

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: Thursdays 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: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Singing Schedule:

First Mass: Chari SM
Second Mass: Youth Choir
Third Mass: Ave Maria

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: Northern Union
Second Mass: Knights and Ladies of St. John
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

- 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.
- Dental screening will be done next week, on 28th July 2019.
- Marriage Banns:**
 - ❖ Jude Mawuli Anane and Yvonne Bentumaa Arhin – 1st Publication
 - ❖ Christian Agbenyegah Hanson and Henritta Agbesi – 2nd Publication
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Confraternity is being formed. All persons interested to join should contact this number 0245956282.
- Kindly comply with the directives of the Ushers as regards where you sit in the Chapel. This is part of efforts to ensure maximum security and safety of parishioners.

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QUIZ

Last week: How many levels of cardinals do we have in the church?

Ans: Three (according to the order of clerical states, deacon, priest and bishop)

This Week: Who is the Bishop of Donkorkrom Vicariate?

QUOTE

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it.

- Hebrews 13:2

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**21ST JULY, 2018: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

THEME FOR THE WEEK: CHOOSING THE BETTER PART

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham shows hospitality as a sign of service to strangers and is rewarded with a promise of a son.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:2-5

LORD, WHO MAY ABIDE IN YOUR TENT

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

St. Paul admonishes that, service as a minister suffices to make complete the afflictions of Christ for His Church.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus is welcomed at the house of Martha and Mary. He calls his hostess from busyness to simplicity.

Reflection

The scriptural saying that by hospitality people have welcomed angels without knowing, is evident in the story of Abraham, whose generosity to strangers we are called to emulate. One of the most important part in showing hospitality is the aspect of LISTENING, which remains one of the greatest expressions of love and service. Like Martha, Jesus draws our attention to the fact that, we must choose the better part in every act of kindness. The busyness of the world often robs Christians of the opportunity to listen to Jesus. However, in the presence of Jesus, we are offered ample time to sit at his feet and listen to him. At the feet of Jesus, is tenderness and the calmness that the world does not give. Our better service to God lies in listening to His Son. What do you choose today, calmness or rush hours? Remember that, Christ is always in you and the hope of glory.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ❖ **Mon 22ND JULY, 2019 (ST. MARY MAGDALENE, FEAST)**
2Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- ❖ **Tues 23RD JULY, 2019**
Ex 14:21-15:1
Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17
Mt 12:46-50
- ❖ **Wed 24TH JULY, 2019**
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15
Ps 78:18-19, 23-28
Mt 13:1-9
- ❖ **Thu 25TH JULY, 2019 (ST. JAMES, APOSTLE)**
2Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28
- ❖ **Fri 26TH JULY, 2019**
Ex 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
Mt 13:18-23
- ❖ **Sat 27TH JULY, 2019**
Ex 24:3-8
Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15
Mt 13:24-30

**28TH JULY, 2019
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

1st Reading: Gen 18:20-32
Resp. Ps: 138:1-3, 6-8
2nd Reading: Col 2:12-14
Gospel: Lk 11:1-13

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

FEW TAKEAWAYS FROM CHRISTUS VIVIT (Apostolic letter of Pope Francis to the Youth)

The challenges facing the youth are real. But they find their antidote in three great truths.

Pope Francis is concerned about the many challenges that are facing young people today around the world, including “violence in countless different forms,” ideological colonization, and the desires, hurts and longings common in today’s world. In particular, he highlights the dangers of the “digital environment,” migration and abuse, including clergy sexual abuse.

“Thank God, those who committed these horrible crimes are not the majority of priests, who carry out their ministry with fidelity and generosity,” the pope writes. “I ask young people to let themselves be inspired by this vast majority.” And he added some encouragement: “Ask for the help of the Holy Spirit and confidently aim for the great goal of holiness” (No. 107), adding: “If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary or disillusioned, ask Jesus to renew you. With him, hope never fails” (No. 109).

