

PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants: *First Saturday of every month. Please call at the Church's office for a baptismal form. Instructions: Thursday preceding the date for baptism.*

Visitation of the Sick and Aged: *Thursdays at 7.00 am. Contact the office if you have a sick or aged Person(s) to be visited.*

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made **at least six months to a year** with the priests. The couple or one of them must be a registered member of the Church for **at least 6 months.**

Consultation of Priests: Monday, Tuesday Wednesday (In the Evenings) Time: 6.30 - 8.00 pm. In case of any emergency call on the Priest.

Church office hours: Mon. to Thur.:10am -2pm & 5 pm - 8pm: Sat. 6 pm to 8p: Sun: 9 am -1.30: Friday: Off Duty

SUNDAY MASS: FIRST MASS - 7:00AM AT STM,
SECOND MASS - 9:30AM AT SJF

NEXT SUNDAY: Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Singing: 1st Mass: Ave Maria
2nd Mass: Youth Choir

Offertory: 1st Mass : Ave Maria & Christian Mothers
2nd Mass: Youth Groups

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday	6:15am
Wednesday	6:15am
Thursday	6:15am
Saturday	6:30am

UPCOMING EVENT

- 1st – 31st May; Rosary month
- Feast Day celebration 16th -23th June
- Fathers Day 16th June 2013
- Community Mass on 28th June 2013 @ Alogboshie.

SLOGAN: St. Thomas More: Besohwe! St. Thomas More: Justice and Truth!!
St Thomas More: Pray for us!!!

SLOGAN: St John Fisher: Besohwe!
St John Fisher: Justice and Truth!!
St John Fisher: Pray For Us!!!

THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US. HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible sharing** every Wednesday at 7.00 pm at St. Thomas More.
2. We are reminded of our dues and Harvest Pledges.
3. We have Rosary prayers everyday during the month of May at 6:30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to join in the prayers at both SJF and STM
4. All women are reminded of their Mother's Day contribution of GH¢5 towards the tabernacle project at SJF.
5. All those who have their dues or baptismal cards with the secretariat should please contact the office at office hours for them.
6. Members of the Credit Union will have their Annual General Meeting on Sunday 9th June 2013 at STM after 1st Mass.
7. The names of registered members are posted on the notice board outside. Copies have been given to community and society leaders. Please contact either of them to check on your name. Please note that the list is not for people who have paid dues or not but for all parishioners.
8. The death is reported of Madam Philomena Cudjoe, mother of Mr. Prince Reginald Amuah (Catechist). Funeral details will be announced later.

QUIZ

Answer to last week's: Titular Bishop is a bishop who is not in charge of a diocese and has been assigned a titular see.

This week's: Who is a Cardinal?

QUOTE

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart. Gandhi

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



2ND JUNE, 2013: CORPUS CHRISTI - C
THEME FOR THE WEEK: "The Lord is in Our Midst"

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Gen 14:18-20

Melchizedek, King of Salem offers gifts of bread and wine and blesses Abraham. "Blessed be Abraham by God Most High

Responsorial Psalm: 109:1-4

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 11: 23-26

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the tradition of the Eucharist which he himself had been taught.

Gospel: Lk 9: 11-17

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, where Jesus provides food for his followers is a foretaste of the Eucharistic Meal.

Reflection

In an affluent society basic food such as bread and water is no problem. However, for many people in the world it still is. Such people can understand better than we do that it is a real sign of love and care when God intervenes to feed his people. But we are often hungry and thirsty for other values than sustenance of physical life. We hunger and thirst for companionship, love, concern, respect, etc. Where we suffer from absence, the Lord wants to be present to us with all the concern and love of a friend for a friend. In the signs of bread and wine, Jesus indicates his desire to be ever present to us. He wants to share life, he wants to strengthen, he wants to mean something to you and me.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ Mon 3rd June, 2013

Tob 1:1,3, 2:1-8; Ps 111:1-6;
Mk 12:1-12

❖ Tues 4th June , 2013

Tob 2:9-14; Ps 111:1-2, 7-9;
Mk 12:13-17

❖ Wed 5th June, 2013

Tob 3:1-11, 16-17; Ps 24:2-9;
Mk 12: 18-27

❖ Thur 6th June , 2013

Tob 6:10-11,7:1,9-17,8:4-9; Ps 127:1-5;
Mk 12: 28-34

❖ Fri 7th June, 2013

Ez 34:11-16; Ps 22: 1-6
Rom 5:5-11/Lk 15:3-7

❖ Sat 8th June, 2013

(The Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Tob 5:12-20; Ps 18:8-11;
Mk 11:27-33

9TH JUNE, 2013

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Resp. Ps : 29:2,4-6,9,11-13

2nd Reading: Gal 1: 11-19

Gospel : Lk 7:11-17

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi (Body of CHRIST), is celebrated in the Latin Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday to solemnly commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Of Maundy Thursday, which commemorates this great event, mention is made of Natalis Calicis (Birth of the Chalice) in the Calendar of Polemius (448) for the 24th of March, the 25th of March being in some places considered as the day of the death of Christ. This day, however, was in Holy Week, a season of sadness, during which the minds of the faithful are expected to be occupied with thoughts of the Lord's Passion. Moreover, so many other functions took place on this day that the principal event was almost lost sight of. This is mentioned as the chief reason for the introduction of the new feast, in the Bull "Transiturus".

The feast was promoted by St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon, in Belgium. She was born in 1193 at Retinnes near Liege. Orphaned at an early age, she was educated by the Augustinian nuns of Mont Cornillon. Here she in time made her religious profession and later became superioress. Intrigues of various kinds several times drove her from her convent. She died April 5, 1258, at the House of the Cistercian nuns at Fosses, and was buried at Villiers.

Juliana, from her early youth, had a great veneration for the Blessed Sacrament, and always longed for a special feast in its honor. This desire is said to have been increased by a vision of the Church under the appearance of the full moon having one dark spot, which signified the absence of such a solemnity. She made known her ideas to Robert de Thorete, then Bishop of Liege, to the learned Dominican Hugh, later cardinal legate in the Netherlands, and to Jacques Pantaloon, at that time Archdeacon of Liege, afterwards Bishop of Verdun, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and finally Pope Urban IV. Bishop Robert was favorably impressed, and, since bishops as yet had the right of ordering feasts for their dioceses, he called a synod in 1246 and ordered the celebration to be held in the following year, also, that a monk named John should write the Office for the occasion. The decree is preserved in Binterim (Denkwürdigkeiten, V, 1, 276), together with parts of the Office.

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Bishop Robert did not live to see the execution of his order, for he died October 16, 1246; but the feast was celebrated for the first time by the canons of St. Martin at Liege. Jacques Pantaloon became pope August 29, 1261. The recluse(hermit) Eve, with whom Juliana had spent some time, and who was also a fervent adorer of the Holy Eucharist, now urged Henry of Guelders, Bishop of Liege, to request the pope to extend the celebration to the entire world. Urban IV, always an admirer of the feast, published the Bull "Transiturus" (September 8, 1264), in which, after having extolled the love of Our Savior as expressed in the Holy Eucharist, he ordered the annual celebration of Corpus Christi on the Thursday next after Trinity Sunday, at the same time granting many Indulgences to the faithful for the attendance at Mass and at the Office.

This 'Office, composed at the request of the pope by the Angelic Doctor St. Thomas Aquinas, is one of the most beautiful in the Roman Breviary and has been admired even by Protestants. The death of Pope Urban IV (October 2, 1264), shortly after the publication of the decree, somewhat impeded the spread of the festival. Clement V again took the matter in hand and, at the General Council of Vienne (1311), once more ordered the adoption of the feast. He published a new decree which embodied that of Urban IV. John XXII, successor of Clement V, urged its observance. Neither decree speaks of the theophoric procession as a feature of the celebration. This procession, already held in some places, was endowed with Indulgences by Popes Martin V and Eugene IV. The feast had been accepted in 1306 at Cologne; Worms adopted it in 1315; Strasburg in 1316. In England it was introduced from Belgium between 1320 and 1325. In the United States and some other countries the solemnity is held on the Sunday after Trinity. In the Greek Church the feast of Corpus Christi is known in the calendars of the Syrians, Armenians, Copts, Melchites, and the Ruthenians of Galicia, Calabria, and Sicily.

Youth corner

25 tips by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs

By Cynthia Schmae

Ready to leave your job behind and become your own boss? It takes a certain kind of person to make it through the first few years. To help you along, we've culled the best tips from our own members – people with years' of experience in running their own businesses.

1. Don't work for less than you can afford to, but do offer a discount to customers or clients who sign contracts with you.

2. Find people who will refer jobs to you. If they send you nightmare jobs, make sure they're balanced out with rewarding (profitable!) ones.

3. Surround yourself with supportive

people and don't be discouraged by anyone.

If your idea is good and you're determined to stick with it through the first few difficult years, your chances of success are great.

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4. Be flexible in your thinking. Prepare to change the way you work, the products you use and the services you offer, in order to meet the demands of your customers.

5. Admit your mistakes, correct them and carry on.(For example, if you purchase a piece of equipment that does not meet your expectations, send it back, sell it or exchange it!)

6. Develop a good relationship with your bank manager and creditors. Show a genuine interest in solving problems. Pay as much as you can afford to, to everyone to whom you owe money.

7. Get trained! You'll be spending a lot of time doing things that have nothing to do with your area of expertise, like bookkeeping, marketing, and IT support!

8. Avoid isolation. Even if you work closely with your clients, you won't be part of a gang anymore. Develop your own network of entrepreneurs that you see regularly and bounce ideas off. Ideally they'll allow you to vent your anger and share your successes.

To be continued.....

FINANCE CORNER

Thank you all for your generosity. May God bless you.

DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION
