiah gives us God's words of hope, as he did for the people of Israel of old. God will raise up a "righteous Branch" to reign in the line of David, and of a time when the Lord God will rule over a Jeru- Have a Fruitful Season of Advent! salem fully restored and made whole. This branch will execute justice and righteousness in the land. People will be saved and dwell securely God bless and keep you safe. under his rule. His name shall be "The Lord is our righteous". God's promises and Covenant are not dead. There will be a new beginning Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us. with "Someone" greater than David. Hence, the psalmist's prayer: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Advent, we light the candles on the wreath and notice at this time of the year something odd. Deep, half-forgotten stirrings come to life get in touch with friends and family; set things right; and be at peace inside and out. The feeling of nostalgia comes with Advent, but Advent for us is about the future: stirring the drive, the search, and the need to fulfil something deep and holy that exists in us. Our world has changed a lot requiring us to find new ways to express community, show faith, and strengthen the bonds of family, friends and faith.

Advent begins our journey of spiritual and personal renewal, a time to prepare for Christmas and Christ's coming into our lives with new preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas to remember the First power. At Advent, Christians celebrate the ways Christ comes to fix our broken world. God's promise through Jeremiah is that He will make a righteous branch grow up for David and the branch will do what is right and just in the land. Jesus also speaks of His Second Coming and invites us to be vigilant and pray at all times to have the strength to escape imminent tribulations of life and to stand before the Son of Man. At Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts. We must be ready to give Christ the gift of ourselves, holy and should be mainly done on our knees. We commemorate an event pleasing to Him. Thus, the second reading encourages us to prepare our hearts for Jesus by growing in love and virtue. Remember, what is at hand for the watchful and prayerful Christian is not disaster but redemption: Rise up to it! May the Advent of Jesus Christ mark the beginning of all good things in your life.

> Dear parishioners, "We Must Thank the Lord for His Constant Love, for the Wonderful Things He has Done for Us" (cf. Ps 107:8) in our 2024 Annual Harvest/Thanksgiving. Consider what God has done for you, your family, friends, life and the work of your hands throughout the Year 2024, and offer Him your Thanksgiving. Please, do not be left out! God loves the cheerful giver.

> Congratulations to our Deserving and Fresh Graduates of 2024. Ayekoo! As we thank God for Successful Academic Journeys, may He bless your dreams of graduation.

comes, the old has to be cleared away. The Lord assures us: "When Dear students, the Season of Advent begins our journey of spiritual renewal in preparation for Christ, our liberation from fears. With Christ, we can stand erect, hold our heads high, and dwell in confidence. Give Christ a chance! While on vacation, make efforts to deepen your faith and understanding of the Church and Her Doctrines. We pray for God's protection upon you at home, as you do your attachments and National Service. Please take good care of yourselves and be helpful to your family. Let your presence be felt in your home parishes and offer a helping hand. We love you so much and miss you!

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

> CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655 CHAPLAINCY WEBSITE: www.knustcatholic.org

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16

2nd Reading: 1Thes 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28,34-36



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ROSARY FACT

The rosary
has proven to
be a
miraculous
force for
protecting
those of faith
and
bestowing
upon them
extra graces

General Notices

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>: There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm.

Advent Retreat! Advent Retreat!! Advent Retreat!!!: The Parish Advent Retreat will be taking place from Monday, December 2, 2024 and will end on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6.30pm each night. The theme for the Retreat is: "Watch out that no one deceives you" (Matt. 24:4). Please, take note of the daily Talks:

Day 1 – Mon. 02/12/24 - I will walk about in freedom for I have sought your precepts (Ps. 119:45-47)

Day 2 – Tue. 03/12/24 - Do not be deceived (Matt. 24:4-11)

Day 3 – Wed. 04/12/24 - The Son of Man will be coming in the clouds of heaven with power and glory (Matt.24:30-31)

Day 4 – Thur. 05/12/234 - Let all people flee (Lk. 21:20-21

Day 5 – Fri. 06/12/24 - Sing Praise to the Lord and give thanks at the remembrance of His Holy Name (Ps. 30:4)

Please, due to the above program, all the weekday Masses will be in the morning at 6.30am, except Saturday which is 7.00am. All parishioners are encouraged to participate

fully in the Advent Retreat Program.

