

## 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: TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **Singing Schedule:**

First Mass: Youth Choir  
Second Mass: Akan Kuo  
Third Mass: Main Choir

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

First Mass: October Borns  
Second Mass: October Borns  
Third Mass: October Borns

## 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. 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.
2. Parishioners are reminded to pay the 2019 Harvest levy of GHs 20.00 per adult, GHs 10.00 per youth and GHs 5.00 per child. All Harvest contributions should be paid at the harvest desk.
3. **Marriage Banns**  
(1<sup>st</sup>) Anthony Okyere and Elizabeth Okyere  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) Michael Yaw Addam and Selasi Adzo Nukpe  
(3<sup>rd</sup>) Dennis Nestor Quarm and Kate Amankwah.
4. All Northerners are meeting after 3<sup>rd</sup> mass at SJF.
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## ADVERT

1. Sevandok Ventures! We rent catering items (plates, drinking glasses, crockery, etc) we also sell ICE BLOCKS AND CAN BE DELIVERED TO YOUR preferred location. Call us on : 0508355773/0244334534

2. Girlush Naturals sells: 100% Natural authentic Raw shea butter. Whipped Shea butter with essentials oils and natural oil for hair and body use for Men, Women and Children. Please contact 0245376887.

## QUIZ

**This Week:** Who is the head for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith?

## QUOTE

Sharing is caring – teaching our children to share is teaching them compassion and love.

*Kevin Heath*

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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**  
**29TH SEPTEMBER, 2019: TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**THEME FOR THE WEEK: SHARING IS CARING!!!**

## TODAY'S READINGS

### **1st Reading: Amos 6:1. 4-7**

God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 146:6-7,8-9,9-10**  
**COME, LORD, AND SAVE US.**

### **2nd Reading: I Timothy 6:11-16**

Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

### **Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

### **Reflection**

*What is our attitude towards what we have acquired? Are we ready and willing to share with others?*

*The parable of Lazarus and the rich man teaches us a lot as we live in this world. Jesus uses this parable to make us understand the need for us to be observant and go the extra mile to help our neighbours.*

*We are called to share not just riches and wealth but our time, intelligence, words of encouragement, love and presence with others. These beautiful gifts from God are to allow us to be of help to others. We have been blessed so that we can be of help to others. We need to understand that we are custodians and need to be faithful in dispensing the graces of God bestowed on us as St. Paul tells us in the second reading. Let us learn to share for sharing is caring.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ❖ **Mon 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPT. 2019 (St. Jerome)**  
Zec 8:1-8  
Lk 9:46-50
- ❖ **Tues 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT. 2019 (St. Theresa of the Child Jesus)**  
Zec 8:20-23  
Lk 9:51-56
- ❖ **Wed 2<sup>ND</sup> OCT. 2019 (Gaurdian Angels)**  
Neh 2:1-8  
Mat 18:1-5,10
- ❖ **Thu 3<sup>RD</sup> OCT. 2019**  
Neh 8:1-4,5-6,7-12  
Lk 10:1-12
- ❖ **Fri 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT. 2019 (Francis of Assisi)**  
Bar 1:15-22  
Lk 11:14-17
- ❖ **Sat 5<sup>TH</sup> OCT. 2019**  
Bar 4:5-12,27-29  
Lk 10:17-24

**6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019**  
**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Hab 1:2-3;2:2-4  
**Resp. Ps:** Ps. 95:1-2,6-9  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### FEW TAKEAWAYS FROM GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE

**(Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on The call to Holiness in Today's World published 9 April 2018.)**

It is wrong to think that because we know something, or are able to explain it in certain terms, we are already saints. What we think we know should always motivate us to respond more fully to God's love. St. Francis said: I am pleased that you teach sacred theology...provided that you do not extinguish the spirit of prayer and devotion during study.

True Christian wisdom can never be separated from mercy towards our neighbor: The greatest possible wisdom is to share fruitfully what we have to give...There are activities that, united to contemplation, do not prevent the latter, but rather facilitate it, such as works of mercy.

**Contemporary Pelagianism.** The power that the gnostics attributed to the intellect, others now began to attribute to the human will, to personal effort. The human will took the place of mystery and grace. It forgets that everything "depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy" (Rom 9:16) and that "he first loved us".

*A will lacking humility.* Pelagians ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others because they observe certain rules or remain intransigently faithful to a particular Catholic style. Do what you can and to ask for what you cannot. The lack of a heartfelt and prayerful acknowledgment of our limitations prevents grace from working: acknowledge our concrete and limited situation.

In order to be blameless, as God would have us, we need to live humbly in his presence...walk in union with him, recognizing his constant love in our lives. We need to lose our fear before that presence which can only be for our good.

## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

*An often overlooked Church teaching.* We are justified not by our own works or efforts, but by the grace of the Lord, who always takes the initiative. God pours into us the very source of all his gifts. The faithful glory in God alone, for they realize that they lack true justice and are justified only through faith in Christ.

All cooperation with grace is a prior gift of that same grace. The desire to be cleansed comes about in us through the outpouring and working of the Holy Spirit  
Live in joyful gratitude for this completely unmerited gift...The saints avoided putting trust in their own works...this truth should affect the way we live, for it flows from the heart of the Gospel and demands that we not only accept it intellectually but also make it a source of contagious joy.

We realize that our earthly life and our natural abilities are his gift. We must first belong to God, offering ourselves to him who was there first

Entrust to him our abilities, our efforts, our struggle against evil and our creativity, so that his free gift may grow and develop within us: Charity alone makes growth in the life of grace possible, for "if I do not have love, I am nothing"

*New pelagians.* Don't be excessively concerned about something. Let yourselves be led by the Spirit in the way of love. Being passionate about communicating the beauty and the joy of the Gospel and seeking out the lost among the immense crowds that thirst for Christ. *The summation of the Law.* Keep reminding ourselves that there is a hierarchy of virtues that bids us seek what is essential. The primacy belongs to the theological virtues, which have God as their object and motive. At the centre is charity.

To be continued.....

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5p.m there will be a Thanksgiving Musical Concert at the same Venue. We are all invited to come and thank the Lord for his goodness to us.

The Laity week comes on from Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please stay tuned.

The Catechetical Week comes on from Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please take note.

The Biblical Apostolate Week comes on from Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### QUESTIONS FOR BIBLE SHARING

Text: Luke 17: 5-10

1. In your opinion, why did the disciples ask Jesus "increase our faith"?
2. How did Jesus respond to the request: "increase our faith"?
3. Does a servant deserve to be praised for doing what is his or her duty?

**NB:** Kindly prepare well, come along with your Bible and join us to share the Word of God.

## 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