

## 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.*

**Visitation of 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:** Monday, Tuesday Wednesdays (In the Evenings) Time: 6.30 - 8.00 pm. In case of any emergency call on the Priest.

**Church office hours:** Mon. to Thur.:10am -2pm & 5 pm - 8pm: Sat. 6 pm to 8p: Sun: 9 am -1.30: Friday: Off Duty

SUNDAY MASS: FIRST MASS - 7:00AM AT STM,  
SECOND MASS - 9:30AM AT SJF

### NEXT SUNDAY: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Singing: First Mass: Chari SM

Second Mass: Akan Kuo

*Offertory: First Mass: Alogboshie*

Second Mass: Achimota Town

### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday	7:00pm
Tuesday	6:15am
Wednesday	6:15am
Thursday	6:15am
Saturday	6:30am

### UPCOMING EVENT

- Community Mass on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 @ Alogboshie.
- CAA 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary week of prayers and fasting. 72hr adoration on 24-27 June 2013.

SLOGAN: St. Thomas More: Besohwe! St. Thomas More: Justice and Truth!!

St Thomas More: Pray for us!!!

SLOGAN: St John Fisher: Besohwe!

St John Fisher: Justice and Truth!!

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THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US. HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tomorrow Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013, is the **Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist.** There will be Mass at 7:00pm at STM after which we start our **72 hours adoration.** The Main Choir will lead in singing the Mass .
2. **2013 Life in the Spirit Seminar** starts in the second week of July. Interested parishioners should contact Mrs. Esther Ofori Debrah for registration.
3. This year's youth camp takes place from the 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> August at Mensah Sarbah hall, University of Ghana, Legon. The theme is "**BUILDING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**". The cost per participant is GHC45 for Lodging and feeding. Contact this number for further details 0246 042 585
4. Details of funeral rites for Madam Philomena Cudjoe, mother of Mr. Prince Reginald Amuah are as follows: Saturday. 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2013- laying in state and burial Mass at 8am at the Star of The Sea Cathedral, Takoradi. Final funeral rites soon after burial. Sun. 28th July, 2013- Memorial and Thanksgiving Mass at the Cathedral at 9:00am.
5. Parishioners who use the Churches address should periodically check for their letters in the letter box.

### QUIZ

**Answer to last week's:** Cardinal Priest: The middle class of the three classes of cardinals who are bishops of dioceses and archdioceses. It is the largest class of cardinals

**This week's:** Who is a cardinal - bishop?

**HAPPY FEAST  
DAY TO YOU ALL**

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23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE, 2013: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **Self Renunciation**



### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### TODAY'S READINGS

**1st Reading: Zec 12:10-11, 13:1**

When a new spirit is poured into the people, they will mourn over the innocent one they have executed.

**Responsorial Psalm: 63: 2-6, 8-9**

**FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O LORD MY GOD.**

**2nd Reading: Gal 3: 26-29**

"Neither Jew nor Greek, slave or free, male or female." Among the baptised there must be no marginalisation based on race, social standing or gender. All share an equal dignity.

**Gospel: Lk 9:18-24**

After Peter's confession of faith, Jesus warns his disciples that he will be rejected, and his fate will be shared by his followers

### Reflection

*The instinct to selfishness is universal and vibrant in all of us. It is this instinct that urges us to put personal happiness as a priority on our life agenda, compelling us to grasp rather than give, to possess rather than share. It is this instinct that destroys justice and equality, the foundations of peace. To prevent this instinct from destroying us, Jesus challenges us to renounce the self. True spiritual renunciation of the self holds us in bounds, not in bonds, for its effect is to reach out to others. We are made for love, justice and peace, and self-renunciation makes room for these virtues to flourish in our lives.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

❖ **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 (Nativity of John the Baptist)**

Is49:1-6; Ps139:1-3, 13-15;  
Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

❖ **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June , 2013**

Gen 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

❖ **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

❖ **Thur 27<sup>th</sup> June , 2013**

Gen16:1-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 7:21-29

❖ **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013**

Gen17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

❖ **Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 (Sts Peter and Paul)**

Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;  
2 Tim4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2013

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1Kgs 19:16, 19-21

Resp. Ps : Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal 5:1, 13-18

Gospel : Lk 9:51-62

## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher

John Fisher was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1469. He was educated at Cambridge University and became a priest. Father John taught at Cambridge, too. He was a wonderful teacher and helped the students grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. But there was a lot of confusion about religion in those days. Father John helped people to know the truth about God and the Catholic Church.

In 1504, he became the bishop of Rochester, England. It was a poor diocese. Bishop John was to remain its shepherd for thirty years. Besides being the bishop of Rochester, he was the head of Cambridge University. Bishop John also heard the confessions of King Henry VIII's mother.

