

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 30/12/2024 – 6:30PM

1 Jn. 2:12-17 / Ps. 96:7-10 / Lk. 2:36-40

TUESDAY, 31/12/2024 – 9:00PM

1 Jn. 2:18-21 / Ps. 96:1-2, 11-13 / Jn. 1:1-18 (Sylvester I)

WEDNESDAY, 01/01/2024- 7:00AM / 9:00AM

Num. 6:22-27 / Ps. 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 / Gal.4:4-7 / Lk. 2:16-21 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

THURSDAY, 02/01/2024 – 7:00PM

1 Jn. 2:22-28 / Ps. 98:1-4 / Jn. 1:19-28 (Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)

FRIDAY, 03/01/2024 - 6:30AM

1 Jn. 2:22 – 3:6 / Ps. 2:7-8, 10-11 / Jn. 1:29-34 (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)

SATURDAY, 04/01/2024 - 7.00AM

1 Jn. 3:7-10 / Ps. 98:1, 7-9 / Jn. 1:35-42

Next Sunday

January 5, 2025 – Epiphany 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. 60:1-6
RESP. PSALM – Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13**

2ND READING – EPH. 3:2-3, 5-6

GOSPEL – MATT. 2:1-12

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Holy Family: Founded on Love and on Listening to God’s Word!

Dear People of God, today is the Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, we are called to reflect on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Feast of the Holy Family gives us the shining example of a Christian family as a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. The Christian family life is rooted in unconditional love and obedience to God as witnessed and lived by the Holy Family. It is the model for all who fear the Lord and walk in His ways. In the procreation and education of children, the Christian family reflects the Father’s work of creation and participates in God’s creative act. The family is called to partake in the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and reading of the Word of God strengthen the family in charity. As the saying goes: “A family that prays together stays together”.

How beautiful to end the year with the feast of the Holy Family. What a joy to live in a happy family! Today’s celebration is an opportunity for Christians to reflect on family life and our family’s life. Family life is something Jesus shared with us, and like Jesus, we are all profoundly influenced by our families. We are deeply shaped mentally, emotionally, and spiritually by the people in our families and by family events such as births, deaths, marriages, and illness. The family is the most important community to which we will ever belong. This offers us ample opportunity to reflect on our different responsibilities in our families and how we have lived out our call to family life. It is here that primary evangelisation takes place. How have we lived up to this responsibility?

In the first reading, Hannah and Elkanah offer their son, Samuel, to God in the Lord’s Temple. Samuel is dedicated to the Lord for all his life in appreciation to God for answered prayers. In the Gospel, we read that Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple when they went three days searching for Him. When asked why He had done this to His parents, He replied He needed to be busy with His Father’s affairs. However, He obeyed them and returns to Nazareth. These two families were normal Jewish families of their time and cared about their religious practices. Though they had unique challenges and difficulties, they went down to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with others. When faced with the shame and the challenge of childlessness, the first family prayed and relied on the Lord. The name “Samuel” which means “I asked the Lord for him” shows God’s goodness and providence for families. This family honoured their vow or promise to the Lord by offering Samuel to the Lord for the whole of his life. The boy Samuel in obedience to God through his parent and Eli made God’s will be done in his life. Mary and Joseph were worried when they did not see Jesus and look for Him till they found him in the Temple. Jesus obeys them, and goes back to Nazareth with them where he remains with them, is educated by them, and grows to maturity before beginning his ministry. Collaboration and cooperation among the members of these two families made God fulfil His promise.

