

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

NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

Singing Schedule:

First Mass: Main Choir
Second Mass: Youth Choir
Third Mass: Ave Maria

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: St. Theresa Akan Kuo
Second Mass: YCW
Third Mass: Kopevi/Akweteman Comm.

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!!

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. Receipts for such payments will be issued later for collection.

3. A parishioner requests the services of a young lady between the ages of 15 and 25 to stay with his mother at Cape Coast. She would be offered training in a vocational skills. Interested persons should be of good character and should contact Steve by call or whatsapp on 0243240533.

4. The Youth Choir presents chorale praise concert dubbed JU-BI-LA-TE. Venue: St. Thomas More, Date: 30th June 2019, Time: 3:30pm.

5. Parishioners interested in joining Sacred Heart of Jesus Confraternity in the parish should contact 0245956282.

6. Our priests will be away from 9th to 14th June for their annual retreat. There will be no mass in the parish during the period.

QUIZ

Last week: On which mountain did Jesus' Ascension take place?

Ans: Mount of Olives

This Week: In which town were the disciples when the Holy Spirit descended?

QUOTE

It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love.
- *Billy Graham*

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9TH JUNE, 2019: PENTECOST SUNDAY

THEME FOR THE WEEK: *O HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL!*

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The Spirit of God gives energy to the apostles and sends them out on their mission.

Responsorial Psalm:

LORD, SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17

The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God and heirs of the Kingdom.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the father and the Son, and teaches and reminds men of all that is true.

Reflection

The wait for the Holy Spirit comes to a close as we experience today the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire. In the first reading, the apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues understandable to many from different walks of life. The apostles in turn are prepared and vitalized for the ministry ahead. As the Spirit grants new language, it also justifies and bears witness that we are the children of God and heirs of the Kingdom, reminding us each day of our lives of the truth taught by Jesus Christ. Today we experience the Spirit that blows where it wills, the Spirit that prepares us for evangelization. Even as we pray for his outpouring on us, we pray that our wait in the upper room with the disciples and Mary, brings us new tongues of love and truth, that we will be unified in faith and love for God our Father.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ Mon 10TH JUNE, 2019

2Cor 1:1-7
Ps 34:1-8
Mt 5:1-12

❖ Tues 11TH JUNE, 2019

Acts 11:21-26;13:1-3
Ps 98:1-6
Mt 5:13-16

❖ Wed 12TH JUNE, 2019

2Cor 3:4-11
Ps 99:5-9
Mt 5:17-19

❖ Thu 13TH JUNE, 2019

2Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6
Ps 85:9-14
Mt 5:20-26

❖ Fri 14TH JUNE, 2019

2Cor 4:7-15
Ps 116:10-18
Mt 5:27-32

❖ Sat 15TH JUNE, 2019

2Cor 5:14-21
Ps 103:1-4,9-12
Mt 5:33-37

16TH JUNE, 2019
TRINITY SUNDAY

1st Reading: Prov 8:22-31

Resp. Ps: Ps 8:4-9

2nd Reading: Rom. 5:1-5

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

WHAT IS AN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Composition of General Councils

Papal Headship and Formal Elements of Councils

It is the action of the Pope that makes the councils ecumenical. That action is the exercise of his office as supreme teacher and ruler of the Church. Its necessity results from the fact that no authority is commensurate with the whole Church except that of the pope; he alone can bind all the faithful. Its sufficiency is equally manifest: when the pope has spoken *ex cathedra* to make his own the decisions of any council, regardless of the number of its members nothing further can be wanted to make them binding on the whole Church. The earliest enunciation of the principle is found in the letter of the Council of Sardica (313) to Pope Julius I, and was often quoted, since the beginning of the fifth century, as the (Nicæan) canon concerning the necessity of papal co-operation in all the more important conciliary Acts.

