

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 & 2pm - 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: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Singing Schedule:

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

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: February Borns
Second Mass: February Borns
Third Mass: February 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 are remembered to redeem their harvest pledges. 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 per youth and GHs 5.00 per child. All Harvest contributions should be paid at the harvest desk.
3. Do you know why the gospels were written, do you know the historical context of the gospels, do you know the difference between the synoptic gospels and John? Join us this Wednesday at SJF for our "introduction to the gospels series" during our bible sharing at 7pm.
4. A parishioner is in need of a single room self-contained preferably in Achimota, New Town and Kokomele. Please contact 0203173954/0241537335 if you can be of help.
5. The funeral details of Mrs. Elizabeth Dadzie, mother of Mr. Stephen Dadzie of the Main Choir and YCW is as follows; Burial and Memorial Service: Sat. 8th Feb. at 8am, Wesley Methodist Church, Agona Nyakrom. Final Funeral rites: Sat. 8th Feb at 2pm at Victoria Park, Agona Nyakrom. Thanksgiving Service: Sun 9th Feb. at 9am, Wesley Methodist Church, Agona Nyakrom.

QUOTE

Where there is unity, there is always victory.

- Publius Cyrus

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26TH JANUARY, 2020: **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
THEME FOR THE WEEK: FISHERS OF MEN!

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 27:1,4,13-14

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION.

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

Reflection

Jesus appears, proclaiming the Good News to all who hear, bringing the light of God for all who sit in darkness to see.

He calls his first disciples – Simon Peter, Andrews, James and John. He calls these fishermen to be his disciples and become fishers of men. We are also called by Jesus to bring to bear on our Christian faith our experiences and to use this to draw others to him. Our response is to be as swift as that of the four who were called – no hesitation or second guessing either. We are to do this united as one body and not divided. We are united by our common goal as disciples of Jesus and as fishers of men. This should make us understand that Divided we fall, but United we will progress. Our response to the call to become fishers of men will demand that we are United.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ❖ **Mon 27TH JAN. 2020**
2Sam 5:1-7,10
Ps 89:21-23,26-27
Mk 3:22-30
- ❖ **Tues 28TH JAN. 2020**
2 Sam 6:12-15,17-19
Ps 24:7-11
Mk 3:31-35
- ❖ **Wed 29TH JAN. 2020**
2 Sam 7:4-17
Ps 89:4-5,28-31
Mk 4:1-20
- ❖ **Thu 30TH JAN. 2020**
2Sam 7:18-19,24-29
Ps 132:1-3,5,12-15
Mk 4:21-25
- ❖ **Fri 31ST JAN. 2020**
2Sam 11:1-4,5-10,13-17
Ps 57:2-4,6,12
Mk 4:26-34
- ❖ **Sat 1ST FEB. 2020**
2Sam 12:1-7,10-17
Ps 51:13-18
Mk 4:35-41

2ND FEBRUARY, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Mal 3:1-4

Resp. Ps: Ps. 24:7-11

2nd Reading: Heb 2:14-18

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

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THE ROLE OF THE LAITY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

YOUNG PEOPLE

Young persons exert very important influence in modern society. There has been a radical change in the circumstances of their lives, their mental attitudes, and their relationships with their own families. Frequently they move too quickly into a new social and economic status.

While their social and even their political importance is growing from day to day, they seem to be unable to cope adequately with their new responsibilities.

Their heightened influence in society demands of them a proportionate apostolic activity, but their natural qualities also fit them for this activity.

As they become more conscious of their own and they yearn to play their part in social and cultural life. If this zeal is imbued with the spirit of Christ and is inspired by obedience and love for the Church, it can be expected to be very fruitful.

They should become the first to carry on the apostolate directly to other young persons, concentrating their apostolic efforts within their own circle, according to the needs of the social environment in which they live.

Adults ought to engage in such friendly discussion with young people that both age groups, overcoming the age barrier, may

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become better acquainted and share the special benefits each generation can offer the other. Adults should stimulate young persons first by good example to take part in the apostolate and, if the opportunity presents itself, by offering them effective advice and willing assistance.

By the same token young people should cultivate toward adults respect and trust, and although they are naturally attracted to novelties, they should duly appreciate praiseworthy traditions.

Also to be taken note of are the Precepts of the Church:

- Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation, and rest from servile labour.
- Attend confession at least once a year.
- Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least once a year during Easter.
- Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- Help provide for the needs of the church.
- Not to marry within certain kind of kindred.

These roles the Church needs to play well so that together with the clergy, the parish, the Church in the Archdiocese and the Country will grow and become one that will be the envy of people.

To be continued.....

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting with Health Professionals comes off today after the 6.30am, 7:00am and 9:30am Mass. All Health Professionals please take note and honour us with your presence.

There will be community Mass for the following Communities on **Friday, 31st January 2020 at 7p.m.**

-Kisseman Community

-Alogboshie Community

Saturday, 1st February 2020 is the first Saturday in the Month of February. There will be **Grotto Devotion at SJF beginning with Confessions and Rosary Prayers at 4p.m.**

There will also be blessing of water and other items during the Mass.

Leading us in the singing will be the Youth Choir.

Northern Union will lead us in the Bidding Prayers.

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