

## 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: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Singing: First Mass: Akan Kuo  
Second Mass: Main Choir

Offertory: *First Mass: Akan kuo*  
Second Mass: Christian village

## WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday	6:15am
Wednesday	6:15am
Thursday	6:15am
Saturday	6:30am

## UPCOMING EVENT

- Talentfest
- Infant Baptism

**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!!  
St John Fisher: Pray For Us!!!

THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US. HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. This year's youth camp takes place from the 15<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> July 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
2. 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.
3. Funeral details for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Adjabu, sister of Mr. John Kermah are as follows: Burial Mass on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013 @8:30am at SJF, interment at Osu cemetery. Funeral rites at SJF premises after burial. Thanksgiving Mass is on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at SJF.
4. Parishioners who use the Churches' address should periodically check for their letters in the letter box.
5. A parishioner needs a single room self contained in and around Achimota. Anybody who can be of help should please contact her on 0240723160
6. A fresh graduate of GIMPA with a BSc in Accounting is looking for a job as an accountant in any organisation. Anybody who can help should please contact 0207549129

## QUIZ

**Answer to last week's:** *This is the highest of the three classes of Cardinals. Only six cardinals hold the title "Cardinal Bishop"*

**This week's:** **How many sacraments cannot be received more than once in one's lifetime?**

## QUOTE

**Grudges are a waste of perfect happiness. Laugh when you can; apologise when you should and let go of what you can't change.**

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2013: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **THE INVITATION**



## TODAY'S READINGS

### 1st Reading: 1Kgs 19:16, 19-21

When Elisha is called to be a prophet, his response is immediate: willingly he follows and serves Elijah.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

**It is you, o lord, who are my portion.**

### 2nd Reading: Gal 5:1, 13-18

Although gifted with Spirit, the Galatians must resist the flesh which draws them back towards sin and slavery.

### Gospel: Lk 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely takes the road to Jerusalem, aware of the death that awaits him there. He demands the same kind of unwavering commitment from those who follow him.

### Reflection

When Jesus says, "Come after me", he calls us to follow him to Calvary and to die with him. This is not an invitation to be crucified, as he was, it is not an invitation to martyrdom; rather, it is an invitation to carry with love the cross of daily living and suffering, and more than anything else, an invitation to die to self-love, self-will. This decision is ours to make day by day. It should be evident that the place to begin is with those around us who are most in need of our loving concern. And nothing can help us make a decision for Christ more than the realization that he made that journey to Jerusalem and to Calvary for no other reason than his love for us.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### ❖ Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2013

Gen 18:16-33; Ps103:1-4,8-11,;  
Mt. 8:18-22

### ❖ Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2013

Gen 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3,9-12;  
Mt 8:23-27

### ❖ Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013

Eph 2:19-22; Ps117:1-2; Jn 20:24-29

### ❖ Thur 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

Gen 22:1-19; Ps 115:1-6,8-9; Mt 9:1-8

### ❖ Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

Gen 23:1-4,19,24:1-8,62-67; Ps 106:1-5;  
Mt 9:9-13

### ❖ Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2013

Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1-6;  
Mt 9:14-17

### 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2013

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Is 66:10-14c

Resp. Ps : 66:1-7, 16, 20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal 6: 14-18

Gospel : Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

**KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

**WHAT IS ORIGINAL SIN**

Much of the language in Genesis' opening chapters is figurative. Nevertheless, Catholic Church affirms that we find there a reference to a real event in time that took place at the very beginning of the human race—a tragedy unequalled in history, known as the fall (see 3:1-24). We know few details, but the basic realities surrounding that fateful development are clear from the teaching of scripture (here and elsewhere) and tradition:

God created our first human parents in a state of holiness, an original justice (righteousness), without sin, and thus without shame (see Gn 2:25). They enjoyed a right and harmonious relationship with God, themselves, each other and the world around them (see Gn 1:26-31; 2:8-9, 15, 21-25).

Through their own free choice, however, they disobeyed God, breaking fellowship with him (see Gn 2:15-17; 3:1-13; Sir 15:14).

Their disobedience—a turning away from the source of all life and order—necessarily brought death and disorder into the world, and above all within themselves. So they “fell” from their previous conditions to a state of sinfulness, misery, and ignorance (see Gn 3:14-24).

Their human nature was deeply wounded, though not totally corrupted.

Our first parents, having lost their original wholeness, could not pass on to their descendants what they themselves no longer possessed. This deprivation is consequently inherited by all human beings and is called “original sin” (see Rom 5:12-19).

**KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH**

Unlike *personal* sin, resulting from the wrong choices of individuals, original sin does not result from our own doing. It is contracted not, not committed; we are conceived with it(see Ps 51:7)

The sacrament of baptism cleanses us from original sin. It restores us to original righteousness and fellowship with God (see Acts 2:38; 22:16). But after baptism we are still left with a certain moral and spiritual weakness (concupiscence), so that even though our wills are free, we are inclined to sin—an inclination we must continually overcome by God's grace (see Rom 6:19,7:15-24).

The only two human beings (after our first parents) to be convinced without original sin are our Lord Jesus Christ (see 2 Cor 5:21) and his blessed mother, whose Immaculate Conception was possible through the merits of her sinless Son (see Lk 1:28; see also “Was Mary without sin?” R-1).

**Youth corner**

**What the Bible Says About... Sex**

Let's talk about sex...yes, the “S” word. The Bible actually has a lot to say about the subject. You may think, with all the warnings about not having sex before marriage, that sex is bad, the Bible says something quite contrary to that. Sex is biblical, if looked at from a Godly perspective. So what does the Bible have to say about sex?

**Answer:**

**Sex is a Good Thing**

What? Sex is a good thing? Well, God created sex. He created man and woman to create babies. The Bible says that sex is a way for a husband and wife to express their love for one another. Yes, “husband and wife.” God did create sex to be a beautiful and enjoyable expression of love, but only between a man and wife.

*Genesis 1: 27-28 – “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number;” (NIV)*

**Youth corner**

*Genesis 2:24 – “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” (NIV)*

*Proverbs 5:18-19 – “May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer — may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love.” (NIV)*

*Song of Songs 7:6 – “How beautiful you are and how pleasing, O love, with your delights!” (NIV)*

*1 Corinthians 6:13 – “The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.” (NIV)*

*To be continued.....*

**FINANCE CORNER**

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


**DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**