The Church historian Socrates makes Pope Julius say, in reference to the Council of Antioch (341), that the law of the Church (*kanon*) forbids "the churches to pass laws contrary to the judgement of the Bishop of Rome" and Sozomen (III, x) likewise declares "it to be a holy law not to attribute any value to things done without the judgment of the Bishop of Rome". The letter of Julius here quoted by both Socrates and Sozomen directly refers to an existing ecclesiastical custom and, in particular, to a single important case (the deposition of a patriarch), but the underlying principle is as stated.

Papal co-operation may be of several degrees: to be effective in stamping a council as universal it must amount to taking over responsibility for its decisions by giving them formal confirmation. The Synod of Constantinople (381) in which the Nicene Creed received its present form, the one used at Mass, had in itself no claim to be Ecumenical.

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

Before Pope Damasus and the Western bishops had seen its full Acts they condemned certain of its proceedings at an Italian synod, but on receiving the Acts, Damasus, so we are told by Photius, confirmed them. Photius, however, is only right with regard to the Creed, or Symbol of Faith: the canons of this council were still rejected by Leo the Great and even by Gregory the Great (about 600). A proof that the Creed of Constantinople enjoyed papal sanction may be drawn from the way in which the Roman legates at the Fourth General Synod (Chalcedon, 451) allowed, without any protest, appeals to this Creed, while at the same time they energetically protested against the canons of the council. It was on account of the papal approbation of the Creed that, in the sixth century, Popes Vigilius, Pelagius II, and Gregory the Great declared this council Ecumenical, although Gregory still refused to sanction its canons. The First Synod of Constantinople presents, then, an instance of a minimum of papal co-operation impressing on a particular council the mark of universality. The normal co-operation, however, requires on the part of the head of the Church more than a *post-factum* acknowledgment.

The pope's office and the council's function in the organization of the Church require that the pope should call the council together, preside over and direct its labours, and finally promulgate its decrees to the universal Church as expressing the mind of the whole teaching body guided by the Holy Ghost. Instances of such normal, natural, perfect co-operation occur in the five Lateran councils, which were presided over by the pope in person; the personal presence of the highest authority in the Church, his direction of the deliberations, and approbation of the decrees, stamp the conciliary proceedings throughout as the function of the *Magisterium Ecclesiae* in its most authoritative form. Councils in which the pope is represented by legates are, indeed, also representative of the whole teaching body of the Church, but the representation is not absolute or adequate, is no real concentration of its whole authority.

MOTIVATION

THE LAW OF SUCCESS BY NAPOLEON HILL

Before you can secure co-operation from others; nay, before you have the right to ask for or expect co-operation from other people, you must first show a willingness to co-operate with them. For this reason the eighth lesson of this course, THE HABIT OF DOING MORE THAN PAID FOR, is one which should have your serious and thoughtful attention.

The law upon which this lesson is based, would, of itself, practically insure success to all who practice it in all they do. In the back pages of this Introduction you will observe a Personal Analysis Chart in which ten well known men have been analyzed for your study and comparison. Observe this chart carefully and note the "danger points" which mean failure to those who do not observe these signals. Of the ten men analyzed eight are known to be successful, while two may be considered failures. Study, carefully, the reason why these two men failed.

Then, study yourself. In the two columns which have been left blank for that purpose, give yourself a rating on each of the Fifteen Laws of Success at the beginning of this course; at the end of the course rate yourself again and observe the improvements you have made.

FINANCE CORNER

Thank You All for Your Generosity. May God Bless You

PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR LANDCASE

Almighty and Merciful Father, we thank you for our faith and for the gift of our church community. We thank you for how far you have brought us as a parish. You have been our refuge in times past and our hope for years to come.

We humbly beseech you to help us win back our Land in this dispute. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and the evil plans of our adversaries.

For the Court of Justice we pray that you will give them the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding that they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone. May they not yield to deceit and acts of bribery and corruption but uphold the truth and let justice prevail.

May Mary our mother, intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

St. Thomas More..... Pray for us

St. John Fisher..... Pray for us

All you Angels and Saints Pray for us