

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 an emergency, call on the Priest.

Church office hours: STM - Mon. to Fri: 8am -1pm & 2 pm - 4pm: Sun: 9 am -1.30pm: SJF - Monday & Wednesday 10am - 6pm; Sat 4pm-6pm; Sunday 12pm- 2pm

SUNDAY MASS

FIRST MASS - 6:30AM AT SJF

SECOND MASS: 7:00 AM- STM

THIRD MASS: 9:30AM AT SJF

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Singing Schedule:

First Mass: Youth Choir

Second Mass: Main Choir

Third Mass: Akan Kuo

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: New Achimota Community

Second Mass: Legion of Mary

Third Mass: Amalgamated Community

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 6:15am

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

Thursday 6:15am

SLOGAN: Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Besohwŋ!

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. There is Bible sharing within mass this and every Wednesday evening at SJF at 7.00pm. Come and deepen your knowledge in the Holy Scriptures.

2. Parishioners who made pledges during 2018 Harvest are kindly reminded to redeem them. Pledges can be redeemed through Mobile Money Number 0558362191 with the name St. Thomas More. Receipts for such payments will be issued later for collection.

4. Funeral Arrangements:

- Madam Cecilia Acheampong
Saturday 26th January: Burial Mass at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka.
Sunday 27th January: Thanksgiving Mass at the Holy Spirit Cathedral, Adabraka

- Madam Ellen Akuwa Akpatsa
Saturday 2nd February: Burial Service at E.P church Tanyigbe Kpodzi
Funeral Rites continue immediately after interment
Sunday 3rd February: Thanksgiving service at the same venue

- Sir Knight Augustine Kujoe Kromponi
Saturday 2nd February: Burial Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Vakpo at 8.00am

QUIZ

Last week: What does the Epiphany of the Lord reveal about Jesus?

Ans: Jesus as Light to the Gentiles

This Week: What does the Baptism of Jesus reveal about Jesus as written in Scriptures?

QUOTE

God has two dwellings; one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thankful heart

- Izaak Walton

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13TH JANUARY, 2019: FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **SAVED BY GRACE OF BAPTISM**

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

With their servitude over and iniquities pardoned, God promises through the prophet to guide his people like a shepherd tends his flock.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30
BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL! O LORD MY GOD, HOW GREAT YOU ARE!

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Paul tells his listeners of the purpose of God's grace; saving and training believers to reject worldly desires.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The spirit of God descends in the form of a dove on Jesus during his baptism by John in the Jordan.

Reflection

Today's feast brings us to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and the end of the Christmas season. The readings of today remind us of our salvation which comes to us not by our deed in righteousness as Paul writes to Titus but by the grace acquired in virtue of the washing by regeneration. This washing Jesus epitomizes for us in the gospel. Jesus accepts baptism to show us the way. At our baptism God descends on us because we are born anew and he declares us as his children in whom he is pleased. Our baptismal childhood is only effective as we desire to remain in union with Christ. We must allow ourselves to be saved by the grace of baptism. Our deeds in righteousness may not be the reason for our salvation, but through them we give consent to God's saving grace. May the feast we celebrate today remind us of the power of grace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 14TH JANUARY, 2019**
Heb 1:1-6
Ps 97:1-2,6-7,9
Mk 1:14-20

❖ **Tues 15TH JANUARY, 2019**
Heb 2:5-12
Ps 8:2,5-9
Mk 1:21-28

❖ **Wed 16TH JANUARY, 2019**
Heb 2:14-18
Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Mk 1:29-39

❖ **Thu 17TH JANUARY, 2019**
Heb 3:7-14
Ps 95:6-12
Mk 1:40-45

❖ **Fri 18TH JANUARY, 2019**
Heb 4:1-5,11
Ps 78:3-4,6-8
Mk 2:1-12

❖ **Sat 19TH JANUARY, 2019**
Heb 4:12-16
Ps 19:8-11,16
Mk 2:13-17

20TH JANUARY, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

1st Reading: Is 62:1-5
Resp. Ps: Ps 96:1-3,7-11
2nd Reading: 1Cor 12:4-11
Gospel: Jn 2:1-11

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The Blessed Eucharist as a SACRAMENT

Since Christ is present under the appearances of bread and wine in a sacramental way, the Blessed Eucharist is unquestionably a sacrament of the Church. Indeed, in the Eucharist the definition of a Christian sacrament as "an outward sign of an inward grace instituted by Christ" is verified.

The investigation into the precise nature of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, whose existence Protestants do not deny, is beset with a number of difficulties. Its essence certainly does not consist in the Consecration or the Communion, the former being merely the sacrificial action, the latter the reception of the sacrament, and not the sacrament itself.

The question may eventually be reduced to this whether or not the sacramentality is to be sought for in the Eucharistic species or in the Body and Blood of Christ hidden beneath them. The majority of theologians rightly respond to the query by saying, that neither the species themselves nor the Body and Blood of Christ by themselves, but the union of both factors constitute the moral whole of the Sacrament of the Altar.

The species undoubtedly belong to the essence of the sacrament, since it is by means of them, and not by means of the invisible Body of Christ, that the Eucharist possesses the outward sign of the sacrament.

Equally certain is it, that the Body and the Blood of Christ belong to the concept of the essence, because it is not the mere unsubstantial appearances which are given for the food of our souls but Christ concealed beneath the appearances.

The twofold number of the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine does not interfere with the unity of the sacrament; for the idea of refectio embraces both eating and drinking, nor do our meals in consequence double their number. In the doctrine of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is a question of even higher relation,

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in that the separated species of bread and wine also represent the mystical separation of Christ's Body and Blood or the unbloody Sacrifice of the Eucharistic Lamb.

The Sacrament of the Altar may be regarded under the same aspects as the other sacraments, provided only it be ever kept in view that the Eucharist is a permanent sacrament.

Every sacrament may be considered either in itself or with reference to the persons whom it concerns. Passing over the Institution, which is discussed elsewhere in connection with the words of Institution, the only essentially important points remaining are the outward sign (matter and form) and inward grace (effects of Communion), to which may be added the necessity of Communion for salvation. In regard to the persons concerned, we distinguish between the minister of the Eucharist and its recipient or subject.

The Eucharistic Elements

There are two Eucharistic elements, bread and wine, which constitute the remote matter of the Sacrament of the Altar, while the proximate matter can be none other than the Eucharistic appearances under which the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present.

Bread

The first element is wheaten bread (panis triticeus), without which the "confection of the Sacrament does not take place", Being true bread, the Host must be baked, since mere flour is not bread.

Since, moreover, the bread required is that formed of wheaten flour, not every kind of flour is allowed for validity, such, e.g., as is ground from rye, oats, barley, Indian corn or maize, though these are all botanically classified as grain (frumentum), On the other hand, the different varieties of wheat (as spelt, amel-corn, etc.) are valid, inasmuch as they can be proved botanically to be genuine wheat.

To be continued.....

Bill Gates On LIFE

If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So, before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Your school may have done away with winners and losers but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

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