

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 23/12/2024 – 6:30AM

Mal. 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps. 25:4-5, 8-10 / Lk. 1:57-66 (John of Khanty)

TUESDAY, 24/12/2024 – 6:30AM

Isa. 62:1-5 / Ps. 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Matt. 1:1-25 (Christmas Vigil)

WEDNESDAY, 25/12/2024 – 6:30AM

18lsa. 52:76-10 / Ps. 98:1-6 / Heb., 1:1-6 / Jn. 1:1-18 (The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas)

THURSDAY, 26/12/2024 – 7:00PM

71Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Ps. 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17 / Matt. 10:17-22 (St. Stephen, the First Martyr)

FRIDAY, 27/12/2024 – 6:30AM

1 Jn. 1:1-4 / Ps. 97-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Jn. 20:2-8 (St. John)

SATURDAY, 28/12/2024 – 7:00AM

1 Jn. 1:5 – 2:2 / Ps. 124:2-5, 7b-8 / Matt. 2:13-18 (The Holy Innocents - Martyrs)

Next Sunday

December 29, 2024 – Holy Family (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 – 1 SAM. 1:20-22, 24-28

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

2ND READING – 1 JN. 3:1-2, 21-24

GOSPEL – LK. 2:41-52

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With Humility and Simplicity, I Come to Do Your Will!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C). As Advent draws to a close, the readings call our attention to the mystery of Christ’s coming in the flesh. They show that God’s power manifests itself through weakness. From the least of the clans of Judah, from Mary, His lowly handmaid, God prepared a body for His Christ, who comes to fill the world with His spirit of peace. The cry of humanity for the clouds to rain down the Just One, and the earth to bring forth a Saviour, is fulfilled in Mary’s Child, the Prince of Peace. Thus, from Bethlehem shall come One who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, He will protect and save us, offering Himself once and for all in doing the Father’s Will.

The reading from the prophet Micah compares the people of Israel waiting for divine deliverance to a woman in labour, giving birth to a child. Micah tells us that the Lord will behave just as He always did. He will not have the Saviour come from a great city like Jerusalem but from a small village, Bethlehem. He will not be from a rich powerful family, but from a poor one, just as with David at the beginning of the kingdom. Micah delights in announcing that the small and comparatively insignificant place of Bethlehem-Ephrathah will be the place of origin of the king who will rule in the line of David and with the strength of God. This promised ruler will also be the shepherd of the people and he shall be their peace, touching a profound longing in human heart. As a good shepherd, he shall feed his flock in the strength of the Lord and they will dwell securely. His rule over his people will be peace. He will fill the hearts of all people with His Spirit of peace and joy. The letter to the Hebrews takes special account of the importance of the body of Jesus. His body is accepted by the pre-existent saviour as “prepared for me” by God’s will. His body is obediently offered in sacrifice, surpassing all the sacrifices of the old covenant. To the God who takes no delight in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings, we ought to delight in doing His will. We are invited to be ready and obedient as Jesus was so that God can manifest His love through our weakness.

Today’s Gospel reading speaks of the mystery of life taking shape in the womb of Mary. We are drawn to two women, Mary and Elizabeth, who share their Good News. They will be the mothers of Jesus and John the Baptist respectively. Mary heard the news that Elizabeth was expecting to give birth soon and promptly visited her. Elizabeth shares in Mary’s joy of having conceived the Son of God and declares her blessed. The meeting of the two mothers is at the same time the first meeting of Jesus and the one who will prepare the way for him, John the Baptist. Mary, pregnant with Jesus, goes in haste to see Elizabeth, who is also with a child in unusual circumstances. The scene between the two women, honoured in Catholic Tradition as “the Visitation”, is both a human encounter and a moment of transcendent significance. When she sees Mary, Elizabeth is “filled with the Holy Spirit” and the baby within her “leaps for joy”. Under the influence of this Spirit, she speaks a powerful truth, calling Mary “blessed” and her unborn child “my Lord”. Mary visited Elizabeth and they were in each other’s company in an extraordinary way. Present and active in their meeting was the Holy Spirit overshadowing Mary to conceive the Saviour of the world; inspiring Elizabeth to praise Mary and “the fruit of her womb”; and prompting the unborn John to

leap for joy in Elizabeth’s womb. The Holy Spirit brought intensity to each encounter, pointing to the uniqueness and significance of all these events: Mary “went in haste”; Elizabeth “cried out in a loud voice”; and John “leapt for Joy”.

As Christmas draws closer, let us open ourselves to receive from the Holy Spirit that same intensity. The same Holy Spirit overshadows, inspires, and prompts those of us who believe, “to set out in haste” to touch others with the divine presence. Despite her pregnancy, Mary found time to visit Elizabeth to share her joy. She displayed her hospitality, generosity, humility, and love through this act. God is always present in our every act of reaching out to others in love. God is present in our visit to the sick, homebound, imprisoned, disregarded, or forgotten. Doing God’s Will is an Incarnation of the divine presence. Mary hurriedly goes to share in the joy of her cousin Elizabeth, but in fact, it is Elizabeth and the unborn John the Baptist who rather share in the joy of Mary and the unborn Jesus. Behind the meeting of the two future mothers is the meeting of their unborn children.

