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DATE: 05TH JANUARY, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 06/01/2025 – 6:30PM

1 Jn. 3:22 – 4:6 / Ps. 2:7-8, 10-11 / Matt. 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY, 07/01/2025— 6:30AM

1 Jn. 4:7-10 / Ps. 72:1-4, 7-8 / Mk. 6:34-44 (Raymond of Penafort)

WEDNESDAY, 08/01/2025 - 6:30AM

1 Jn. 4:11-18 / Ps. 72:1-2, 10-13 / Mk. 6:45-52

THURSDAY, 09/01/2025 – 7:00PM

1 Jn. 4:19 – 5:4 / Ps. 72:1-2, 14-15, 17 / Lk. 4:14-22a

FRIDAY, 10/01/2025 - 6:30AM

1 Jn. 5:5-13 / Ps. 148:12-15, 19-20 / Lk. 5:12-16

SATURDAY, 23/11/2025 - 7.00AM

1 Jn. 5:14-21 / Ps. 150:1-6, 9 / Jn. 3:22-30

Next Sunday January 12, 2025 – Baptism of the Lord (Cycle C): Usual Four (4) Masses

7:00PM — VIGIL MASS

6.30AM – 1ST MASS

8:00AM – 2ND MASS

10:00AM – 3RD MASS

PLEASE ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE

1ST READING – ISA. 40:1-5, 9-11

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30

2ND READING – Tit. 2:11-14; 3:4-7

GOSPEL – LK. 3:15-16, 21-22

The Epiphany of the Lord: Outsiders Seek Jesus!

People of God, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord or the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour, to the world. All nations of the world are invited to sing the Lord's praise for they have been called to hear the Good News and to worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives. We join all the people of the world in worshipping the Infant King of the Jews.

Last week we had the opportunity to celebrate the Last Day of the Year 2024 in which we keep a prayerful vigil for the New Year 2025. We were favoured to celebrate the First Day of the New Year with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, to open the Year 2025, a year of joy, peace and hope. It was a day and night of Thanksgiving to God as individuals, families, and as a community of believers. At the threshold of the New Year individuals and families had a peaceful and fruitful evaluation of the passing year and made concrete resolutions for the New Year. The beginning of a year is like the start of a new journey. We might not know exactly what to expect. However, as we have entered the New Year, we embrace it with faith and hope, knowing fully well that God is in control. Just as He commanded Moses to bless His people, we claim the blessings of God upon our lives, intentions, and aspirations. We began the year celebrating the Divine Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary: we recognise her role in Jesus' redemptive ministry and life's journey. We equally acknowledge that we need her maternal patronage and powerful intercession. Drawing closer to her, we ask her to hold us in her arms, to teach us to surrender to God's will in everything, and to be willing to be used for God's purpose in life.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord has a rich liturgical tradition, stemming from the earliest Christian centuries. The rich meaning of the feast is suggested by translating its name, epiphania, which means "revelation". Associated with this feast historically are several "revelations" of Christ: to the Magi, at His Baptism in the Jordan, and at Cana in Galilee as He worked the first of His "signs". We draw attention to how this feast continues to unfold the Christmas Mystery, highlighting the revelation of God's saving love in Jesus. We focus in a particular way on the universality of God's offer of salvation, symbolized by the presence of the Gentiles, alluded to in all three readings. The first reading reflects the joy felt by the inhabitants of Jerusalem after their return from exile. God's promise of deliverance has been fulfilled, and that saving act is like a beacon of light shining before the entire world, revealing the compassion and love of the Lord. It is that splendid act of mercy that has drawn even the Gentiles to the Holy City, proclaiming the praises of the Lord as they stream toward Jerusalem from every corner of the earth.

St Paul sees in his ministry to the Gentiles a similar manifestation of God's gracious offer of salvation to all peoples. He calls it a "mystery" that the Gentiles have become "sharers in the promise", a mystery "made known to me by revelation". Nothing in Paul's background as a pharisee, a strict observer of the Law, could have prepared him for such a startling revelation. Convinced as he had been of the privileged place of the Jewish people in God's plan of salvation, and remembering how fixated he was on the importance of careful observance of the Law in order to be righteous in God's eyes, Paul writes now with wonder that Jew and Gentile alike are

"members of the same body". The same motif is echoed in the Gospel, where the Magi – foreigners – are drawn to the saviour by the light of a star. These pagans, unschooled in the Law and ignorant of the Prophets, nevertheless find the Christ and adore him. Matthew contrasts their attitude with that of King Herod, the chief priests and scribes, and indeed "all Jerusalem". The Gentile astrologers who follow the light of the star are seen as the truly enlightened ones. Wise men come from very far to see the Child and bring Him precious gifts while the political and religious authorities of Israel are afraid and refuse to welcome Him. They feel threatened and seek to eliminate Him. Jesus is indeed a Messiah-King but does not correspond to the Messiah-King His people were expecting and He experiences His first rejection.

Christians rejoice in the day when Jesus is revealed or manifested as King, and worshipped as such by the Magi (Gentiles or foreigners) from the East, drawn to the Saviour by the light of a star. The coming of the wise men from the East to worship Christ in Bethlehem testifies to the fact that the Lord's sovereignty spreads to the ends of the earth. Indeed, all nations shall fall prostrate before the Christ Jesus. We may ask ourselves about our attitude toward Jesus: whether a mixture of acceptance and rejection or of fear and desire. The wise men remind us that it is possible to accept Jesus and even offer Him what is most precious in us. As we reflect on the example of the wise men or Magi, let us see ourselves in their perseverance in seeking the King; their attentiveness to the signs and God's message through dreams; their worship of God in the form of a Baby; their recognition of the Divine in what appears simple and ordinary; and their gifts to the infant Jesus. Like the wise men, after encountering the New-born King departed to their own country in another way, if we truly seek God and give ourselves fully to Him, we will also lead a new life. Let us all pray for the wisdom to see God even in what seems commonplace and to worship Him devoutly with all that we have and are.

Dear students, take very good care of yourselves and be helpful to your family. May we all be part of those who seek and worship the Infant Jesus devotedly with all that we have and are because He has been manifested to all nations. Let your presence be felt in your home parishes and offer a helping hand. We love you so much and miss you! As you prepare yourselves to come back to school to start a new academic year, we pray you get all that you need for school. May God grant you journeying and travelling mercies back to campus. See you soon! Pax!

May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace. Amen.

Merry Christmas to you as we pray for a Happy and Blessed New Year 2025!

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

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

READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Is 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12



General Notices

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

Benediction: There will be Benediction at the Chaplaincy today Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 7.00pm. All parishioners are encouraged to come and pray.

Infant Baptism: There is going to be Infant Baptism on Saturday January 11, 2025 at 4:00pm. Parents/ Parishioners who would want their children/wards to be baptised should please come for instructions on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Chaplaincy with their children/wards' god-parents.

Christmas and New Year Holidays: The University Community has resumed from the Christmas Holidays at the normal working hours i.e 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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 week-ends, 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/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 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 GH¢20.00. Please visit the Bookshop for your copy/copies.



ROSARY FACT

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

Committees, Groups & Societies

Electoral Commission: 1. Please, Groups and Societies are being reminded that January 12, 2025 is the last day for submission of the names of their representatives to the Chaplaincy Office.

2. **Induction of New Council:** All Old and New Councillors should take note that the Induction of the NEW COUNCILLORS will take place on January 19, 2025. The New Executives will be introduced after all Masses starting from Vigil Mass. Full INDUCTION takes place after the 8:00am Mass. Please, all Councillors are to be present.

Marriage and Family Life Committee: All parishioners who intend to have their Holy Matrimony at the Chaplaincy in this year (2025) are requested to register at the Chaplaincy Office from tomorrow Monday, January 6, 2025. The first session of the program will start on Monday, January 27, 2025. Parents, kindly draw your children's attention who have expressed their intentions to marry.

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.

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 knustcatholic-chaplaincy@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>

Funeral Announcement

Madam Nora Nonterah, a parishioner and member of the Christian Mothers' Association is inviting parishioners to the funeral of her father Hon. George Nonterah as follows: wake-keeping on Friday, January 10, 2025 at Yidania at 7.00pm, burial Mass on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Christ the King Parish, Chiana at 9.00am – dress code: 'traditional attire (smock/batakari)' followed by interment, thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 9.00am – dress code: 'white background cloth'. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family. (Mad. Nora Nonterah to be introduced)

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: 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.

3. Louisville Drinking Water: Louisville Drinking Water is looking for a fulltime truck and tricycle drivers to work approximately 48 hours a week, should have at least two years driving experience, required to have a Class 'C' Driver's License, excellent driving skills and must be at least 18 years old. Interested persons should send their applications and CV to the Manager, Louisville Drinking Water, situated at St. Louis Senior High School, Oduom. They also need sales girls/woman. Contact: 0204020362.

4. Insurance Company: A leading General Insurance Company seeks to recruit interested persons as Insurance Sales and Marketing Executives to help drive the Company's sales. The Job location will be Kumasi.

Job Summary: The Insurance Sales and Marketing Executive will sell Vehicle, Home and other types of non-life insurance policies.

Education and Experience: Bachelor's Degree or HND.

Sales experience will be an added advantage.

Interested applicants should call 0559190821 / 0501392199.

Seeking for Job: A parishioner, who has the qualification of a Professional Teacher is searching for a private/government school or even individuals to teach in and around Kotei. Interested persons/institutions may contact 0206744951 or 0595421091.

1. House for Rent: A Two-Bedroom apartment with bath, toilet, and kitchen at Nahiniso, 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. 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 050471374 to help.

2. A parishioner is in need of a single room self-contained 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.

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

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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