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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, 10/03/2025 – 6:30PM

Lev. 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps. 18:8-10, 15 / Matt. 25:31-46

TUESDAY, 11/03/2025 – 6:30AM/6:30PM

Isa. 55:10-11 / Ps. 34:4-7, 16-19 / Matt. 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY, 12/03/2025 – 6:30AM/6:30PM

Jon. 3:1-10 / Ps. 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Lk. 11:29-32

THURSDAY, 13/03/2025 – 6:30AM

EST. 4:1, 3 – 5:12-15 / Ps. 138:1-3, 7-8 / MATT. 7:7-12

FRIDAY, 14/03/2025 – 6:30AM

Ez. 18:21-28 / Ps. 130:1-8 / Matt. 5:20-26

SATURDAY, 15/03/2025 – 7:00AM

Deut. 26:16-19 / Ps. 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Matt. 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (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 – GEN. 15:5-12, 17-18

RESP. PSALM – Ps. 27:1, 7-9, 13-14

2ND READING – PHIL. 3:17 – 4:1

GOSPEL – LK. 9:28B-36

Faithfulness in Temptation: Always Run to God!

Dear People of God, we celebrate the First Sunday of Lent (C). The Season of Lent is a forty-day campaign of Christian service in which we take up battle against spiritual and physical evils and harmful pleasures, armed with weapons of self-restraint. It is a time of grace, a favourable time, and a time of salvation. We are called to be reconciled with God, neighbours, ourselves and our communities. We are equally charged to be ambassadors of reconciliation, reconciling people to God and one another. With the traditional spiritual practice of prayers, almsgiving and fasting, done in private, secretly, and in silence, we are drawn to God who accepts our penance. It is the will of God that our self-denial should give Him thanks, humble our sinful pride, contribute to the feeding of the poor, and so help us imitate Him in His kindness. Through bodily fasting we restrain our faults and raise our minds to God. Virtue and its rewards are bestowed on us through Christ our Lord.

At the beginning of Lent, Moses, in the first reading, recounts the great events of salvation history. His account finds its fulfilment in Jesus Christ. Israel's consciousness of being God's elect was not based on pride or a sense that they had merited God's favour, but simply on their repeated experience of God's faithfulness to them. Israel marvelled at God's favour given freely to them and regarded it as a wonder and a sign. This is the very people Moses bids to bring the first fruits of their harvest to the Lord, and in doing so, to confess God's goodness. This creedal statement recalls God's special favour to Israel in their history. The story of how God intervened to help His people is proof that His love embraces everyone and leads us all along the way to life. We must never doubt His love even when things are not going well for us.

Similarly, the second reading, also thought to be an early confession of faith, emphasizes both belief in the heart and the importance of speaking one's faith aloud. Jesus Christ and His Resurrection stand at the centre of this faith. What the children of Israel found in the covenant with Abraham and the events of the Exodus, Christians find in the Person of Christ and His Passover from death to life. Faith in the Jesus Christ, the Son of God, raised from the dead, makes all believers one. Such a faith justifies, saves, delivers us from shame, and causes God to answer our cries. Our trust in God must be shown by our lives and proclaimed by our words. Christians confess Jesus is Lord, for God raised Him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake His Father's mission, trusting in God's love. We praise God for the marvellous things He did for our fathers (Israelites), for His mighty hand and outstretched arm. What He did for them He still does for us, in Jesus the Lord who conquered sin and death.

The Gospel is an account of Jesus' temptation in the desert by the devil. It summarises different moments in the life of Jesus. He is tempted to question the specific mission He had received as the beloved Son from His Father. In all these instances, He chose to remain faithful to His Father rather than to seek some personal glory through spectacular miracles. These temptations remind Christians of three great temptations: love of pleasure, love of riches, and love of power. Central to the story, however, is its Jewish background, which is found in the Israelite experience of wandering for forty years in the desert after deliverance from Egypt. There, they were tested by physical hunger, the lure of idolatry, and the temptation to test God. Led into the desert by the Spirit, after His Baptism, for forty days, Jesus experiences these very temptations but responds to

each of them out of His deep fidelity to God. In all of them He uses Scripture references to refute the tempter.

Jesus is first tempted to use His divine power to perform a miracle to satisfy His hunger, bodily desires. He responded that humans do not live by bread alone, but by the Word of God. In a sense, food and our bodily needs are not the "be all and end all" in human life; there is more to that. We need to strive for greater things. The second temptation tempts Jesus to worship the tempter rather than the Creator. This is the temptation for power. Power as we know is extremely seductive. Many would gladly eschew material things, attention, or fame to get it. To seek power, for Jesus, is to serve Satan. When possession or ideology takes the place of God, it is equal to idol worship. Christians have to give to God what belongs to God. Finally, the devil tempts Jesus to bend the Will of God to His own will. In a sense, he tempts Jesus to manipulate His Father, encouraging Him to jump from the top of the Temple and let angels serve Him. This has to do with deciding how and when God will act. Jesus rightly responds: "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test". As Christians, we should bend our will to the Plan of God, not the other way round. We need to discern and do the Will of God.

Jesus answers the devil's proposals by choosing to rely on God's Word, to worship God alone, and to trust God humbly. By responding in this fashion, Jesus reverses the human unfaithfulness that has always been part of the story of God's dealing with those He chooses. He has become the exemplar of the right response to God's election. Jesus reminds us that only the Word of God is the true food of God's children. He also warns against seeking power by all means because only powerful people count in our world. In reality, all power and glory belong to God. He warns us of the temptation to ask God for extraordinary signs. We even sometimes challenge God to show remarkable signs of His presence. Trying to force God to act in our place, to do practically everything for us, is to put God to the test. We, like Jesus, are filled with the Spirit of God, and we hear the Voice of God in the Scriptures, and in the events of daily life. These should enlighten our choices to be faithful in temptations. Let us find time to read, listen, reflect, meditate on the Word of God, fast, pray, and do charity in this Lent: these are our weapons against the devil and temptations.

My dear Students, we encourage you to make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of your life as you stay on Campus and its environs. Make the best out of your programme of study: it will surely lead you to your glorious destiny. Lent provides an opportunity for self-examination, conversion, and penance. With prayer, fasting, and alms-giving we overcome every temptation and obtain God's pardon and mercy. May our Lenten Practices draw us closer to God. Please, do take good care of yourselves! God bless you. Pax!

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

Have a Blessed Week and Fruitful Lenten Season.

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

PASTORAL TEAM

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

1st Reading: Dt 26:4-10

2nd Reading: Rom 10:8-13

Gospel: Lk 4:1-13



General Notices



**SOUL
FOOD**

Life is indeed short, let's do well to live each and every day in a way worthy of being our last. Make the most out of each day, never forgetting to be the best version of yourself. Stay Safe!!!

Breast cancer awareness: The medical and communications team from Bisayen, a breast Cancer awareness project working in three regions in Ghana. Accra with the Korlebu Teaching Hospital, Kumasi with the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital and the North with the Tamale Teaching Hospital will want to talk us about the importance of early detection and how to perform self-breast examinations..

(The team will talk about Breast Cancer (myths vs facts)).

Parish Council Members: There will be an Emergency Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday March 12, 2025, at the Monsignor Opoku Agyemang Conference Room at 5:30 pm.

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

Notice of Sunday Announcements: All announcements to be made at Mass on Sunday should reach the Chaplaincy Office by noon on Friday. This is to aid in the proper dissemination of information. Parishioners are to take note kindly.

Stations of the Cross: Parishioners should take note that there will be Stations of the Cross on this and every Friday of the period

of Lent at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm, beginning this Friday, March 7, 2025. We should all avail ourselves to journey with the Lord throughout the period.

Lenten Prayer Session: The chaplaincy is organizing an hour of prayer session during this year's Lenten season, with the theme "My Year of Jubilee". We will be meeting from Monday to Friday at 6:00 pm at the chapel. The prayer sessions will end on April 16, 2025, with a Penitential Vigil Service. We invite everyone to join us as we come together in prayer and reflection.

Sick/Aged/Homebound/Infirmed Parishioners: We appeal to parishioners to furnish the Chaplaincy Office with the names and home addresses of sick, aged, homebound, and infirmed parishioners to enable our Catechists and Eucharistic Ministers to visit and give them Communion.

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 or come to the Chaplaincy Office Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4 pm to register. Please take note.

Chaplaincy News Bulletin: Please sign up to receive the News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy. (0596036520).

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 fewer charges.

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 names. This will help the office 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 on Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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.

Committees, Groups & Societies

Marriage and Family Life Committee: Registration is still ongoing for parishioners who intend to have their Holy Matrimony at the Chaplaincy this year (2025) and in January 2026. You may register with the Marriage and Family Life Committee in front of the Chapel after Mass or at the Chaplaincy Office on Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Harvest Committee - 2024: 1. **Payment of 2024 Harvest Levies:** All parishioners who have not yet paid their Harvest Levies are encouraged to do so 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

Chaplaincy Welfare Committee: Members of the Chaplaincy Welfare Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the Msgr. Opoku-Agyemang Conference Hall at 5.30pm. All members are entreated to be present and on time.

St. Vincent de Paul: St. Vincent de Paul, a society that cater for the poor and needy in our community has placed wooden boxes at the entrance of the church to solicit for funds for their work.

Kindly put your donation in the boxes and God will richly bless you abundantly.

Twi Catechism: It is announced for the information of parishioners that, the Twi Catechism Classes will start on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 and Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at the Chaplaincy from 5.00pm to 6.00pm each day. Parishioners who would want to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Conformation, should take note and be part of the classes.

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): 1. Members are being reminded that today Sunday, March 2, 2025 is Joint Prayer Meeting with the students (Pax Romana) at the Chaplaincy at 3.00pm. All members and non-members are cordially invited.

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. The Committee is in need of new members with medical background.

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>.

Pax Corner

1. **Students' Mass** – This and every Tuesday at 6.30pm.
2. **Students' Catechism**: Students Catechism is this and every Saturday at Room 7 of the Dr. R.P. Baffour Complex at exactly 4.00pm. Students who would want to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation should be part of the class.
3. **Growth in the Spirit Seminar (G.S.S.)**: This is a series of spirit-filled seminars one takes after going through the Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS). This year, GSS comes off on the 15th of March, 2025, at 5:00 pm at the Sarpong Hall, and will be handled by the Parish Evangelisation Team (PET). We are all encouraged to register and grow in the spirit together. To register and for more information, contact Enyonam Agatha on 0555613610 and Ephraim Malsum Sa-ambo on 0557193202.
4. **Sacred Heart Confraternity**: The Sacred Heart Confraternity of Pax Romana is calling all students who are members of the Confraternity or the League of Tarsisians to be part of the Society. Interested members are also welcome. Contact 0200154345 or 0558687744 for more information or clarifications.

Funeral Invitation

We announce the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Amonoo (a.k.a Oheneba Akosua Amankwa) a parishioner: laying in state on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Ayigya near Victory Baptist Church, burial Mass at Our Lady Of The Holy Rosary Catholic Chaplaincy, KNUST at 9:00 am, and interment at Catholic Cemetery Ayigya. The final funeral rite is from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Hia Topre Grounds Opposite the Ayigya Ahenfie. Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday at Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Catholic Church at the 10:00 am Mass. Family gathering from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Hia Topre Grounds Opposite the Ayigya Ahenfie. Parishioners are invited to mourn with the bereaved family.

(The children are to be introduced).

Sale of Books: 1. Inspirational Quotes for

Living: Are you downhearted, 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. Meye Catholic Asoreba: Meye Catholic Asoreba is a Catholic Group that proclaims and promotes the Catholic Faith through prayers, songs and Catechists. Please follow them on their social media handles @ meyecatholicasoreba on YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook. There are pen drives copies of all the Rosary Prayers in Twi, which goes for cool Fifty Ghana Cedis (GH¢50.00). You can contact Francis on 0555892348 for your copy.

3. Vegetables on Sale: 100% Organic (no chemicals) 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 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 on the Second Floor of the KNUST Jubilee Mall at the Commercial Area and is open 24 hours. Contact them on 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 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 shares 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 built on 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 admission forms goes for Sixty Ghana Cedis (GH¢60.00). You are encouraged to bring your children/wards to access the holistic formation they deserve.

Job Opportunity: 1. St. Gregory the Great Provincial Major Seminary at Parkoso is seeking a reliable and experienced Driver who is a faithful Catholic and can drive a Pick-up and a Bus to work with. Requirements: Valid driver's license, number of years of driving experience, clean driving record, and ability to lift to weight. Interested persons should please submit their applications, including your resume and a cover letter to the Acting Rector, St. Gregory the Great Provincial Major Seminary, Parkoso. Contact – 0232039881 / 0505093173.

2. Groundsman (Labourer)/Caretaker needed: Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Preparatory School, located at Ahinsan Estate, needs a Groundsman (Labourer)/Caretaker. Interested persons should contact the school on 0244071855.

3. 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.

4. A Vocational school leaver is needed for employment with a Food Service Company. She must live around KNUST, be pleasant and be ready to work for long hours. Interested persons must call 0244759985.

Furniture Works: For all kinds of furniture, please contact Michael Kusi Appiah (a.k.a. Baawezzy) on 0594245996 at Oforikrom, opposite KMA Office.

Plumbing Works: For your neat and affordable Plumbing Works, please contact Delali, who is an expert in filling, poly tank cleaning, wall paper installation, etc. on 0558487106 or 0247500351 at Tech/Ayigya.

Seeking for Job: 1. A parishioner (a graduate) from Kumasi Technical University is looking for an Administrative or a secretarial job. Please call on 0244223777 / 0557806659 for any vacant position.

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

House for Rent: 1. A 3-bedroom flat with a borehole water facility is available for rent at Appiadu. Interested persons should contact 0243049675.

2. A two-bedroom unit is available for rent at Fumesua, near Noda Hotel. Interested person should call this number 0277712314 or the Chaplaincy Office line for help.

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

2. A parishioners needs 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 the 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 needs 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