In a society where age is important, there occurs a reversal of roles. Elizabeth, the older one, considers herself fortunate at the visit of younger Mary. John the Baptist is older by six months but Luke describes him as leaping for joy at the visit of Mary and Jesus. Such joy is possible because there is no jealousy among the two women. Each accepts the role given to her by God. Jealousy so often kills our relationships in the community. May we all, in simplicity and humility, generosity and love, avail ourselves to do the Will of God, following the examples of Mary, Elizabeth, and the unborn Jesus and John the Baptist. This season, God plans to honour us with a divine visit. He knows the way to where we live, and He will come quickly to visit us personally to transform and make our lives better. God chooses the poor and the weak to fulfil His plans.

Dear students on vacation, take good care of yourselves, be helpful to your families, and be true ambassadors of your schools. We love you and hope you miss us! We hope to see you more involved in Parish activities. Remember that God chooses the poor and the weak to fulfil His plans. Let us be ready and obedient as Jesus was so that God can manifest His love through our weakness. There is no better way to celebrate Christmas than to allow Christ into our hearts and to share Christ with others. This, you can achieve by making a conscious effort to deepen your faith and understanding of the Church and Her doctrines. In so doing, you will be forming your conscience against ideologies. Remember the reason for the season always. 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 Christmas Season.

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
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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Readings: Mic 5:1-4

2nd Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk 1:39-45.



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. Morning Mass on Monday, December 23, 2024: There will be Mass on Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6.30am. All parishioners are encouraged to be present.

Morning Mass on Monday, December 23, 2024: There will be Mass on Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6.30am. All parishioners are encouraged to be present.

Confirmation: There will be Confirmation next Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 9:00am. Parishioners should please take note.

Holy Family Day: There will be a get-together next Sunday, December 29, 2024 which is the Holy Family Day at the Chaplaincy grounds at 4:00pm. To celebrate our togetherness as a family. Parishioners, please take note and avail yourselves.

2024 Christmas Activities: Please, parishioners should take note of the 2024 Christmas Activities as follows:

Tuesday, 24/12/24 – Christmas Eve and Carols at 7:00pm

Wednesday, 25/12/24 – Nativity of The Lord (Christmas) 2 Masses at 7:00am and 9:00 am

Thursday, 26/12/24 – St. Stephen, the First Martyr's Day – (1) Mass at 6:30am. (2) Mass with inmates at Manyia Prisons at 9:00am

Sunday, 29/12/24 – Holy Family Feast (Three Masses: Vigil Mass at 7:00pm, 6:30am and 9:00am)

Tuesday, 31/12/24 – New Year Vigil at 9:00pm

Wednesday, 01/01/25 – New Year Day (Mary Mother of God) – 2 Masses at 7:00am and 9:00am

Christmas and New Year Holidays: The University Community is commencing Christmas and New Year Holidays after close of work on Friday, December 20, 2024 and resuming on Friday, January 3, 2025. The Chaplaincy Office will be opened from 8.00am to 12noon. Parishioners should please take note.

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, send your application letter to the 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/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: 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 GHC20.00. Please visit the Bookshop for your copy/copies.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Parish Council Elections - 2024: Results of the voting on last Sunday December 15, 2024 is to be declared today Sunday December 22, 2024 at all Masses.

Groups and Societies' Representatives: Leaders of Groups and Societies should please pick up Nomination Forms from the Chaplaincy Office and return them to same after filling them. All names should be submitted latest by January 12, 2025 for compilation before the induction of New Council.

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

Knights and Ladies of the 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.

Charismatic Renewal (Local): Members of the Local CCR are being reminded that, today Sunday, December 15, 2024 is City Prayer Meeting at the St. Peter's Cathedral

Basilica at 2.00pm. in view of that, there wouldn't be Prayer Meeting here at KNUST Chaplaincy. Thank you.

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: Parishioners and Freshers (Students) 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>.

Youth Corner

Calling all Chaplaincy Youth. You are cordially invited to participate in a Clean-Up Exercise on Christmas Eve i.e. Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 8.00am. Join us as we come together to clean and beautify our church surroundings. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, fellowship and give back to our community. We look forward to seeing you on this day. God bless you.

Sincere Thanks

1. The children and family of Mad. Faustina Awore are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, St. Theresa of the Child, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Frafra/Grushie Union and individual parishioners for your prayer, support and sympathy during her funeral. They ask for God's blessings for you.
2. The Family, Widow and children of Mr. Augustine Dery are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Parish Welfare Committee, Dagaaba Union, Dagaaba Christian Mothers' Association, St. Peters' Choir, Catechists, Mass Servers, Brass Band, Ushers and Parishioners for praying, supporting and sympathising with them during his burial and funeral. They pray that the good Lord continues to bless you all.

Marriage Bans

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. **(3rd Announcement)**

Funeral Announcement

We announce the death of Mrs. Margaret Amonoo who is a parishioner. The one week-observation of her death will be tomorrow Monday, December 23, 2024 at her residence H/No. Plt. 15, Blk. R, Ayigya, near victory Baptist church from 8.00am to 6.00pm. The family will come for Mass at 6:30am before the gathering. All parishioners are cordially invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

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