The first family prayed to God for a child while the second searched for the missing boy. Humanity keeps searching for something in our lives. Mary and Joseph had to search for Jesus. But the Jesus they find is not the boy they had always known. They discover something new about him. He has to be about his Father’s business. They find a son who is obedient to God in the first place whom he calls his real Father. This is a reality that the parents of Jesus had not foreseen. But they are prepared to accept. Severally, Mary has been shown as keeping, treasuring, and pondering things in her heart. Even when she had not yet caught all the implications of her answer, she was ready to say “Yes” to God’s desire. She also treasured in her heart the unexpected behaviour of Jesus in Jerusalem. Mary’s response of faith to all events is meant to be imitated by all who desire to follow Jesus, and to welcome

and give birth to His Word in their hearts. Before God, we are always in front of a mystery, and in spite of all our questioning to know, we have, at the end of it all, to welcome this Word in our hearts, and allow it to find a home in us. Like Mary, many are the things that families ought to keep, treasure, and ponder prayerfully to see God’s hand in them.

We fix our gaze on Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model for every family where parents work hard, help each other, and understand and accept each other. They bear witness to this responsibility by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and a life of service become the rule. Joseph is a model for all fathers; he protected and provided for Mary and Jesus. Mary also played her role by providing maternal love for Jesus. In a family, if each member plays their role well, the family grows. If the husband loves his wife and children, he wins their favour. If the mother respects the father and nurtures her children, the home becomes a better place. If children obey and respect their parents, they are blessed. A good home is a place where children are educated and brought up with love, fear of God, sincerity, dignity, and authenticity.

The hidden life at Nazareth allows everyone to enter into fellowship with Jesus, through the most ordinary events of daily life. The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus. It teaches us a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, be revived in all of us. As a lesson of family life, Nazareth teaches us what family is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. As a lesson of work, Nazareth, home of the Carpenter’s Son, we understand and proclaim the importance of human work and the rights and duties therein. The family is holy when each member yields to God’s Will and obeys Him.

Happy Holy Family to all parishioners. May the Holy Family be our model of family life. Be a family person, not just live in a family!

Congratulations to all the Confirmed. Be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray that you always demonstrate your maturity in the Catholic Faith in witnessing to God wherever you find yourselves.

Dear students, take very good care of yourselves and be helpful to your family. Be a true and faithful member of a family. Make your family holy by adhering to and obeying God’s will. You can only grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and man through your obedience. Let your presence be felt in your home parishes and offer a helping hand. We love you so much and miss you already! Pax oo!

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

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. See you next 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: 1Sam 1:20-22,24-28

2nd Reading: 1Jn 3:1-2,21-24

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52



General Notices

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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

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

Holy Family Day (Get-together): There is going to be a get-together today Sunday, December 29, 2024 at the Chaplaincy grounds at 4:00pm to celebrate our togetherness as One Family. Parishioners, please take note and avail yourselves.

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

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

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

Charity to the Sick and Homebound Parishioners: All parishioners are been encouraged to bring Offertory Gifts on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 which is the New Year Day at all Masses as we normally do. The items should be like: rice, gari, cooking oil, tomato paste (tin or sachet), biscuit, milk, drinks etc. These items would be sent to our sick and homebound parishioners. We will also take a Second Collection to support same. Parishioners should please, come prepared to give generously and receive God's blessings.

Christmas and New Year Holidays: The Universi-

ty Community is on Christmas break until 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 GH¢20.00. Please visit the Bookshop for your copy/copies.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Electoral Commission – Groups and Societies' Representatives: Please, leaders of Groups and Societies are urged to pick up Nomination Forms from the Chaplaincy Office and submit to same. Closing date is January 12, 2025.

Appreciation/Congratulations: Mr. Dominic Nti-Buabeng wishes to congratulate all elected members to Parish Council, particularly the Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Veronica Celestial Tandoh for her outstanding victory. He thanks God for making His will to prevail and also thank the church for the opportunity given him. He thanks all those who voted for him. They are dear to him. He thanks the Electoral Commission for good work done. He wishes the new Councillors success in their endeavours.

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 knust-catholicchaplaincy@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>.

Sincere Thanks

The Children and Family of Madam Florence Amankwah are expressing their sincere thanks to the Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah, Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine, Parish Welfare Committee, Children's Liturgy (Sunday School) Teachers and children and parishioners for your support and sympathy during her burial and final funeral rites. They pray that the good and gracious Lord continues to bless you all.

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