Bishop John had many friends, including the famous scholar, Erasmus, and the great Sir Thomas More. Bishop John and Thomas More would have never guessed that one day they would be sharing a feast day on the calendar of saints! King Henry VIII became angry with Bishop John for insisting that his marriage to Queen Catherine was true. Then Henry VIII divorced Catherine and married Anne Boleyn in a civil ceremony. The king demanded that people sign an oath of loyalty to him. He made himself head of the Church in England. Bishop John would not sign the oath. He was arrested in 1534 and sent to the Tower of London. The tower was damp and the treatment was harsh. Bishop John suffered very much, but he would not betray his faith. Even though there were no televisions and radios back then, people found out about what Bishop John, Sir Thomas More and others like them were going through. They were shocked and saddened. On June 12, 1535, Pope Paul III named Bishop John a cardinal. He hoped this would make King Henry set him free. But the king only became more angry and mean. After ten months in prison, Cardinal John was beheaded on June 22, 1535.

Along with his friend, Sir Thomas More, Cardinal John Fisher was proclaimed a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1935.

Sometimes it's much easier to go along with the crowd rather than stand up for the truth. But the story of St. John shows that God will always give us the strength we need to do the right thing.

### St. Thomas More

Sir Thomas More was a famous lawyer and writer. He was born in London in 1478. His father had been a lawyer, too, and a judge. Thomas was always grateful to his father for being so loving and for not spoiling him.

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Thomas' first wife, Jane Colt, died when she was very young. Thomas was left with four small children. He got married again to a widow named Alice Middleton. She was a good but simple woman who could not even read or write, even though Thomas tried to teach her. Thomas made home life enjoyable for his family because he was so pleasant to be with. During meals, one of the children would read from the Bible. Then they would have fun and tell jokes. Thomas often invited poorer neighbors to come to dinner, too. He always helped the poor as much as he could. He loved to delight his guests with surprises. He even kept some playful monkeys as pets. But few people could have imagined how deeply religious Thomas really was. He prayed long hours into the night and performed penances, too. He was very much aware that he needed the grace and help of God to live as a true Christian.

Thomas held important government positions in England. For three years he was Lord Chancellor, another name for prime minister. King Henry VIII used to put his arm around Thomas' shoulder because they were such good friends. Although Thomas was most loyal to the king, he was loyal to God first of all. In fact, when the king tried to make him disobey God's law, Thomas refused. King Henry wanted to divorce his wife and marry another woman. However, the pope could not give permission, since that is against God's law. Henry was stubborn and at last he left the Church. He wanted everyone to recognize him as the head of the Church in England. Thomas could not do that. He chose to remain faithful to the Catholic faith and to God. He was condemned to death for that, yet he forgave his judges. Thomas even said that he hoped he would see them in heaven. He really meant it, too.

At the scaffold, where he was to die, Thomas declared himself "the king's good servant, but God's first." He kissed his executioner on the cheek. Then he joked, saying that his beard should not be cut off because it had not done anything wrong. Sir Thomas More was martyred on Tuesday, July 6, 1535, at the age of fifty-seven. Sir Thomas More was proclaimed a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1935, together with his friend, Bishop John Fisher. He is the patron saint of lawyers.

St. Thomas risked losing everything: his fortune, his position, his own security and even the safety of his family. But he held fast to his Catholic faith, even to the point of sacrificing his life. Like his friend St. John, Thomas was able to remain strong because he prayed and trusted in God. Let's try to be like him..

## Youth corner

### Interview Tips

#### Check Out the Company

How much do you know about the company that just contacted you to schedule an interview? It should be plenty, and all the information you need is available online. Here are tips on how to research a company, get the inside scoop on the company culture, and use connections who can help you get an interview advantage.

#### Dress for Interview Success

The first impression you make on a potential employer can make a big difference. The first judgement an interviewer makes is going to be based on how you look and what you are wearing. That's why it's always important to dress appropriately for a job interview.

#### Improve Your Interview Technique

A job interview gives you a chance to shine. What you say and what you do is going to either move you to the next round of consideration for employment or knock you out of contention

#### Prepare for a Phone Interview

While you're actively job searching, it's important to be prepared for a phone interview on a moment's notice. You never know when a recruiter or a networking contact might call and ask if you have a few minutes to talk. Review these tips for advice on how to pull off your phone interview without a hit

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#### Practice Interviewing

Taking the time to review typical interview questions you will probably be asked during a job interview will help give you a framework for your responses and will help calm your frazzled nerves, because you won't be scrambling for an answer while you're in the interview hot seat. Practice interviewing with a friend or family member ahead of time and it will be much easier when you're actually in a job interview.

#### Use Your Contacts

Who you know at the company you are interviewing with really does matter. Here's how to use your contacts and connections to get an insider advantage so you can ace the interview and impress the interviewer.

#### Most Common Interview Mistakes to Avoid

What shouldn't you do when interviewing? Check out the most common job interview mistakes, blunders, and errors a candidate for employment can make. Then take the time to prepare before your interview, so you don't have to stress out about blunders after it.

#### Take the Time to Say Thank You

Taking the time to say thank you after a job interview not only is good interview etiquette, it reinforces your interest in the position. Use your thank you letter, as well, to address any issues and concerns that came up during the interview.

## FINANCE CORNER

Thank you all for your generosity. May God bless you.


#### DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION
