

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: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Singing Schedule:

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

Offertory and Bidding Prayers:

First Mass: Knights and Ladies of St. John
Second Mass: Ave Maria
Third Mass: Ushers

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 reminded 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. KSJI in collaboration with the church will be making a charity donation to MATTHEW 25 in Koforidua as part of the 25th Anniversary celebration of KSJI. Matthew 25 has specifically requested that we donate food items and provisions. In lieu of this, we will like to appeal to all parishioners for any contributions in cash or kind. Charity boxes will therefore be placed at the entrance of the church for the collection of these items. Kindly check the church's notice board for the list of items to be donated. For any further information and donation, please contact: George 0204060440 and Thelma 0244825108

ADVERT

1. Call us for all your pest control needs such as bedbugs, mosquitoes, snakes, termites etc. **MANADATT COMPANY LTD.** 0244877949/0249967906.
2. **SAFE EXPERIENCE CONSULT LTD** present; Easter in Israel, Rome and Dubai 2020 from 2nd - 14th April. 0550400444/Whatsapp 0277556033

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**2ND FEBRUARY, 2020: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
THEME FOR THE WEEK: THE GREAT APPOINTMENT!**

**THEME FOR THE YEAR: "EXPERIENCING GOD'S BLESSINGS IN CHRISTIAN UNITY"
PS 133:1**

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord you seek will come to the temple.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 24:7,8,9,10
THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF
GLORY!**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us in order to save us.

Gospel: Matthew 2:22-40

Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Reflection

Today we hear the story of Simeon and Anna. And the Gospel tells us that both Simeon and Anna went to the Temple every day, because both of them believed that one day, they would see the Messiah there. This Feast Day and this story has got to make all of us think, how much is God a part of our lives every single day? We don't all have to come to the Temple every day, like Simeon and Anna did. And yet shouldn't there be some acknowledgment of God every day in our lives? God has also made promises to us, and we have made promises to Him. How can we remember those promises if we go on day after day without even thinking about God? This is why we've got to find some time for God everyday in our lives. God wants us in communion with Him all the time. What if Simeon and Anna decided NOT to go to the Temple that day when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus to the Temple? They would have missed out! Are we missing out on a lot of great things, all because we're NOT there for God?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ❖ **Mon 3RD FEB. 2020**
2Sam 15:13-14,30;16:5-13
Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20
- ❖ **Tues 4TH FEB. 2020**
2 Sam 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3
Ps 86:1-6
Mk 5:21-43
- ❖ **Wed 5TH FEB. 2020**
2 Sam 24:2,9-17
Ps 32:1-2,5-7
Mk 6:1-6
- ❖ **Thu 6TH FEB. 2020**
1Kgs 2:1-4,10-12
Ps 30:11-13
Mk 6:14-29
- ❖ **Fri 7TH FEB. 2020**
Sir 47:2-11
Ps 18:32,48,51-52
Mk 6:14-29
- ❖ **Sat 8TH FEB. 2020**
1Kgs 3:4-13
Ps 119:9-15
Mk 6:30-34

9TH FEBRUARY, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1st Reading: Is 58:7-10
Resp. Ps: Ps. 112:4-9
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5
Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Childhood Week: 2nd -9th February 2020 has been scheduled for Holy Childhood Week – a week to celebrate our children. Activities have been planned to make this year's celebration a memorable one.

Book Launch: The Sorrowful Laughter – The Seven Chapters of Marriage by Frs Derrick Senanu and Courage Dogbey @ 4p.m @ St. James, Osu on the 9th of February 2020. All are cordially invited.

Parish Revival: The first Parish Revival for 2020 comes off from 19th-21st February 2020 at STM at 6:30p.m. Let us all take note and endeavour to be part.

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