

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: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Singing Schedule:

First Mass: Main Choir

Second Mass: Youth Choir

Third Mass: Ave Maria

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: Alogboshie community

Second Mass: Northern Union

Third Mass: Francophone Society

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 6:15am

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

Thursday 6:15am

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

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.

3. 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 Baptism of Jesus reveal about Jesus as written in Scriptures?

Ans: The mission of Jesus

This Week: According to Scriptures, what happened after Jesus' baptism?

QUOTE

Prosperity is only an instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped
- Calvin Coolidge

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20TH JANUARY, 2019: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **RESTORATION TO GREATER GLORY**

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

A destroyed and abandoned Jerusalem, shall be uplifted and made a royal diadem in the hand of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10
TELL AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE THE WONDERS OF THE LORD

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Many are the gifts bestowed by the same Spirit, but to each is given a gift for the good of all.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

After persuasion by his mother, Mary, Jesus performs his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

Reflection

Today's first reading and the gospel present to us the theme of restoration to either a past glory as Isaiah tells Jerusalem or a restoration to a much greater glory. After Jerusalem had been destroyed as punishment for their sins, Isaiah brings joyful news of the restlessness of God until He (GOD) restores Jerusalem as his prized possession and spouse in whom he finds joy. God restores us to our past glory each time we fall; he makes us a royal diadem and a spouse remarried to him. But in our time he does it through Jesus who brings us to a far greater glory. Our inferiority like the wine will only be seen after he has transformed us into something greater. Jesus' presence in our life, like at the wedding feast, is providential, and it requires obedience not only to him, but anyone through whom his mercy can be evoked. 'Do whatever he tells you.' May we find restoration in the presence of Jesus.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ Mon 21ST JANUARY, 2019
Heb 5:1-10
Ps 110:1-4
Mk 2:18-22

❖ Tues 22ND JANUARY, 2019
Heb 6:10-20
Ps 101:1-2,4-5,9-11
Mk 2:23-28

❖ Wed 23RD JANUARY, 2019
Heb 7:1-3,15-17
Ps 110:1-4
Mk 3:1-6

❖ Thu 24TH JANUARY, 2019
Heb 7:25-8:6
Ps 40:7-11,18
Mk 3:7-12

❖ Fri 25TH JANUARY, 2019
Acts 22:3-16
Ps 117:1-2
Mk 16:15-18

❖ Sat 26TH JANUARY, 2019
2Tim 1:1-8
Ps 96:1-3,7-8,11
Mk 3:20-21

27TH JANUARY, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Neh 8:2-4,5-6,8-10
Resp. Ps: Ps 19:8-11,16
2nd Reading: 1Cor 12:12-30
Gospel: Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

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THE BLESSED EUCHARIST AS A SACRAMENT

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. The Church maintains an easier position in the controversy respecting the use of fermented or unfermented bread. By leavened bread (fermentum, zymos) is meant such wheaten bread as requires leaven or yeast in its preparation and baking, while unleavened bread (azyza, azymon) is formed from a mixture of wheaten flour and water, which has been kneaded to dough and then baked.

After the Greek Patriarch Michael Cæularius of Constantinople had sought in 1053 to palliate the renewed rupture with Rome by means of the controversy, concerning unleavened bread, the two Churches, in the Decree of Union at Florence, in 1439, came to the unanimous dogmatic decision, that the distinction between leavened and unleavened bread did not interfere with the confection of the sacrament, though for just reasons based upon the Church's discipline and practice, the Latins were obliged to retain unleavened bread, while the Greeks still held on to the use of leavened, Since the Schismatics had before the Council of Florence entertained doubts as to the validity of the Latin custom, a brief defense of the use of unleavened bread will not be out of place here.

Pope Leo IX had as early as 1054 issued a protest against Michael Cæularius, in which he referred to the Scriptural fact that, according to

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the three Synoptics the Last Supper was celebrated "on the first day of the azymes" and so the custom of the Western Church received its solemn sanction from the example of Christ Himself. The Jews, moreover, were accustomed even the day before the fourteenth of Nisan to get rid of all the leaven which chanced to be in their dwellings, that so they might from that time on partake exclusively of the so-called mazzoth as bread. As regards tradition, it is not for us to settle the dispute of learned authorities, as to whether or not in the first six or eight centuries the Latins also celebrated Mass with leavened bread or have observed the present custom ever since the time of the Apostles.

Against the Greeks it suffices to call attention to the historical fact that in the Orient the Maronites and Armenians have used unleavened bread from time immemorial, and that according to Origen (the people of the East "sometimes", therefore not as a rule, made use of leavened bread in their Liturgy. Besides, there is considerable force in the theological argument that the fermenting process with yeast and other leaven, does not affect the substance of the bread, but merely its quality.

The reasons of congruity advanced by the Greeks in behalf of leavened bread, which would have us consider it as a beautiful symbol of the hypostatic union, as well as an attractive representation of the savor of this heavenly Food, will be most willingly accepted, provided only that due consideration be given to the grounds of propriety set forth by the Latins with St. Thomas Aquinas (III:74:4) namely, the example of Christ, the aptitude of unleavened bread to be regarded as a symbol of the purity of His Sacred Body, free from all corruption of sin, and finally the instruction of St. Paul (1 Corinthians 5:8) to keep the Pasch not with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth".

To be continued.....

MOTIVATION

The Group of Frogs

As a group of frogs was traveling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them.

However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to try and jump out of the pit.

Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out. Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

Moral of the story:

People's words can have a big effect on other's lives. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death.

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