

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: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Singing: First Mass: Main Choir

Second Mass: Akan Kuo

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: Main Choir

Second Mass: Knight of Marshalls

WEEKDAY MASS

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

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. The funeral rite of Madam Agnes Afayome Christian is as follows; Wake keeping Friday 15th April 2016 at her residence at Christian village, Burial mass on 16th April at STM at 7: am interment follows at Christian Village cemetery, Thanksgiving service on 17th April at STM.

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

A parishioner has a piece of land at Dawhenya for sale. Interested persons should contact the following numbers for details: 0244605874/0277122442.

QUIZ

Last Week: For about how many hours was there darkness on the land during the crucifixion?

Ans: Three hours

This Week: Where did the last supper take place?

Quote

In the end, it's not the years in your life that counts. It's the life in your years.

- Abraham Lincoln

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



APRIL 10th 2016: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THEME FOR THE WEEK: JESUS FILLS OUR EMPTINESS



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41.

The apostles were put on trial because of their preaching of the Gospel. But they are full of courage, even glad to suffer for Christ's sake.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30:2,4, 5-6,11-12,13
I WILL EXTOL YOU, LORD, FOR YOU HAVE RAISED ME UP

2nd Reading: Rev. 5:11-14

Glimpses of the heavenly liturgies are a feature of the book of the Apocalypse. This hymn praises the crucified and the risen Christ.

GOSPEL: Jn 21:1-19.

The risen Jesus appears to seven of his apostles on the shore of the lake of Galilee, and confirms Peter as chief pastor of the church.

Reflection

Jesus fills our emptiness.

The boat was empty; something was missing. They set out; but they set out without Jesus. They came back empty-handed. Sometimes God allows our best-laid plans to come crashing down around us. He doesn't do this to torment us, but to teach us to trust in him. Their embarrassment and frustration must have been pretty overwhelming. And then, to make matters worse, Jesus shows up on the shore and asks if they've caught anything. And you can imagine the way they growled in response "no, we haven't caught anything." And they must have been thinking to themselves, "and mind your own business." But the apostles needed to recognize their own weakness. They needed to vocalize their own inability to do anything without Jesus. And when they do that, he acts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 11TH APRIL, 2016**

Acts 6:8-15/
Ps 119:24-25,27-28,30-31/
Jn 6:2-29

❖ **Tues 12TH APRIL, 2016**

Acts 7:51-8:1/Ps 31:3-4,68,18,22/
Jn 6:30-35

❖ **Wed 13TH APRIL, 2016**

Acts 8:1-8/ Ps 66:1-7/
Jn 6:35-40

❖ **Thu 14TH APRIL, 2016**

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9,17-18,30/
Jn 6:44-51

❖ **Fri 15TH APRIL, 2016**

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1-2/
Jn 6:52-59

❖ **Sat 16TH APRIL, 2016**

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:13-18
Jn 6:60-69

17TH APRIL, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1stReading: Acts 13:14,43-52

Resp. Ps : Ps 100:1-5

2nd Reading: Rev 7:9, 14-17

Gospel : Jn 10:27-30

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

Easter 'Urbi et Orbi' Message of Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" (Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "Come and see!": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness. With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord!

Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you. Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.

Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck by the Ebola epidemic in Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and to care for those suffering from so many other diseases which are also spread through neglect and dire poverty. Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped. Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent. We pray in a particular way for Syria, beloved Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenseless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue! Jesus, Lord of glory, we ask you to comfort the victims of fratricidal acts of violence in Iraq and to sustain the hopes raised by the resumption of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. We beg for an end to the conflicts in the Central African Republic and a halt to the brutal terrorist attacks in parts of Nigeria and the acts of violence in South Sudan. We ask that hearts be turned to reconciliation and fraternal concord in Venezuela.

By your resurrection, which this year we celebrate together with the Churches that follow the Julian calendar, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace in Ukraine so that all those involved, with the support of the international community, will make every effort to prevent violence and, in a spirit of unity and dialogue, chart a path for the country's future. On this day, may they be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen, Khrystos voskres!

MOTIVATION

LIFE

Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson, or to help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be – a roommate, a neighbor, a professor, a friend, a lover, or even a complete stranger – but when you lock eyes with them, you know at that very moment they will affect your life in some profound way.

Sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair at first, but in reflection you find that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential, strength, willpower, or heart. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness, and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul. Without these small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smoothly paved straight flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless. The people you meet who affect your life, and the success and downfalls you experience, help to create who you are and who you become. Even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are sometimes the most important ones.

MOTIVATION

If someone loves you, give love back to them in whatever way you can, not only because they love you, but because in a way, they are teaching you to love and how to open your heart and eyes to things. If someone hurts you, betrays you, or breaks your heart, forgive them, for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious to whom you open your heart. Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you possibly can for you may never be able to experience it again. Talk to people that you have never talked to before, and listen to what they have to say.

Let yourself fall in love, break free, and set your sights high. Hold your head up because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you.

You can make anything you wish of your life. Create your own life and then go out and live it with absolutely no regrets.

And if you love someone tell them, for you never know what tomorrow may have in store.

Learn a lesson in life each day that you live!