

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 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: 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: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Singing: One Mass: All Choirs

Offertory: One Mass: All communities, societies and individuals.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday	6:15am
Wednesday	6:15am
Thursday	6:15am

UPCOMING EVENT

- Feast Day celebration 16th -23th June
- Fathers Day 16th June 2013
- Siege on 19th June 2013
- Community Mass on 28th June 2013 @ Alogboshie.
- CAA 120th Anniversary week of prayers and fasting. 72hr adoration on 24-27 June 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!!
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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. All women are reminded of their Mother's Day contribution of GH¢5 towards the tabernacle project at SJF.
4. 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.
5. Mr. Kofi Kwakye a parishioner needs a single room self contain. 0242073762 / 0243678352
6. Members of the Christian village community will meet after 1st Mass. New members are welcome.
7. CASU executives will be meeting with all those who completed SHS this year after Mass under the canopy.
8. The church youth council will hold an emergency meeting next week Sunday at St. John Fisher.
9. In connection with the feast day all choirs will have joint rehearsals on Monday 17th June 2013 at STM and Saturday 22nd June at 2013 at SJF.
10. The Bawa family is thanking all who in diverse ways supported them during their bereavement. God bless you all.
11. The death is reported of Mr. Venance David Malm of Alogboshie, father of Mr. Michael Malm and Justine Malm of Main choir. Details of funeral are as follows; Laying in state on Friday 28th June 2013 at the father's residence at Alogboshie. Burial and final funeral rites on 29th June 2013 at the Achimota cemetery and Alogboshie respectively. Thanksgiving Service on 30th June 2013 at STM.

QUIZ

Answer to last week's: *The lowest of the three classes of Cardinals. Often assigned to Cardinals who primarily work in the Roman Curia.*

This week's: *Who is a Cardinal Priest?*

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



16TH JUNE, 2013: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **Repentance and Forgiveness**



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Sam 12:7-10, 13

When challenged with his sin by Nathan the prophet, King David readily admits it and repents and is forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm: 31:1-2, 5, 7, 11
O Lord, forgive the guilt of my sin.

2nd Reading: Gal 2:16, 19-21

Jesus has become the very centre of St. Paul's life - to the extent that he feels spiritually "crucified with Christ."

Gospel: Lk 7:36-8:3

In the house of Simon the Pharisee, Jesus praises the sinful woman for her wholehearted repentance.

Reflection

How wonderful it would be if we could truly understand how much the Lord loves us and wants to forgive us. If we could truly understand this we would have no fear in approaching the Lord asking for his mercy. Jesus suffered and died for you, he desires intimate friendship with each of us. Why keep Jesus distant? Draw close to Jesus and allow him to draw close to you. Live all of each day with Jesus. Our whole life is meant to be a close loving relationship with Jesus. If we have sinned in a serious way let us not drag ourselves down. Sin does have consequences but God can turn evil to good in his own mysterious way.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 17th June, 2013**

2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1-4;
Mt 5:38-42

❖ **Tues 18th June, 2013**

2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9;
Mt 5:43-48

❖ **Wed 19th June, 2013**

2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1-4, 9;
Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

❖ **Thur 20th June, 2013**

2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1-4, 7-8;
Mk 6: 7-15

❖ **Fri 21st June, 2013**

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7;
Mt 6:19-23

❖ **Sat 22nd June, 2013**

(Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher)
2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 33:8-13;
Mt 5:24-34

23RD JUNE, 2013

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Zec 12:10-11, 13:1

Resp. Ps : 63: 2-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: Gal 3: 26-29

Gospel : Lk 9:18-24

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

WHAT IS FATHERS DAY?

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. Many countries celebrate it on the third Sunday of June, but it is also celebrated widely on other days. Father's Day was created to complement Mother's Day, a celebration that honors mothers and motherhood.

Father's Day was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting.

After the success obtained by Anna Jarvis with the promotion of Mother's Day in the US, some wanted to create similar holidays for other family members, and Father's Day was the choice most likely to succeed. There were other persons in the US who independently thought of "Father's Day", but the credit for the modern holiday is often given to Sonora Dodd, who was the driving force behind its establishment.

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.

It did not have much success initially. In the 1920s, Dodd stopped promoting the celebration because she was studying in the Art Institute of Chicago, and it faded into relative obscurity, even in Spokane. In the 1930s Dodd returned to Spokane and started promoting the celebration again, raising awareness at a national level. She had the help of those trade groups that would benefit most from the holiday, for example the manufacturers of ties, tobacco pipes, and any traditional present to fathers.

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

Since 1938 she had the help of the Father's Day Council, founded by the New York Associated Men's Wear Retailers to consolidate and systematize the commercial promotion.

Americans resisted the holiday during a few decades, perceiving it as just an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother's Day, and newspapers frequently featured cynical and sarcastic attacks and jokes. But the trade groups did not give up: they kept promoting it and even incorporated the jokes into their adverts, and they eventually succeeded. By the mid 1980s the Father's Council wrote that "(...) [Father's Day] has become a 'Second Christmas' for all the men's gift-oriented industries."

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized.

US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "singling out just one of our two parents". In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. In addition to Father's Day, International Men's Day is celebrated in many countries on November 19 for men and boys who are not fathers.

Youth corner

Youth corner

FINANCE CORNER

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

DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION
