**** **PASTORAL CARE**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

* **Mon 3rd September 2012**

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

* **Tues 4th September 2012**

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

* **Wed 5th September 2012**

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

* **Thurs 6th September 2012**

1Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 5:1-11

* **Fri 7th September 2012**

1Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28,39-40;

Lk 5:33-39

* **Sat 8th September 2012 (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

Mic 5:1-4a; Ps 13:6-7; Mt 1:1-16,18-23

**9TH SEPTEMBER 2012**

**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1st Reading: Is 35:4-7a**

**Resp. Ps: Ps 146:7-10**

**2nd Reading: Jas 2:1-5**

**Gospel: Mk7:31-37**

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8.**

Moses urges the people to heed God's words and observe them diligently; this is their source of life and wisdom

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:2-5**

**HE WHO DOES JUSTICE WILL LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.**

**2nd Reading: Jas 1:17-18,21-22,27**

It is not enough to listen to the word of God. We must put it into practice. St. James gives concrete examples of what this means.

**Gospel: Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for imposing man-made laws on people and disregarding God’s commandment of love.

***Reflection***

***It is quite possible to appear perfectly Christians on the outside while being perfectly selfish on the inside. We can go to Mass regularly, avoid obviously lewd or sinful behaviour in public, say prayers so that others will notice that we can do all those things exteriorly while constantly entertaining evil thoughts and self-centered desires in our hearts. This kind of divided life, which is called hypocrisy, can’t last. Jesus doesn’t care what we look like to others; he cares about who we really are.***

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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

***2ND SEPTEMBER, 2012:* *TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

**THEME FOR THE WEEK: “**Jesus wants Hearts, not Hypocrites**”**

**Theme for the week:** “All nations shall adore the Lord”

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

**Sacrament of Baptism of Infants:** *Second 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 Wednesdays (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: **Sa**t. 6 pm to 8p: **Sun**: 9 am -1.30**: Friday**: Off Duty

#### NEXT SUNDAY: 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Singing: 1st Mass: Ave Maria singing group

#### 2nd Mass: Youth choir

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#### Offertory: 1st Mass: Ave Maria & Christian Mothers and Individuals

#### 2nd Mass: Youth groups and individuals

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**SLOGAN: St. Thomas More: Besohwe! St. Thomas More: Justice and Truth!!**

**St Thomas More: Pray for us!!!**

**St. John Fisher: Pray for us (3x)**

**THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US. HAVE A BLESSED WEEK**

**YOUTH CORNER**

**HEALTH BENEFITS OF PAWPAW(cont.)**

**Other benefits of pawpaw:**

1**. Malaria fever**- Squeeze some yellow pawpaw leafs in water. Take a glassful three times daily for seven days. This preparation is also good for jaundice. The dosage is the same.   
2. **Diabetes**- The green leafs of pawpaw are good for diabetes-induced hypertension. Squeeze the green leaves in water and take a glass thrice daily. This preparation is also good for constipation.   
3. **Stomach Ulcer**- Cut a big unripe pawpaw fruit into pieces. Do not remove the peel or seeds. Simply cut the whole fruits into cubes. Then soak in five bottles of water for four days. Sieve and take ½ a glass thrice daily for 2 weeks. This is a very good remedy for any type of intestinal ulcer.   
4. **External Ulcer**- The white milky sap of the unripe pawpaw contains a high percentage of papain, which is used for chronic wounds or ulcers. This can be obtained by making a slight cut of the unripe pawpaw fruit to allow the juice drop. Papain is also present in the ripe pawpaw fruit.   
5. **Asthma**- Burn dried pawpaw leaves and inhale the smoke during an attack of asthma. This will bring quick relief. Therefore, to prevent an attack, inhale the smoke every night.   
6. **Bronchitis**- The root of the pawpaw plant is a good remedy for respiratory problems especially bronchitis. Bring some pawpaw roots to boil and take ½ a glass thrice daily. For cough, simply chew a tender pawpaw root and swallow the juice.

**ANNOUCEMENTS**

1. The will be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, next Thursday September 6, 2012 from 7am to 7pm.
2. There will be infant baptism and Mass next Saturday, 8th September 2012 at 6:30am at St. Thomas More. All choirs will be in attendance. Parents and guardians should pick forms from the Church’s office.
3. There will be evening Mass at STM on Friday, 7th September 2012 at 7pm.
4. A parishioner needs a two – bedroom apartment in and around Achimota. Kindly contact 0268718670/0244993397 if you can be of help.
5. Persons wishing to register with the Ewe catechism should see Catechist Foly Botwoe after the 1st Mass at STM.
6. **Bible sharing** every Wednesday at 7.00 pm at St. Thomas More

( Acts 8: 26-40)

1. **Funeral arrangements** of the late Madam Ama Asorgbah, mother of Mrs. Magdalene Dede Amuzu. **Family Gathering:** 14th September 2012 at her residence at Christian Village. **Burial service:** 15th September 2012 at STM at 9:30 am
2. **Next Sunday’s** Second collection will be for Vincent de Paul.

**KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

**Why do catholic call their priests “father” when Jesus commands us in Matthew 23: 9 to “call no man Father?”**

In Matthew 23:1-12, when Jesus tells us to call no man “father” or “teacher”, He is using figurative language to emphasize that all legitimate authority and truth ultimately come from God. We are not to take these passages literally.

Throughout the bible men are called fathers and teachers. Both Catholics and Protestants call earthly men fathers and teachers. St. Stephen and St. Paul call the Jewish religious leaders “fathers” (Acts 7: 2 and 22:1) St. Paul calls the Corinthians “my beloved children….. for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 cor 4: 14 -15; and also see 1 Thess 2:11, 1 Tim 1: 2, and Tit 1:4). St Paul became their spiritual father because he cooperated with God in giving them spiritual life, just as biological fathers cooperate with God in giving physical life. Catholics call their priest “father” because, like St. Paul priests cooperate with God in giving spiritual life to their flock by preaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments.

**UP COMING EVENTS**

* Holy Hour -- September 6, 2012
* Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary – September 8, 2012. There will be Mass at 6.30am at STM. All choirs will sing.
* Exaltation of the Cross -- September 14, 2012
* Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle -- September 21, 2012
* Encounter with Jesus – September 30, 2012

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**TUESDAY: Morning Mass at 6.15 am**

**WEDNESDAY: Morning Mass at 6.15 am**

**THURSDAY: Morning Mass at 6.15 am**

**FRIDAY: Evening Mass at 7.00 pm**

**SATURDAY: Morning Mass at 6.30 am**

**RIDDLE**

Answer to last week’s: **Lectionary**

* I contain the prayers for mass.Who am I?

**MEETINGS**

* **Charismatic Renewal will meet this afternoon at 3:00 pm**
* **CPC will meet next Sunday 9th September 2012 after the 2nd Mass at SJF**
* **CYC will meet after the 1st Mass at STM**
* **Lectors recollection – Saturday 8th Sept. 2012**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

Integrity can be defined by who you are when only God is watching.

**FINANCE CORNER**

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| Position/Days | 1st wk GH¢ | 2nd wk GH¢ | 3rd wk GH¢ | 4th wk GH¢ | **TOTAL** |
| 1st Friday | 1,732.60 | 70.00 | 71.00 | 1,960.00 | **3,833.60** |
| 2nd Monday | 1,100.30 | 776.00 | 87.00 | 300.00 | **2,263.30** |
| 3rd Saturday | 787.25 | 141.00 | 268.00 | 920.00 | **2,116.25** |
| 4th Sunday | 401.60 | 330.00 | 127.00 | 448.00 | **1,306.60** |
| 5th Wednesday | 869.50 | 225.00 | 66.00 | 0.00 | **1,160.50** |
| 6th Thursday | 728.70 | 192.00 | 97.00 | 15.00 | **1,032.70** |
| 7th Tuesday | 372.10 | 23.00 | 95.00 | 10.00 | **500.10** |
| **TOTAL** | **5,992.05** | **1,757.00** | **811.00** | **3,653.00** | **12213.05** |

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

***DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION***

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| ***26/08/2012*** | ***1st MASS*** | ***2nd Mass*** |
| ***Main collection*** | **GH¢ 868.8** | **GH¢ 614.55+ $1.00 +Naira 20.00** |
| ***2nd collection*** | ***GH¢ 490.00*** | ***GH¢ 350.05+$1.00*** |
| ***Tithe*** | **GH¢ 65.00** |