

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 to 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 and Fridays (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.: 8am -1pm & 2 pm - 4pm; 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: EASTER SUNDAY

Singing: First Mass: Youth Choir

Second Mass: Main Choir

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: St Theresa of the Child Jesus

Second Mass: Catechumen

WEEKDAY MASS

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

UPCOMING EVENT

25th March - 2nd April: Divine Mercy Novena

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. All those who were baptised from the 7th March, 2015 to 5th September, 2015 should kindly pick their cards from the church office.

2. The Harvest Committee reminds all parishioners who made pledges during the 2015 Harvest to kindly redeem them.

3. Bible's are available at the office for Ghc 26.

4. All those who were confirmed last year Nov 29th should see the secretary with an amount of Ghc 10 for stole fee and collect their baptismal cards.

5. New Achimota/Akweteman/Kopevi community will meet after mass.

6. Ushers, both adult and youth will meet after mass

7. Marriage Banns:
(1st) John Kermah and Nana Frimpomaa Addo Danso
(2nd) Samuel Laeyea and Cynthia Antwiwaa Ameyaw

ADVERT

L'Ange piano school

For tutorials on how to play the piano or how to read and interpret music, pick a form from any of the church offices at STM AND SJF. For enquiries call L'Ange music school on 0271555200 or 0555527927

QUIZ

Last Week: How many visions were revealed to Amos?

Ans: Five

This Week: Who was the one who criticized Amos for his prophecy, claiming it was politically motivated and part of a Judean conspiracy to overthrow the King?

Quote

Stop hating yourself for everything you aren't and start loving yourself for everything you already are.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 20TH 2016: PASSION SUNDAY

THEME FOR THE WEEK: THE SUFFERING SERVANT



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Is 50:4-7.

The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but he is convinced that God will eventually save him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:8-9,17-18,
19-20,23-24

**MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN ME.**

2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11.

Because Jesus took on himself our human condition and accepted death on a cross, the Father has made him Lord of heaven and earth.

GOSPEL: Lk 22:14-23,56.

The gospel presents us with Luke's version of the Passion Story. Luke presents a Christ who is merciful and forgiving, even to his executioners.

Reflection

Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. He enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 21ST MARCH,2016**

Is 42:1-7/ Ps 27:1-3,14-15/
Jn 12:1-11

❖ **Tues 22ND MARCH,2016**

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6,16,18/
Jn 13:21-33,36-38

❖ **Wed 23RD MARCH, 2016**

Is 50:4-9/ Ps 69:8-10,22-23,32,34/
Mt 26:14-25

❖ **Thu 24TH MARCH, 2016**

Ex 12:12:1-8,11-14/
Ps 116:13-14,16-19/
Jn 13:1-15

❖ **Fri 25TH MARCH, 2016**

Is 52:13-53:13/
Ps 31:2,6,13-14,16-18,26/
Jn 18:1-19:42

❖ **Sat 26TH MARCH,2016**

27TH MARCH, 2016
EASTER SUNDAY

1stReading: Gen 1:1-2:2

Resp. Ps : Ps 104:1-2,5-6,11,13-
15,25,36

2nd Reading: Ex 14:15-15:1

Gospel : Lk 24:1-12

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

By Pope Francis

Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception. Let us address her in the words of the Salve Regina, a prayer ever ancient and new, so that she may never tire of turning her merciful eyes towards us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus. Our prayer also extends to the saints and blessed ones who made divine mercy their mission in life. I am especially thinking of the great apostle of mercy, Saint Faustina Kowalska. May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love.

25. I present, therefore, this Extraordinary Jubilee Year dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us. In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us.

He never tires of throwing open the doors of his heart and repeats that he loves us and wants to share his love with us.

The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God's mercy. Her life is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy. She knows that her primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God's mercy by.

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contemplating the face of Christ. The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people approach it.

Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.

The profundity of the mystery surrounding it is as inexhaustible as the richness which springs up from it .

In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort.

May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old" (Ps 25:6).

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 11 April, the Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter, or Sunday of Divine Mercy, in the year of our Lord 2015, the third of my Pontificate

PROGRAMME FOR EASTER

DATE	PROGR AMME	VENUE	TIME
20/3/16	Passion Sunday	SJF	8am
24/3/16	Holy Thursday	STM	7pm
25/3/16	Stations of the cross	STM	7am
	Veneration of the cross	SJF	3pm
26/3/16	Holy Saturday	SJF	8pm
27/3/16	Easter Sunday	STM SJF	7am 9:30 am
28/3/16	Easter Monday	SJF	10:30 am

MOTIVATION

"A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn."
Unknown

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
Mark Twain

"Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best."
Henry Van Dyke

"Forget about all the reasons why something may not work. You only need to find one good reason why it will."
Dr. Robert Anthony

"Extraordinary struggles bring an extraordinary purpose for those who wait."
Brianna Gazvoda

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
Henry David Thoreau

FINANCE CORNER

Thank You All For Your Generosity. May God Bless You

WEEK DAY	1 st WK	2 nd WK
SUNDAY	1,883.50	219.00
MONDAY	2,223.00 +\$20	280.00
TUESDAY	4,549.00	125.00
WEDNESDAY	2,372.00	321.30
THURSDAY	1,448.70	486.00
FRIDAY	2,845.50	183.00
SATURDAY	4,296.00	270.00
MARCH BORN	182.40	-----
Total	17,577.10	1,884.30

DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

WEEK 1	FIRST MASS	SECOND MASS
SUNDAY COLLECTION	1,649.95	1,508.40
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2ND COLLECTION	880.20	815.40
TOTAL	2,765.15	2,323.80