

## 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 Thursday 6.30pm - 8.00 pm. **(SJF) Mon. to Fri. 9am - 6pm.** In case of emergency, call on the Priest any time.

**Church office hours: STM - Mon. to Fri: 8am -1pm & 2 pm - 5pm:**

**SJF – Mon. to Fri. 9am–1pm & 2pm-6pm; Sat 4pm-6pm**

## SUNDAY MASS

FIRST MASS - 6:30AM AT SJF  
SECOND MASS: 7:00 AM- STM  
THIRD MASS: 9:30AM AT SJF

## NEXT SUNDAY: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **Singing Schedule:**

First Mass: Akan Kuo  
Second Mass: Youth Choir  
Third Mass: Ave Maria

### **Offertory and Bidding Prayers:**

First Mass: St. Theresa of the child Jesus  
Second Mass: Lectors  
Third Mass: Knights and ladies of Marshall

## WEEKDAY MASS

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

**SLOGAN: Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Besohwǿ!**

**Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher.: Justice and Truth!!**

**Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Pray for us!**

## 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 **Marriage Banns (2<sup>nd</sup>)** Paul Atta Brown and Cynthia Aniewu

4. "THE WORD IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON" a book written by Rev. Fr. John Kobina Louis is on sale, a copy goes for Ghc20.00

5. The funeral arrangement of Mr. Alphonse Kwame Badohu Nyarko father of Mrs. Juliana Kwablah of Ave Maria and Christian Mothers is as follows; Wake keeping: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at his residence Abelemkpe, Burial Mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Blessed Sacrament Abelemkpe.

6. Morning mass will be celebrated at SJF on Saturdays at 6.15am starting from the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

7. St. John Fisher office hours: 9am-1pm and 2pm-6pm

## QUIZ

**Last week:** According to the catechism, how many are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

**Ans:** Seven

**This Week:** Who were the two prophets present during the presentation of Jesus?

## QUOTE

Blessed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked

- **Psalm 1:1**

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**17TH FEBRUARY, 2019: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THEME FOR THE WEEK: TRUST IN THE LORD**

## TODAY'S READINGS

### 1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

The prophet warns against trusting in man and likens it to a withering shrub in the desert.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-4, 6**  
**BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO HAS PLACED HIS TRUST IN THE LORD**

### 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

To some who were skeptical about resurrection Paul replies, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile."

### Gospel: Luke 6:17; 20-26

Jesus preaches of the rewards and woes of the poor and just; and the rich and famous.

## Reflection

*Jeremiah in our first reading presents two classes of people, signified by the shrub in the desert and the tree planted by water. A shrub as a plant properly considered is insignificant and needs attention to help it grow. Depending on its surroundings it flourishes or withers away. And Jeremiah situates this attention seeking plant in the desert, unable to grow on its own and with no hope of nourishment. This is one who places his trust in man. The place for hope and trust is by the water which never ceases to flow and which allows for you to gain more by stretching your roots. One cannot find hope in the desert, especially if you are like a shrub. You cannot place your trust in a surrounding which has nothing to offer. If you want to grow, if you want to be nourished, if you want to see your hopes come to reality, turn to God and Trust in Him.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**  
Gen 4:1-15,24  
Ps 50:1,8,17-18,21-22  
Mk 8:11-13

❖ **Tues 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**  
Gen 6:5-8;7:1-5,10  
Ps 29:1-4,9-11  
Mk 8:14-21

❖ **Wed 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**  
Gen 8:6-13,20-22  
Ps 116:13-16,19-20  
Mk 8:22-26

❖ **Thu 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**  
Gen 9:1-13  
Ps 102:17-23,30  
Mk 8:28-33

❖ **Fri 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**  
1Pt 5:1-4  
Ps 23:1-6  
Mt 16:13-19

❖ **Sat 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**  
Heb 11:1-7  
Ps 145:2-5,11-12  
Mk 9:2-13

**24TH, 2019**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23  
**Resp. Ps: Ps** 103:1-4,8,11,13-14  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1Cor 15:45-49  
**Gospel:** Lk 6:27-38

## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### THE BLESSED EUCHARIST AS A SACRAMENT

#### TRANSUBSTANTIATION

Before proving dogmatically, the fact of the substantial change here under consideration, we must first outline its history and nature.

The scientific development of the concept of Transubstantiation can hardly be said to be a product of the Greeks, who did not get beyond its more general notes; rather, it is the remarkable contribution of the Latin theologians, who were stimulated to work it out in complete logical form by the three Eucharistic controversies mentioned above, the term transubstantiation seems to have been first used by Hildebert of Tours (about 1079).

The Council of Trent not only accepted as an inheritance of faith the truth contained in the idea, but authoritatively confirmed the "aptitude of the term" to express most strikingly the legitimately developed doctrinal concept.

In a closer logical analysis of Transubstantiation, we find the first and fundamental notion to be that of conversion, which may be defined as "the transition of one thing into another in some aspect of being". As is immediately evident, conversion (conversio) is something more than mere change (mutatio).

Whereas in mere changes one of the two extremes may be expressed negatively, as, e.g., in the change of day and night, conversion requires two positive extremes, which are related to each other as thing to thing, and must have, besides, such an intimate connection with each other, that the last extreme (terminus ad quem) begins to be only as the first (terminus a quo) ceases to be, as, e.g., in the conversion of water into wine at Cana.

A third element is usually required, known as the commune tertium, which, even after conversion has taken place, either physically or at least logically unites one extreme to the other; for in every true conversion the following condition must be fulfilled:

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"What was formerly A, is now B." A very important question suggests itself as to whether the definition should further postulate the previous non-existence of the last extreme, for it seems strange that an existing terminus a quo, A, should be converted into an already existing terminus ad quem, B.

If the act of conversion is not to become a mere process of substitution, as in sleight-of-hand performances, the terminus ad quem must unquestionably in some manner newly exist, just as the terminus a quo must in some manner really cease to exist. Yet as the disappearance of the latter is not attributable to annihilation properly so called, so there is no need of postulating creation, strictly so called, to explain the former's coming into existence.

The idea of conversion is amply realized if the following condition is fulfilled, viz., that a thing which already existed in substance, acquires an altogether new and previously non-existing mode of being. Thus in the resurrection of the dead, the dust of the human bodies will be truly converted into the bodies of the risen by their previously existing souls, just as at death they had been truly converted into corpses by the departure of the souls. This much as regards the general notion of conversion. Transubstantiation, however, is not a conversion simply so called, but a substantial conversion (conversio substantialis), inasmuch as one thing is substantially or essentially converted into another.

Thus from the concept of Transubstantiation is excluded every sort of merely accidental conversion, whether it be purely natural (e.g. the metamorphosis of insects) or supernatural (e.g. the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor).

Finally, Transubstantiation differs from every other substantial conversion in this, that only the substance is converted into another — the accidents remaining the same — just as would be the case if wood were miraculously converted into iron, the substance of the iron remaining hidden under the external appearance of the wood.

To be continued.....

## MOTIVATION

### Laziness won't get you anywhere

"In ancient times, a king had his men place a boulder on a roadway. He then hid in the bushes, and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers passed by and simply walked around it.

Many people blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along carrying vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and note from the King explain that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road."

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