Candidates for Major Seminary: The Catholic Archdiocese Vocations Office at Santasi-Anyinam, Kumasi would want to bring to the notice of all parishioners, and in particular candidates who would want to seek admission to the Major Seminary for priestly formation to submit their names to the Vocations Director through their respective Parish Priests. They should submit their application letters and a copy of SHS/WASSCE Results Slip not more than aggregate 24 to the Vocations Director for registration. The pass mark for English, Maths, Integrate Science and three (3) electives remain at most C6. The registration ends on December 10, 2024.

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.

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.

<u>Chaplaincy News Bulletin:</u> 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.

<u>Chaplaincy Momo Pay:</u> 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.

<u>Collection of Baptismal Cards</u>: 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.

<u>Security Consciousness</u>: Parishioners are being informed to be security conscious when we come to church. Groups/Societies should try to educate their members to be alert but not to create any fear in them. We encourage all parishioners to alert the Ushers of any unwanted behaviour. "Say something when you see something".

<u>Use of Washrooms</u>: We entreat parishioners; both children and adults, to put the washrooms to order and clean after use in order not to inconvenience the next user.

Committees, Groups & Societies

English Lectors: Members are reminded of their usual meeting on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in front of the Snack Bar. New members are welcome.

Knights and Ladies of Blessed Sacrament (KLBS – Mass Servers): The Knights and Ladies of the 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.

Electoral Committee: 1. Parish Council Executives - Please, get to know your Parish Council Executives before the election day – December 15, 2024.

2. <u>Submission of Names of Representatives</u>: Leaders of Groups and Societies are to submit names of their Representatives to Parish Council latest by December 28, 2024.

<u>Charismatic Renewal (Local)</u>: Charismatic Renewal (Local): 1. Members are being reminded of their usual Sundays Prayer Meeting at the Chaplaincy here at 5:00pm. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

2. <u>Life in the Spirit Seminar (L.S.S.)</u>: 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.

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 knustcatholicchap-laincy@gmail.com.

<u>Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:</u>

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): 1 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/lkd2LJdxOSm8ppy6Eup43Q

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Marriage Bans

1. Mr. Norbert Amissah Dadzie, son of Mr. Samuel Francis Dadzie and Mad. Margaret Serwaah, born in Kumasi, residing at Akyem Oda-Wenkyi and Ms. Dzibordi Ayivi-Tosuh, daughter of Mr. Seth Ayivi-Tosuh and Mad. Millicent Korley, born at Aburi-Ahwerase, residing at Akyem Oda-Wenkyi (1st Announcement)

2. Mr. Dennis Owusu Dankwah, son of Mr. Jacob Kofi Dankwah and Mrs. Janet Dankwah, born at Drobonso, used to reside at Sokoban, Kumasi, now residing at Kokoben and Ms. Jemima Ampratwum, daughter of Mr. Bossman Tawiah Ampratwum and Mrs. Florence Ampratwum, born in Kumasi, residing at Anwomaso, Kumasi (1st Announcement)

Sincere Thanks

- 1. Mr. Alex Boham is expressing his sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Knights and Ladies of Marshall, Non-Aligned Movement and individual parishioners for sympathising and supporting him during the funeral of his brother. He asks for God's special blessings for you.
- 2. The children and family of Madam Olivia Kuutaah are expressing their thankfulness to the Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Timothy, Parish Welfare Committee, Mass Servers, Youth Choir, Ushers and parishioners who prayed, sympathised and supported them during her burial and final funeral. They pray that the good and gracious Lord continues to bless you all.
- 3. Sir, Kt. Matthew Adu Gyamfi, Lucy Adu Gyamfi, and Patricia Anima Gyamfi are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Knights and Ladies of Marshall, parishioners and all who sympathised with them during their bereavement. They ask the good Lord to continue to bless and be with you.

- 1. <u>Sale of Books</u> 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.** <u>Mist Blower Machines</u>: 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.** <u>Vegetables on Sale</u>: 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: Contact Sr. Joyce Eyiah, SSL on 0204020362/0244804779.
- **4.** Natural Bouquet and Wreath for sale at St. Louis Senior High School. Please contact Sr. Evelyn Serwaa Adjei on 0244784394.
- **5.** <u>Honey for Sale</u>: A parishioner has some Pure Honey for sale. Contact: 0240776529.
- **6.** <u>Banana Bread</u>: Healthy Banana Bread with seeds and nuts available for sale and delivery as well. Contact 0243750444.
- **7.** <u>Power Energy Bulbs for Sale</u>: For your durable, bright and strong 7watts, 9watts, 12watts, 15watts, 20watts, and 30watts energy bulbs, please call on 0534637114.

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. <u>Blessed Trinity Leadership Academy</u>: 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. FST Jubilee Creche (Martyrs of Uganda School, Santasi Kumasi): FST Jubilee Creche, Martyrs of Uganda, is an Educational Institution under the Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi and is led by the FST Sisters. The school is located at Odeneho-Kwadaso and share boarders with Opoku-Ware S.H.S. They operate with pupils between one (1) and six (6) years from Creche to Kindergarten two (2). They promote quality education build on the Catholic Teachings and are known for their discipline and academic excellence in a loving and caring environment. Parishioners are being informed that the 2024/2025 Academic Year Admission is in progress and the admissions forms goes for Sixty Ghana Cedis (GHC60.00). You are encouraged to bring your children/wards to access the holistic formation they deserve.
- 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 parishioner is looking for a female house between the ages of 16 and 21. Please, call 0207070019 for further details.
- **3.** 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 per sons must call 0244759985.
- **4.** 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.
- 5. <u>Insurance Company</u>: 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.

<u>Seeking for Job</u>: 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: A Two-Bedroom apartment with bath, toilet, and kitchen at Nahiniso, closer to Kotei is ready for renting. Interested person should call 0547402059.
- A 3-bedroom flat with a borehole water facility is available for rent at Appiadu. Interested persons should contact 0243049675.
- A single room self-contained apartment is available for rent at Tikrom. Please, call on 0244971712.
- 4. Flats for Rent: (i) A large room fitted with kitchenette, bath and toilet rooms, centrally located at the main KNUST-Ayeduase New Site Road. (ii) A 3-bedroom Flat with kitchen, bath and toilet rooms is ready for occupation at Ayeduase New Site. Both Flats are suitable for a single person, a couple or shared by at most three (3) students of same sex. Enjoy easy accessibility to all places. Contact: 024441 6770 / 0502693796.

Rent Accommodation: 1. A parishioner is in need of a two-bedroom apartment around Maxima, Ayigya, Bomso, Ayeduase, Kotei, or Deduako. Please call on 0504741374 to help.

2. A parishioners is in need of a single room self-contain accommodation around Ayeduase, Kotei or any area close to KNUST. Please call on 0257891003 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.

<u>House Help:</u> 1. A parishioner is looking for a female house help between the ages of 16 to 26. Interested persons should call 0207070019.

- 2. A parishioner is in need of a housekeeper to work in Accra, Preferred female, at least 18 years, SHS or JHS Graduates. Call 0208168663.
- 3. A Security Man needed in Accra for a household. It's a live-in position with attractive wages and conditions. Call 0208168663.

<u>Lifestyle Management Services</u>: Lifestyle Management Services offers help to families, companies and professionals to manage their personal and professional lives more effectively. Interested parishioners should contact: WhatsApp & Call: 027-2608401 – Maryjane for the following:

Travel Consultancy

Event Organisation

Restaurant Reservations

Real Estate in Dubai (Investing) and

Corporate Travels & Dinners for Companies

<u>Harvest Committee</u>: 1. <u>Payment of 2024 Harvest Levies</u>: All parishioners are encouraged to pay their 2024 Harvest Levies as below:

Harvest 2024 Levies	<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	