

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: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Singing: First Mass: Akan Kuo

Second Mass: Main Choir

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: April Born.

Second Mass: April Born.

WEEKDAY MASS

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

UPCOMING EVENT

3rd April: An Encounter With Divine Mercy @ St. Sylvanus Parish, Pokuase @ 3.00pm

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. **Marriage Banns:** (2nd) John Kermah and Nana Frimpomaa Addo Danso.
(3rd) Samuel Laeyea and Cynthia Antwiwaa Ameyaw

6. Members of the Christian mother's Association are to note that the meeting for March 2016 has been re-scheduled for next Sunday 3rd April, 2016.

7. A cook is needed urgently for employment in a priest's residence at Parakuo estates. Kindly contact Fr. George if you are interested.

ADVERT

L'Ange piano school

For tutorials on how to play the piano or how to read and interperat 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: 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?

Ans: Amaziah the priest

This Week: Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

Quote

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"

- Audrey Hepburn

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 27TH 2016: EASTER SUNDAY

THEME FOR THE WEEK: The Power of the Resurrection



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43.

Peter claims that he and the other apostles are witnesses to the resurrection because they have experienced their risen Lord, now alive again and a

source of saving life for all.

Responsorial Psalm: THIS IS THE DAY THE

LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE IN IT AND BE GLAD.

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4. (or 1 Cor 5:6-8.)

Christ is now in glory; we share in his risen state. This will be manifest when Christ comes again.

GOSPEL: Jn 20:1-9

The empty tomb becomes a sign of the resurrection of Jesus. In faith, the Beloved Disciple knows that Christ is alive.

Reflection

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ❖ **Mon 28TH MARCH, 2016**
Acts 2:14,22-33/ Ps 15:1-2a5,7-11/
Mt 28:8-15
- ❖ **Tues 29TH MARCH, 2016**
Acts 2:36-41/Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22/
Jn 20:11-18
- ❖ **Wed 30TH MARCH, 2016**
Acts 3:1-10/ Ps 104:1-4,6-9/
Lk 24:13-35
- ❖ **Thu 31ST MARCH, 2016**
Acts 3:11-26/ Ps 8:2,5-9/
Lk 24:35-48
- ❖ **Fri 1ST APRI, 2016**
Acts 4:1-12/ Ps 117:1-2,4,22-27/
Jn 21:1-14
- ❖ **Sat 2ND APRIL, 2016**
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 117:1,14-21
Mk 16:9-15

3RD APRIL, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Resp. Ps : Ps 117:2-4,13-15,22-24

2nd Reading: Rev 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19

Gospel : Jn 20:19-31

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

Christ's Resurrection Was A Concrete Event

by Pope John Paul II

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
In the liturgical season running from Easter to Pentecost, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life.

Whoever had condemned Jesus, deceived himself that he had buried His cause under an ice-cold tombstone. The disciples themselves gave in to the feeling of irreparable failure. We understand their surprise, then, and even their distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen One did not delay in making himself seen and they yielded to reality.

They saw and believed! Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that overcame them when they heard the Master's greeting: "Peace be with you." The Church is based on their extraordinary experience. The first proclamation of the Gospel was nothing other than the testimony of this event: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses!" (Acts 2:32).

The Christian faith is so linked with this truth that Paul did not hesitate to declare: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). Along these lines the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

"The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community, handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 638).

Christ's Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs.

The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life.

Regina caeli, laetare! Rejoice, Holy Virgin, because He whom you bore in your womb is risen! Dear brothers and sisters, let us try to relive the joy of the Resurrection with Mary's heart. Even in the darkness of Good Friday she prepared herself to receive the light of Easter morning.

Let us ask her to obtain for us a deep faith in this extraordinary event, which is salvation and hope for the world.

HAPPY EASTER

MOTIVATION

Mother Teresa Quotes

"We forget that forgiveness is greater than revenge. People make mistakes. We are allowed to make mistakes. But the actions we take while in a rage will haunt us forever.

Pause and ponder. Think before you act. Be patient. Forgive & forget. Love one and all. If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

"Everytime you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." "Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work." "It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us.

It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start."

MOTIVATION

"The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved."

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

"It is a kingly act to assist the fallen."

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

"Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat." "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

"Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action."