

## 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: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Singing: First Mass: Main Choir  
Second Mass: Akan Kuo

Offertory: First Mass: New Achimota  
Second Mass: Amalgamated Community

## WEEKDAY MASS

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| Tuesday   | 6:15am |
| Wednesday | 6:15am |
| Thursday  | 6:15am |
| Friday    | 6:15am |

## UPCOMING EVENT

- October: Rosary month
- Catechetical week 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct,2013
- November 1,2013: All Saints day
- November 2,2013: All souls

**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. Marriage Banns :( 1st) Prince Kojo Aggrey and Freda Otiwaa Aboagye. (3<sup>RD</sup>) Isaac Kyei and Elizabeth Agyen Yeboah; Cyril Caesar Oguchukwu and Scholarstica Oguchukwu Dim; Alexander Yaw Adjei Ampofo and Loretta Nkrumah.
3. The church registration is ongoing. Please make it a point to register.
4. A security company is looking for energetic men between the ages of 25 and 45 years to work as security guards at Legon. Qualification: to be able to read, write and speak good English. Interested persons should be staying in the Achimota environs. Contact 0262812213.
5. All who want to request for Mass for their deceased relatives for all souls day should do so at the church office.
6. All those who want to join the bus to Independence Square on the 24<sup>th</sup> November for the climax of the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary should please register with their society or community leaders. You can register at the church office if you are not in any society or community. The fare is Gh¢2
7. Alogboshie Community will meet after the first Mass.

## QUIZ

**Answer to last week's: St. Peter was executed by crucifixion upside down.**

**This week's:** When is St. Peter's feast day?

## 120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CORNER

- ❖ *Medical outreach on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2013at Mantse Agbonaa, James Town – Accra.*
- ❖ *Triduum : Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2013*
- ❖ *Climax Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2013 at Independence Square. Time 9:00am. Attire: anniversary cloth.*

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**13<sup>TH</sup> OCT, 2013: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- C**

**THEME FOR THE WEEK: THANKSGIVING**



## TODAY'S READINGS

**1st Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17**

When Naaman heeds Elisha and immerses himself in the Jordan he is cured of leprosy, and converts to faith in the true God. He now plans to build a shrine at his home.

**Responsorial Psalm: 98:1-4**

**The lord has shown deliverance to the nations.**

**2nd Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-13**

Paul continues to remind Timothy that preaching the Gospel is a demanding vocation. But "if we endure, we will also reign with him."

**Gospel: Lk 17:11-19**

Of ten people cured of leprosy by Christ, only one returned to thank him. Commending this man Jesus says, "Your faith has made you well."

## Reflection

*We are expected to thank God not only for our happy days but also for the troublesome ones. Because, as even the weariest river somehow finally winds its way safe to sea, so God has a way of weaving glorious destiny even through our troubles. Yes, we are called to thank God even in pains in order that we may obtain the salvation to be found in Jesus Christ. Thank him in afflictions for afflictions are but shadow of God's wings; thank him in sorrow, for one who suffers, conquers. Christianity isn't authentic without gratitude.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4;  
Lk 11:29-32

❖ **Tues 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5;  
Lk 11:37-41

❖ **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

Rom 1:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

❖ **Thur 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

❖ **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

❖ **( St. Luke)**  
2 Tim 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18,  
Lk 10:1-9

❖ **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;  
Lk 12:8-12

**20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2013**  
**TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex 17:8-13**

**Resp. Ps : 121:1-8**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Tim 3:14-4:2**

**Gospel : Lk 18:1-8**

## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NUN AND A SISTER? WHAT ABOUT A MONK ARE THEY PRIESTS OR BROTHERS?

These women religious also take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience; live in community in a convent; and share in a particular apostolate.

These religious congregations may serve either a particular diocese under the immediate jurisdiction of the local bishop, or serve throughout the universal Church under the immediate jurisdiction of the Pope.

Examples of these communities are the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Daughters of St. Paul.

In a similar way, a monk is a man living in a religious community and makes a final profession of the solemn vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

A monk may be a priest or a deacon, who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, or a religious brother, who is not ordained. Monks live in a monastery, the word from which "monk" is derived.

Depending upon the circumstances of the particular order, they may have a very strict contemplative, cloistered lifestyle, like the Order of Cistercians of Strict Observance (commonly known as the Trappists), or a less strictly cloistered lifestyle, like the Benedictines.

Just as an aside, these monasteries are referred to as abbeys when they are independent, self-sufficient, and have a certain number of monks or nuns. The head of the abbey is either the abbot or abbess.

## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

Moreover, religious institutes or congregations of men include those of both priests and brothers, like the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, and those of only brothers, like the Brothers of the Sacred Heart or Brothers of St. Francis Xavier.

These men religious also take the simple vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, live in community, and share in a particular apostolate, like education, health care, or other charitable work.

While this article has dealt with the fine distinctions of terminology, we must not forget that these individuals have totally dedicated their lives to God; taken the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; serve the Church in special way; work for the salvation of the world; and strive for the perfection of charity in their own lives.

They are an outstanding sign of the Church, and a witness to Jesus Christ.

## HARVEST 2013

- Parishioners are reminded to visit the harvest 2013 information desk to pay their harvest levy of 5 Cedis.
- The tiles for completing the floor space of St. John fisher are ready for sale. We are encouraged to purchase them in appreciation of the lives of loved ones. The cost is 20 Cedis per tile. Contact the information desk.
- Items for this week's Silent Auction have been displayed on a special table outside. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the table and put in their bid.

## YOUTH CORNER

Continued from last two weeks

### 15 HEALTH BENEFITS OF SMILING

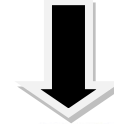
**13 – Look Younger** – Smiles naturally lift the face and in studies have shown to make people look younger, around 3 years younger on average.

**14 – Longevity** – The effects of a good smile extend past just the exterior good looks. People who smile more often live longer too, around 7 years longer than most according to one study. It releases stress, helps the heart, and much more to keep you healthy longer.

**15 – Boost Immune System** – Smiles help the body relax and this lets the immune system react more quickly and effectively against invaders.

## YOUTH CORNER

JUST ONE OF THE MUSTARD SEEDS BELOW HAS GROWN INTO THE HUGE BEAUTIFUL TREE. SMALL BEGINNINGS WILL SURELY YIELD GREAT RESULTS. NEVER GIVE UP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## FINANCE CORNER

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

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### DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

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