

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: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Singing: First Mass: Ave Maria
Second Mass: Youth Choir

Offertory: *First Mass: All parishioners*
Second Mass: All parishioners

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday 6:15am
Thursday 6:15am

UPCOMING EVENT

- Feast of Transfiguration (6th August, 2013)
- Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (15th August 2013)
- Priestly Ordination (17th August 2013)

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. There is Bible sharing this and every Wednesday at STM at 7:00pm
2. The maiden edition of talentfest comes off today 4th August 2013 at 2:00pm at St Thomas More.
3. Tuesday, 6th August 2013 is the Feast of the **transfiguration of the Lord**. There will be Mass at 7:00pm at STM. The Main Choir will sing the Mass.
4. Parishioners are reminded to bring offertory next Sunday for presentation to the Amasaman Hospital
5. A young man with IATA diploma in consultancy and managing the Travel Business is seeking employment. Anybody who can assist him should contact him on 0244477948.
6. **The Catholic Priests of Accra** presents **Drama Night** entitled **"THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"** on the 14th August 2013 at Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka. Time, 6:00pm. The ticket is sold at Ghc10
7. The Final **Funeral Rites** of the late **Regina Asana** (the wife of **David Asana** of the Northern Union) are as follows: Friday, 9th Aug. 2013, family gathering at house No 31, Kisseman, near Christian Village Cemetery junction. Saturday, 10th Aug.2013, Burial Mass at 8:30 am at STM Catholic Church. Burial at Christian Village cemetery. Funeral Rites at Kisseman junction. Sunday 11th Aug. 2013, Thanksgiving Mass at 7:00am at STM.

QUIZ

Answer to last week's: Matrimony and Holy Orders

This week's: Who is the ordinary minister for the sacrament of baptism

QUOTE

In character, in manner, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity. - *Henry Longfellow*

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



4TH AUGUST, 2013: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C
THEME FOR THE WEEK: Growing Rich in the Lord



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23.
"Vanity of vanities!" The things that are supposed to fulfill human beings do not fully satisfy us. "You can't take it with you, when you die."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 6-9.
O LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE, FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11.
Since Christ has returned to the Father, now our true home is in heaven. We must seek the things that are above.

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21.
A colourful warning against greed. Jesus urges us to seek our wealth not in the goods of this world, but in the sight of God.

Reflection

So many dream some day of being rich, to be able to buy all the things they would love to have, to be able to travel, to have no worries. There is a belief, that once we have financial security, all our problems will be solved. Wealth, it is believed, is a sign of "success" though it is not quite clear where the "success" really lies. It also brings "respect" and "status". On the contrary, Jesus is offering a much more secure way to happiness and a life of real enjoyment than the way that most people insist on believing in even though it is seen to fail again and again. Against the greed that obsesses many people Jesus offers an opposite alternative to security and happiness - sharing.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ❖ **Mon 5th August, 2013**
Num 11:4-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
- ❖ **Tues 6th August, 2013(Transfiguration of the Lord)**
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28-36
- ❖ **Wed 7th August, 2013**
Num13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35;
Ps106:6-7,13-14,21-23, ;
Mt 15:21-28
- ❖ **Thur 8th August, 2013**
Num20:1-13; Ps95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
- ❖ **Fri 9th August,2013**
Deut 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16,21; Mt 16:24-28
- ❖ **Sat 10th August,2013(Lawrence)**
2Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

11TH AUGUST, 2013
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Wis 18:6-9

Resp. Ps : 33:1, 12, 18,20,22

2nd Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel : Lk 12:32-48

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE POPE?

This was, in fact, done at most of the elections during the ninth century, and in 898 the riots which ensued upon the death of Pope Stephen V led John IX to give ecclesiastical sanction to this system of imperial control. In a council held at Rome in that year he decreed that the election should be made by bishops (cardinal) and clergy, regard being had to the wishes of the people, but that no consecration should take place except in the presence of the imperial legate (Mansi XVIII, 225).

The due formalities at least of election appear to have been observed through the wild disorders which followed the collapse of the Carolingian Empire: and the same is true as regards the times of Otto the Great and his son. Under the restored empire, however, the electors enjoyed no freedom of choice. Otto I even compelled the Romans to swear that they would never elect or ordain a pope without his or his son's consent (963; cf. Liutprand, "Hist. Ott.", viii). In 1046 the scandals of the preceding elections, in which the supreme pontificate had become a prize for rival factions entirely regardless of what means they employed, led clergy and people to leave the nomination to Henry III.

Three popes were chosen in this manner. But Leo IX insisted that the Church was free in the choice of her pastors, and, until he was duly elected at Rome, declined to assume any of the state of his office. The party of reform, of which Hildebrand was the moving spirit, were eager for some measure which should restore an independent choice to the Church. This was carried out by Nicholas II. In 1059 he held a council in the Lateran and issued the Decree "In Nomine". This document is found in two recensions, a papal and an imperial, both of early date. There is however little doubt that the papal recension embodied in the "Decretum Gratiani" (c. 1. d. XXIII) is genuine, and that the other was altered in the interest of the antipope Guibert.

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

The right of election is confined to the cardinals, the effective choice being placed in the hands of the cardinal bishops: clergy and people have a right of acclamation only. The right of confirmation is granted to the Emperor Henry IV and to such of his successors as should personally request and receive the privilege. The pope need not necessarily be taken from the number of cardinals, though this should be the case if possible.

This decree formed the basis of the present legislation on the papal election, though the system underwent considerable development. The first important modification was the Constitution "Licet de Vitanda" [c. vi, X, "De elect." (I, 6)] of Alexander III, the first of the decrees passed by the Third Oecumenical Council of the Lateran (1179). To prevent the evils of a disputed election it was established by this law that no one should be held to be elected until two thirds of the cardinals should have given their votes for him. In this decree no distinction is made between the rights of the cardinal bishops and those of the rest of the Sacred College.

The imperial privilege of confirming the election had already become obsolete owing to the breach between the Church and the Empire under Henry IV and Frederick I. Between the death of Clement IV (1268) and the coronation of Gregory X (1272) an interregnum of nearly three years intervened. To prevent a repetition of so great a misfortune the pope in the Council of Lyons (1179) issued the Decree "Ubi periculum" [c. iii, "De elect.", in 60 (I, 6)], by which it was ordained that during the election of a pontiff the cardinals should be secluded from the world under exceedingly stringent regulations, and that the seclusion should continue till they had fulfilled their duty of providing the Church with a supreme pastor.

To this electoral session was given the name of the Conclave. This system prevails at the present day.

THE END!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

YOUTH CORNER

How to Solve Your Family Problems

Be open to each other. Problems between husband and wife should stay within them and not leak out. Husband should understand the feelings of wife and wife should understand the feelings of husband.

Solve the problems don't fight over them. Problems coming upon couples should not make them weak enough to fight over it, but surely strong enough to go through it and solve the problem.

Handle the situation instead of making it worse. Problems in families are nothing new. It happens in every home, but it depends on how you handle it.

Maintain your relationship with each other. A good family relationship needs time for each other. **Understand your child's feelings.** Good parents understand their children and try to maintain good relations with them. They will Guide their children and will always acknowledge them of the right and wrong but will never force their children into any decision. **Don't let your parents down.** Good children are always concerned of their parent's happiness and will try to understand what parents are thinking. **Understand each other.** A good relationship needs an understanding mind.

YOUTH CORNER

KEEP YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER.



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

DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION
