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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 16/12/2024 –
6:30PM

Num. 24:2-7, 15-17a / Ps. 25:4-9 / Matt. 21:23-27

TUESDAY, 17/12/2024 -6:30AM

Gen. 49:2, 8-10 / Ps. 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 / Matt. 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY, 18/12/2024-
6:30AM

Jer. 23:5-8 / Ps. 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 / Matt. 1:18-25

THURSDAY, 19/12/2024 –
7:00PM

Isa. Jgds. 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps. 71:3-6, 16-17 / Lk. 1:5-25

FRIDAY, 20/12/2024 - 6:30AM

Isa. 7:10-14 / Ps. 23:1-6 / Lk. 1:26-38

SATURDAY, 21/12/2024 -
7:00AM

Song. 2:8-14 / Ps. 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 / Lk. 1:39-35 (Peter Canisius)

Next Sunday December
22nd, 2024 – 3rd Sun-
day 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 – MIC. 5:1-4A

RESP. PSALM – PS. 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2ND READING – HEB. 10:5-10

GOSPEL – LK. 1:39-45

Rejoice, Be Reconciled To God!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent (Year C), traditionally called “Gaudete Sunday”, marking the midpoint of Advent. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning “Rejoice”, an imperative from today’s first word of the antiphon at the Introit. Taken from the Latin translation of Phil 4:4-5, it sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord’s birth and Second Coming. There is a mutual and lasting joy when sinners return to God: they rejoice for being reconciled with God, and God rejoices over them. We are to rejoice because the time for the divine visitation is near. Hence, the invitation to rejoice in the Lord always for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty saviour. It is He who John foretold; who will baptize in the Holy Spirit. We sing and shout for joy with Christ, the Lord of the Dance, who brings us the Good News of our redemption and renews us with His love.

The Liturgical readings for today are very cheerful. Although the prophet Zephaniah spoke to the people of Israel about the darkening clouds of judgment that were looming for them, a beam of light emerges as he tells them about the coming joy of deliverance: “Shout for joy, O daughter Zion. The Lord is in your midst, a mighty saviour.... He will renew you”. Likewise, St Paul exhorts the Philippian faithful to “rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again, rejoice”. St Paul wrote this letter about joy from prison. Both readings make reference to a joy deeper than “holiday cheer”. “Cheer” they say is created from our surroundings: “Joy” on the other hand emerges from within. It is thus expedient to pause to reflect on how to experience the joy of this Season. For most people, this is the season of the year that produces not joy but stress, anxiety, friction, exhaustion and even debt. There is a great deal of stress because the preparations for Christmas can overwhelm us. In addition, we are surrounded by images of the perfect Christmas, tree, food, decorations, family gathering, guests, and harmony. Ironically, Christmas is never that perfect; the perfect Christmas eludes most people every year.

St John the Baptist, in the Gospel, presents us with the way to profound joy that is at the spiritual heart of this season. Moved by his prophetic preaching about God’s coming judgment, people from all walks of life come forward to him asking: “What are we to do?” They want to know how they should prepare for the Messiah. John recommends compassion to them: that ability to feel the pain and suffering of others. He tells them to share what they have with others: contrary to selfishness and greed. To the tax collectors, he says do not extort money from people. To soldiers who came to him, he said do not abuse your power and be content with your wages. For John, we clear for the Messiah a path by repentance not so much by reading, singing or decorations. The Baptizer tells us in plain language to reform our lives in ordinary ways specific to our life situations. Moral conversion is thus a necessary preparation for the new era which begins with the coming of the Messiah. An era in which we see ourselves mirrored in those whose lives are fragile for lack of food, shelter, medical care, love, friends, and hope. Truly, those who are naked, hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick and lonely experience deep joy when someone, out of compassion, cares for them. Joy is rediscovered and celebrated when compassion is shown in real ways. Selfishness and greed, on the contrary, breeds sadness. We are to be instruments in God’s hands so that people can discover and celebrate joy.

We can make John’s message our own because the joy of this Gaudete Sunday, or the Sunday in Advent to rejoice, comes from appre-

ciating the fact that Christmas does not have to be picture-perfect to be truly Christmas. Christ can come to us, and indeed He comes to us, even in our imperfections. To participate in this eternal happiness, the three groups (ordinary people, tax collectors, and soldiers) went to John on our behalf for direction. The “tax collectors” represent those who buy and sell without scruples, thinking only of their advantage; in their clever deception, they cheat people, evade taxes, and take advantage of the naïvete of the poor to exploit them and get rich. Anyone who behaves like the “tax collector” risks not attaining external happiness. The “soldiers” represent those who abuse authority, and take advantage of their position and profession to exploit others. Those who dominate and overpower the weakest behave like “soldiers” and are invited to review their behaviour if they want to prepare themselves for the coming of the Lord. God’s Kingdom can begin to take root in our life today, this moment or this year. But we need to prepare the way for the Lord, to clear for Him a straight path to come. Whatever our limitations in life, we can experience the joy of His presence.

In Zephaniah’s words, God will renew us on the inside with His love: a promise of spiritual renewal and rejuvenation no matter our age and health conditions. For St Paul, the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds. This is a powerful security system; to possess the very peace of God within us no matter what is happening around us. Repentance is thus the key to a joy-filled Christmas. With repentance clearing the way for the Lord Jesus, He becomes and remains an important part of our lives. With prayer of supplication and thanksgiving, our request is made known to God and surely God’s peace will keep our hearts and minds in Christ. May our joy, excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that Christ is always near!

