

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 NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Singing Schedule:

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

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: Akan Kuo
Second Mass: Christian Village
Third Mass: Amalgamated Community

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 with the name St. Thomas More. 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 per youth and GHs 5.00 per child. All Harvest contributions should be paid at the harvest desk.
3. There will be no Evening Mass on Wednesday, 16th October 2019. This is due to the Catechetical Week Celebration Talks.
4. **Marriage Banns :**
(3rd) Anthony Okyere and Elizabeth Okyere.
(3rd) Ben Dogbe and Cecilia Quarshie, Justin Hamenya and Marha Akorli, Matthew Ackah and Eunice Afrakoma, Eric Akurugu and Vera Anafo, Marcellinus Naada-Korgh and Comfort Putier, Patrick Nyar and Rita Aafu-Nang, William Tekpor and Edith Etukpe.

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QUOTE

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

William Arthur Ward

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
13TH OCTOBER, 2019: TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THEME FOR THE WEEK: WE THANK THEE!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 98:1-4

THE LORD HAS SHOWN HIS DELIVERANCE TO THE NATIONS.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals ten lepers and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Reflection

One of the most satisfying feelings is to receive a sincere "Thank you" for a service rendered and appreciated. Being human, Jesus must have felt some disappointment about the nine lepers who just took their recovery for granted, and never came back to say thanks. One out of ten was a fairly poor proportion; but then, truly appreciative people, willing to make sacrifice to show their thanks, are rare enough. The story tells us as much about the lepers as it does of Jesus; indeed, more. Who gained the more, when one of the ten came back to thank the Lord? Surely it was the thankful man himself, whose cure was not total: "Your faith has saved you - he is renewed both in body and spirit. The others lost something of their honour, of their human personhood, by failing to give any sign of appreciation. Like the quality of mercy, thanksgiving is twice blessed; "it blessed him who gives and him who takes." (Patrick Rogers)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 14TH OCT. 2019**

Rom 1:1-7
Ps 98:1-4
Lk 11:29-32

❖ **Tues 15TH OCT. 2019**

Rom 1:16-25
Ps 19:2-5
Lk 11:37-41

❖ **Wed 16TH OCT. 2019**

Rom 2:1-11
Ps 62:2-3,6-7
Lk 11:42-46

❖ **Thu 17TH OCT. 2019**

Rom 3:21-30
Ps 130:1-6
Lk 11:47-54

❖ **Fri 18TH OCT. 2019 (St. Luke, Evangelist)**

2Tim 4:10-17
Ps 145:11-13,18-19
Lk 10:1-9

❖ **Sat 19TH OCT. 2019**

Rom 4:13,16-18
Ps 105:6-9,43-44
Lk 12:8-12

**20TH OCTOBER, 2019
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
1st Reading: Ex 17:8-13
Resp. Ps: Ps. 121:1-8
2nd Reading: 2Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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.)

Be just in decisions; it is expressed in pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak.

Also faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow."

5. *Merciful*. Two aspects: giving, helping and serving others and forgiveness and understanding. In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you. When confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult:

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive.

6. *Pure in heart*. Hearts that are simple, pure and undefiled, admits nothing that might harm, weaken or endanger love. Keep a heart free of all that tarnishes love.

Our heart is in our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire, apart from all appearances. Flee from deceit, God sees in secret.

Commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart: if I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing. To the extent that truth and love prevail, we will then be able to see "face to face".

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

7. *Peacemakers*. We ourselves are often a cause of conflict or at least of misunderstanding. The world of gossip, inhabited by negative and destructive people, does not bring peace. Such people are really the enemies of peace.

Build peace and friendship in society. Work for peace. Embrace even those who are a bit odd, troublesome or difficult, demanding, different, beaten down by life or simply uninterested. We must face conflict head on, resolve it and make it a link in the chain of a new process.

8. *Persecuted for righteousness' sake*. The Christian path goes against the flow. We challenge society by the way we live: thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. Also forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer this gift of self. The cross remains the source of our growth and sanctification.

This does not refer to the kind of persecution we might bring upon ourselves by our mistreatment of others. The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable: they enjoyed favor "with all the people.

Accept daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems.

The Great Criterion. Jesus expands on the Beatitude that calls the merciful blessed.. This is the clear criterion on which we will be judged: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me".

To be continued.....

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rosary Prayers for this week 14th – 18th October 2019 will be at SJF at 6:30p.m followed by the Catechetical Week Celebration Talks.

There will be Morning Mass on Friday, 18th October 2019 at 6:15a.m at STM. (Feast of St. Luke)

The Biblical Apostolate week comes on from Sun. 20th – Sun. 27th October 2019.

The Parish Harvest comes off on **Sunday, the 3rd of November 2019 at all Masses.**

QUESTIONS FOR BIBLE SHARING

Text: Luke 18:1-8

1. What lesson(s) do you learn from the parable in today's text.
2. How do you understand these words of Jesus:
 - (a) "I tell you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily."
 - (b) "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

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

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