At the same time, Pope Francis highlights “three great truths that all of us need to keep hearing”: that God loves you; that Christ sacrificed himself to save mankind; and that, “Christ is alive!” He continues: “Because he lives, there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in your life and that all our struggles will prove worthwhile. If this is the case, we can stop complaining and look to the future, for with him this is always possible” (No. 127).

The Pope offers a way out and calls the youth to remember that “Jesus, brimming with life, wants to help you make your youth worthwhile. In this way, you will not deprive the world of the contribution that you alone can make, in all your uniqueness and originality.” (No. 109)

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

The key to making the years of youth count is friendship with the Lord.

Pope Francis reminds the youth that they won’t know the “deepest and fullest” meaning of their early years “unless you encounter each day your best friend, who is Jesus” (No. 150).

“With the same love that Christ pours out on us, we can love him in turn and share his love with others, in the hope that they too will take their place in the community of friendship he established,” he writes. “... Friendship with Jesus cannot be broken. He never leaves us, even though at times it appears that he keeps silent” (Nos. 153-154). To begin and maintain this friendship, Pope Francis encourages regular prayer, which he calls “both a challenge and an adventure.”

“Gradually Jesus makes us appreciate his glory and draw nearer to him,” he writes. “Prayer enables us to share with him every aspect of our lives and to rest confidently in his embrace. At the same time, it gives us a share in his own life and love” (No. 155).

He encourages young people to mature in holiness and to move forward as courageous missionaries. “You have to discover who you are and develop your own way of being holy, whatever others may say or think. Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy” (No. 162).

He continued: “He invites us to be fearless missionaries wherever we are and in whatever company we find ourselves: in our neighbourhoods, in school or sports or social life, in volunteer service or in the workplace. Wherever we are, we always have an opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel” (No. 177).

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

1. TALK ON MARRIAGE: The Young Christian Workers (YCW) invites all parishioners to a Talk on Marriage, titled “Spending quality time together as spouses amidst busy schedules”, today, 21st July, 2019 after the 2nd Mass. All parishioners are invited.

2. TALK ON FIBROIDS: The Health Committee with the support of the Amalgamated Community presents a talk on FIBROIDS. The talk is scheduled for Sunday, 28th July, 2019 at the 2nd and 3rd Masses. Kindly make a date and participate in this exercise.

3. HDR ASPIRANTS’ RETREAT 2019: The HDR Sisters invite ladies who are students or graduates of SHS, Vocational Institutions, College of Education, Nursing Training Colleges, Polytechnics and Universities or workers and are desiring to become Religious Sisters to their Annual Aspirants’ Retreat

Date: Wed. 24th – Sat. 27th July 2019

Venue: St Anne’s Girls SHS & Vocational School, Nuaso (Odumase-Krobo, Eastern Region)

What to carry along: Bible, Rosary, Exercise book, Pen, Bed-sheet.

For further enquiries call Sr Francisca on 0243566035/0541464901

PRAYER FOR GOD’S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND CASE

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 your Mother Mary 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

FINANCE CORNER

Thank You All for Your Generosity. May God Bless You

WEEK DAY	1 ST WK	2 ND WK
SUNDAY	1,585.00	165.00
MONDAY	2,351.40	835.00
TUESDAY	1,304.00	869.00
WEDNESDAY	1,710.50	132.00 + \$100
THURSDAY	2,091.70	200.00
FRIDAY	4,742.80 + \$10	250.00
SATURDAY	2,611.00	610.00
JULY BORN	257.20	-----
TOTAL	16,653.60	3,061.00 + \$100

DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAYS COLLECTION;

WEEK 3	1 ST MASS (SJF)	2 ND MASS (STM)	3 RD MASS (SJF)
MAIN COLLECTION	734.70	1,631.40	1,888.00
SECOND COLLECTION	473.25	1,060.30	924.10
TITHE	145.00	2,132.00
TOTAL	1,352.95	4,823.70	2,812.10