Sincere thanks to everyone who generously adhered to our invitation “We must Thank the Lord for His Constant Love, for the Wonderful Things He has Done for Us” in our 2024 Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving. May our thanksgiving and appreciation this year be a springboard for many more blessings and favours from God. Please, do not be left out, it is not over! God richly Bless and Replenish you for your Generous Thanksgiving.

Dear students, the spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of St Paul, “The Lord is near”. This joyful spirit is marked by the Third Candle of our Advent wreath, which is Rose coloured. Our joy can only be complete with repentance and renewal of life. Rejoice and be reconciled to God. While on vacation, let us deepen our 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! 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 Gaudete Sunday and 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

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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Zep 3:14-18a

2nd Reading: Phi 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18.



General Notices



ROSARY FACT

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

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

Infant Baptism: There is going to be Infant Baptism on Saturday December 14, 2024 at 4:00pm. Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Chaplaincy with their children/wards' god-parents.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday, December 9, 2024 is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As such, there will be two (2) Masses at 6.30am and 6.30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to attend both Masses to observe the day.

Job Opportunity (Cleaner Needed): The Chaplaincy (Facility Management Committee) is looking for a reliable and dedicated male or female cleaner to join their team. The ideal candidate should be available to work on weekends and have a strong work ethic. Responsibilities include maintaining cleanliness in assigned areas, ensuring that all tasks are completed efficiently and following health and safety guidelines. If you are interested and ready to work weekends, please, contact the Chaplaincy

Office.

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/Infirm Parishioners: We appeal 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 a News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy. (0596036520)

Dues (Membership) Cards and Registration: All parishioners who do not have 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: 1. The Chaplaincy has acquired a Merchant Sim. Parishioners are advised to make payments and contributions through the Merchant ID: 097655 to enjoy less charge.

2. The Chaplaincy Office is pleading with

parishioners who make payments and contributions through the Chaplaincy Momo Pay to please state the purpose of the payment made as the 'reference' but not your personal names. This will help us a lot. Please take note.

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.

Security Consciousness: 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".

Use of Washrooms: 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.

Catholic Standard Calendars on sale: Parishioners are informed that copies of the Standard Calendars are ready on sale at the Chaplaincy Bookshop. A copy goes for GH¢20.00. Please visit the Bookshop for your copy/copies.

Committees, Groups & Societies

General Parish Council Meeting: The last General Parish Council meeting for the year 2024 comes off on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at exactly 5:30pm. The venue is the Msgr. Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at Representatives of various groups and societies are entreated to be present at the meeting.

Electoral Commission: 1. **Election of Parish Council Executives** – The Chaplaincy Electoral Commission is reminding all parishioners that today Sunday, December 15, 2024 is election of Parish Council Executives after every Mass. We are all encouraged to cast our votes.

2. **Submission of Names of Representatives:** Leaders of Groups and Societies are to submit names of their Representatives to Parish Council latest by December 28, 2024. Please take note.

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.

OLA Training College of Education: The past students of OLA Training College of Education, Cape Coast, are visiting the Chaplaincy next

Sunday December 15, 2024 at the 8:00 Mass for their Inauguration and 1st Thanksgiving. There will be a meeting after Mass. All past students are expected to be present.

Non-Aligned Movement: Members of the Non-Aligned Movement are meeting today, Sunday, December 15, 2024 immediately after Mass and after casting your vote. You are all encouraged to be present at the meeting. New members are also warmly welcome.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): 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. **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.

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): 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/IKd2LJdxOSm8ppy6Eup43Q>

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 (**3rd 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 (**3rd Announcement – To be introduced at all Masses**)
- 3. Mr. Enock Aabetersuu Kuudaar**, son of Mr. Sylvester Kuudaar and Mrs. Marcellina Kuudaar, born in Kumasi, residing in Accra and **Ms. Liticia Aseye Adase**, daughter of Mr. Reuben Adase and Mad. Christine Akpo, born at Battor, used to reside in Accra, now residing in Seoul, Korea.

Funeral Announcement

Funeral Invitation: Parishioners are invited to the final funeral of W/Bro. Godfred Kello as follows: laying in state on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at St. Hubert Seminary SHS Campus at 4.00am, burial Mass at the Seminary Chapel at 9.00am, interment at his hometown Nandom-Goziir in the Upper West Region, final funeral at the Seminary SHS grounds from 12noon to 6.00pm, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, December 22, 2024 at the Seminary Church at 8.30am, family gathering from 12noon to 6.00pm.

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. 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 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. 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.

7. Power Energy Bulbs for Sale: 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. 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. 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 (GH¢60.00). You are encouraged to bring your children/wards to access the holistic formation they deserve.

3. 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 help 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 persons 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. 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 3-bedroom flat with a borehole water facility is available for rent at Appiadu. Interested persons should contact 0243049675.

2. Flats for Rent: (i) A large room fitted with kitchenette, bath and toilet rooms, centrally located at the main KNUST-Ayeduae New Site Road. (ii) A 3-bedroom Flat with kitchen, bath and toilet rooms is ready for occupation at Ayeduae 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: 0244416770 / 0502693796.

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

2. A parishioner is in need of a single room self-contained accommodation around Ayeduae, 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.

House Help: **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.

Lifestyle Management Services: 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

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

Harvest 2024 Levies	GH¢
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