

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 @ 5pm

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: (STM) Monday, Tuesday Wednesdays (In the Evenings) Time: 6.30 - 8.00 pm. (SJF) Wednesdays at 5:00pm. In case of any emergency call on the Priest.

Church office hours: STM - Mon. to Thur.: 10am -2pm & 5 pm - 8pm: Sat. 4 pm to 8pm: Sun: 9 am -1.30pm: SJF - Monday & Wednesday 10am - 6pm; Sat 4pm-6pm; Sunday 12pm- 2pm

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

NEXT SUNDAY: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Singing: First Mass: Eve Maria

Second Mass: Youth Choir

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: Christian Village

Second Mass: New Achimota/Kopevi/Akweteman

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 6:15am
Wednesday 6:15am (STM) & 7:00pm (SJF)
Thursday 6:15am

UPCOMING EVENT

- 4TH OCTOBER 2015: HARVEST.
- 28TH -29TH NOV: 80TH ANNIVERSARY AND DEDICATION.

SLOGAN: Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Besohwɛ!

Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher.: Justice and Truth!!

Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher : Pray for us!

THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US.
HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There is Bible sharing this and every Wednesday at 7:00pm at STM.
2. The new Church cloth is on sale at the following prices. Full piece(12 yards) - GHC 140, Half piece(6 yards) - GHC 70, 4 yards - GHC 48, 2 yards - GHC 24.
3. Marriage Banns: (3rd) Richard Abotsigan and Sharon Barbara Dawlah.
4. The Adjini and Kisseh families Are thanking all who in diverse ways supported them in burying their mother and grandmother Madam Mary Magdalene Adjini.
5. The would be executive meeting for the francophone society after the first mass.

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STM CREDIT UNION

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QUIZ

Last Week: who is the Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

Ans: Joachim

This Week: What is the meaning of Jacob?

Quote

The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.

John Ruskin

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2ND, 2015: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEME FOR THE WEEK: EXAMINE YOUR MOTIVE



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Exod 16:2-4, 12-15

In response to their complaints, God feeds the Israelites in the desert by sending them manna and quails. This became the classic example of Yahweh's care for his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 78:3-4, 23-25,54
THE LORD GAVE THEM BREAD FROM HEAVEN

2nd Reading: Eph 4:17, 20-24.

Christians should turn aside from an aimless, pagan style of life and to live in a spirit of goodness, holiness, and truth.

GOSPEL: Jn 6:24-35.

Jesus is the true bread from heaven, nourishing his people with a life that will never end.

Reflection

Is there anything in this life that can truly satisfy our deepest hunger and longing? Many sought Jesus out because he offered them something no one else could give - bread from heaven from the very hand of God himself. When Jesus had performed the miracle of multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish to provide a refreshing and satisfying meal for more than 5000 people, they wanted to make him their king - no doubt because they wanted more. When Jesus withdrew from the crowd and quietly returned to Capernaum to be with his twelve disciples, they ran to seek him there. Jesus met them with a probing question - are you looking for physical food that perishes or food that gives eternal life?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 3rd AUGUST, 2015**

Num 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17;
Mt 14:13-21

❖ **Tues 4th AUGUST, 2015**(John Mary Vianney, presbyter)

Num 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7;
Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14

❖ **Wed 5th AUGUST, 2015**

Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1,26-29,34-35; Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23;
Mt 15:21-28

❖ **Thu 6th AUGUST, 2015**(Transfiguration of the Lord)

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 96:1-2,5-6,9;
Mk 9:2-10

❖ **Fri 7th AUGUST, 2015**

Deut 4:32-40; Ps 111:1-2,5-9;
Mt 16:24-28

❖ **Sat 8th AUGUST, 2015**(Dominic, presbyter, religious founder)

Deut 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4,47,51;
Mt 17:14-20

9TH AUGUST, 2015

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1stReading: 1Kgs 19:4-8

Resp. Ps : Ps 34:2-9

2nd Reading: Eph 4:30-5:2

Gospel : Jn 6:41-51

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

CATHOLIC TEACHINGS REGARDING THE BROTHERS OF JESUS

To conclude, I want to present some logical facts that clearly indicate that Jesus could not have had brothers. These are:

1) If Jesus had brothers or sisters, does common sense not state that the descendants from Jesus's mother would be proud of it? And accordingly, would these descendants not be claiming their rightful place as descendants of Mary? Yet, this has never happened!

2) The Catholic Church has always proclaimed that Mary was ever-virgin. If such was not true, why has her alleged other children and possibly descendants ever publicly renounce the virginity of Mary as a lie? It is because there are no other children or descendants of Mary.

3) If Mary would have had other children, Jesus would not have been as popular as He was. Jesus was popular because He was recognized as the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of prophecies found in the Old Testament. Jesus fulfilled the words found in the Gospel of Matthew where it states, "All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.'" [Mt. 1:22-23] If Mary would have had other children, the prophecy regarding the virginity of Mary in the Gospel of Matthew would not have been fulfilled. And Jesus would not have been recognized as being the Messiah.

4) In the Gospel of John, we read, "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home." [Jn. 19:26-27]

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

If Jesus would have had any brothers, according to the Jewish custom, they would have been obligated to take care of Mary after Jesus died. But this was not the case. Jesus placed the care of His mother, Mary, into the hands of the Apostle John.

5) In the Gospel of Luke, we read how Jesus was conceived. "The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.'" [Lk. 1: 35] The conception of Jesus resulted from a union between the Holy Spirit and Mary. This union, a marriage blessed by God, placed Mary in a position where she was obligated to maintain a vow of perpetual virginity after the birth of Jesus. If Mary would have had sex with Joseph after the birth of Jesus, this would have been viewed as an adulterous affair.

6) In Mark 6:3, we read, "'Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they were offense at him." Notice here that there is only one reference to "the son of Mary," that being Jesus. The others are not called the sons of Mary but rather the brothers of Jesus. If they would have been the brothers of Jesus, logically, they too would have been referred to as the sons of Mary.

Knowing that Jesus had no biological brothers, we can speculate regarding the status of his brothers. They could have been members of Jesus' religious group. They could have been cousins. They could have been adopted by Joseph and Mary. Or, if Joseph had fathered children from a previous marriage and was a widower, then the brothers would actually be half-brothers of Jesus. While all of these speculations are possible, they do not contradict the fact that Jesus had no biological brothers who shared Mary and Joseph as parents. Those who claim otherwise, they have failed to thoroughly study the facts that are found in the Holy Bible.

MOTIVATION

A CREED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey...

I asked for health, that I might do great things.

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things...

I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be wise...

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God...

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life.

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things...

I got nothing I asked for - but everything I had hoped for;

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among men, most richly blessed!

PRAYER INTENTION

1. Parishioners are reminded to pay their Harvest Levy of 10 cedis per adult and 5 cedis per Child at the table outside

2. Below is the schedule of materials needed to complete the first phase of the Rectory Project. You are kindly requested to study and contribute accordingly. Contact the Harvest Information desk for any clarification.

MATERIAL	QUANTIT Y REQUIRE D	UNIT PRICE (GH cedis)	TOTAL
Cement	1500 bags	30.00	45000
Blocks	18000 pcs.	3.50	6300
Wawa(wood) boards	3000 pcs.	15.00	45000
Bamboo(prop s)	300 pcs.	3.00	900
Sand	8 trips	1200.00	9600
Stones	8 trips	2000.00	16000
Laterite	10 trips	800.00	8000
¼ Iron Rods	3 tons	660.00	1980
½ Iron Rods	13 tons	1700.00	21100
5/8 Iron Rods	7 tons	2100.00	14700
Labour	-	-	30420
Total	-	-	200.00

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DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION
