

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 OF EASTER

Singing Schedule:

First Mass: Main Choir
Second Mass: Youth Choir
Third Mass: Chari SM

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: Achimota Town community
Second Mass: CYC
Third Mass: Charismatic Renewal

WEEKDAY MASS

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

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

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. Young teens Camp 2019 under the auspices of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal comes off from 24th to 28th April at the Holy Spirit Retreat Centre, Kuntunse. Interested youth between the ages of 8-15 should register at the church office.

4. Marriage Banns (3rd Time): Anthony Oppong and Pamela Bissi.

5. Marriage Banns (2nd Time): Jonathan Addah and Veronica Ajago

6. Marriage Banns (2nd Time): Jonas Kofi Kpodo and Linda De-Souza

7. There will be picnic on Easter Monday at SJF at 11am. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

QUIZ

Last week: What is done after Holy Thursday mass, to symbolize the stripping of Jesus?

Ans: The washing of feet

This Week: What is the octave of Easter?

QUOTE

We are Easter people; and Alleluia is our song
- St. Augustine

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21ST APRIL, 2019: EASTER SUNDAY

THEME FOR THE WEEK: DISCOVERING THE EMPTY TOMB

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 10:34; 37-43

Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus, witnessing to the resurrection of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm:

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Paul admonishes his listeners to cleanse out the old leaven of malice and evil, and celebrate with sincerity and truth.

Gospel: Gospel: John 20:1-9

The empty tomb witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus, and the disciples believe on seeing it.

Reflection

Mary of Magdala was first to go to the tomb, before dawn when it was still dark, and discovered it empty. Jesus was missing; the master who had understood her and cured her, the prophet she had followed faithfully until his death. Her lament to the disciples was: *they have taken my Lord from the grave and we do not know where they have put him.* Her lament could express the experience that many Christians are living through today. The discovery of an empty tomb, yet lacking understanding and interpretation. The empty tomb is only a witness to his resurrection. This expedient transformation from death to life, is what Jesus brings to all who believe in his resurrection, as Paul will echo, our celebration must only be in sincerity and truth; the truth of the resurrection. If we like Mary discover empty tombs, we should not be discouraged, because it only means that the grave could hold him no longer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ Mon 22ND APRIL, 2019
Acts 2:14,22-33
Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11
Mt 28:8-15

❖ Tues 23RD APRIL, 2019
Acts 2:36-41
Ps 32:4-5,19-21,23
Jn 20:11-18

❖ Wed 24TH APRIL, 2019
Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Lk 24:13-35

❖ Thu 25TH APRIL, 2019
Acts 3:1126
Ps 8:2,5-9
Lk 24:35-48

❖ Fri 26TH APRIL, 2019
Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2,4,23-28
Jn 21:1-14

❖ Sat 27TH APRIL, 2019
Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1-2,4,23-27
Mk 16:9-15

28TH APRIL, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16
Resp. Ps: Ps 118:2-4,14-16,23-25
2nd Reading: Rev 1:9-11,12-13,17-19
Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

What does the Church say about Easter?

The English term, according to the Ven. Bede, relates to *Estre*, a Teutonic goddess of the rising light of day and spring, which deity, however, is otherwise unknown, even in the Edda; Anglo-Saxon, *eâster*, *eâstron*; Old High German, *ôstra*, *ôstrara*, *ôstrarûn*; German, *Ostern*. April was called *easter-monadh*.

The plural *eâstron* is used, because the feast lasts seven days. Like the French plural *Pâques*, it is a translation from the Latin *Festa Paschalia*, the entire octave of Easter. The Greek term for Easter, *pascha*, has nothing in common with the verb *paschein*, "to suffer," although by the later symbolic writers it was connected with it; it is the Aramaic form of the Hebrew *pesach* (transitus, passover).

The Greeks called Easter the *pascha anastasimon*; Good Friday the *pascha staurosimon*. The respective terms used by the Latins are *Pascha resurrectionis* and *Pascha crucifixionis*.

The feast

Easter is the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Leo I calls it the greatest feast (*festum festorum*), and says that Christmas is celebrated only in preparation for Easter. It is the centre of the greater part of the ecclesiastical year.

The order of Sundays from Septuagesima to the last Sunday after Pentecost, the feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and all other movable feasts, from that of the Prayer of Jesus in the Garden (Tuesday after Septuagesima) to the feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi), depend upon the Easter date.

Commemorating the slaying of the true Lamb of God and the Resurrection of Christ, the cornerstone upon which faith is built, it is also the oldest feast of the Christian Church, as old as Christianity,

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the connecting link between the Old and New Testaments. That the Apostolic Fathers do not mention it and that we first hear of it principally through the controversy of the Quartodecimans are purely accidental. The connection between the Jewish Passover and the Christian feast of Easter is real and ideal.

Real, since Christ died on the first Jewish Easter Day; ideal, like the relation between type and reality, because Christ's death and Resurrection had its figures and types in the Old Law, particularly in the paschal lamb, which was eaten towards evening of the 14th of Nisan. In fact, the Jewish feast was taken over into the Christian Easter celebration; the liturgy (*Exsultet*) sings of the passing of Israel through the Red Sea, the paschal lamb, the column of fire, etc. Apart, however from the Jewish feast, the Christians would have celebrated the anniversary of the death and the Resurrection of Christ.

But for such a feast it was necessary to know the exact calendar date of Christ's death. To know this day was very simple for the Jews; it was the day after the 14th of the first month, the 15th of Nisan of their calendar. But in other countries of the vast Roman Empire there were other systems of chronology. The Romans from 45 B.C. had used the reformed Julian calendar; there were also the Egyptian and the Syro-Macedonian calendar.

The foundation of the Jewish calendar was the lunar year of 354 days, whilst the other systems depended on the solar year. In consequence the first days of the Jewish months and years did not coincide with any fixed days of the Roman solar year. Every fourth year of the Jewish system had an intercalary month. Since this month was inserted, not according to some scientific method or some definite rule, but arbitrarily, by command of the Sanhedrin, a distant Jewish date can never with certainty be transposed into the corresponding Julian or Gregorian date.

To be continued.....

MOTIVATION

BESTIE ADVICE BY CHARLOTTE TADOH

We are living in the days where there is distress, pain, suffering of all kind, emotional breakdowns, discouragement everywhere.

The love of many are growing cold, rejections and all kind of limitations and no one seems to care. But be well assured that the dark days will not be there forever. If only you can hold on a little and trust in the Lord.

God will wipe away all your tears. It is just a matter of time. The days are really evil but keep in mind there is always light at the end of the tunnel. When you are being knocked down by people. Just have faith that God is preparing a lift up for you.

#Don't lose hope
#Joy comes in the morning

MOTIVATION

QUOTES ON HAPPINESS BY BRIAN TRACY

"Set peace of mind as your highest goal and organize your entire life around it."

"Happiness and high performance come to you when you choose to live your life consistent with your highest values and your deepest convictions."

"The quality of your life is determined by how you feel at any given moment. How you feel is determined by how you interpret what is happening around you, not by the events themselves."

"Happiness comes when you believe in what you are doing, know what you are doing, and love what you are doing."

"Stop talking about the problem and start thinking about the solution."

"Associate with positive people, and get away from negative people."

"Act the part; walk and talk exactly as if you were already the person you want to be."

FINANCE CORNER

Thank You All for Your Generosity. May God Bless You