#### 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 <u>at</u> <u>least six months to a year</u> 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

<u>NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary</u> <u>Time</u> Singing: First Mass: Main Choir

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Offertory: First Mass: New Achimota Second Mass: Alogboshie

	MASS

Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	

JPCOMING EVEN

• Deanery Crusade 4th to 20th September

6:15am

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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. There is Bible sharing this and every

Wednesday at STM at 7:00pm.

- 2. Rama School at Akweteman Accra is
  - presently admitting pupils into Creche,

Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and

JHS one. For further information,

contact: 0208183591 or 0302406814.

 Catholic Charismatic Renewal members will meet at 3pm.

will meet at spin.

- 4. New Achimota, Kopevi Akweteman
  - communities will meet next Sunday

after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass at SJF.

5. Church Pastoral Council will meet after

2<sup>nd</sup> Mass at SJF

6. The Northern Union will have an emergency meeting after 1st Mass.

QU

Answer to last week's: The Bishop or the Archbishop.

**This week's:** Who is the minister responsible for Anointing the Sick?



The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible. Arthur C. Clarke

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#### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



8<sup>th</sup> SEPT, 2013*: twenty-*third sunday in ordinary time- c theme for the week: DISCIPLESHIP

## TODAY'S READINGS

**1st Reading: Wis 9:13-18** Only with the wisdom that God gives can one have true understanding about life.

Responsorial Psalm: 90: 3-6, 12-14, 17 O lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation

**2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17** Paul appeals to Philemon to take back his offending slave Onesimus, not according to legal proceedings but based on Christian charity

## Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

To be a true disciple of Jesus, one must place Jesus first in one's life. This calls for divine wisdom

## Reflection

Jesus does not want to deceive anybody about the difficulty of being His disciple. In the gospel, He sets down three conditions. If one wants to be His disciple, one must break away from one's family, goods and even one's own self. These demands are unacceptable to those who think in human terms. They can only be understood and accepted by those who have been granted wisdom from above.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ✤ Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2013 Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7,9; Lk 6:6-11
- **◆ Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2013** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2,8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- \* Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2013 Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26
- Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2013 Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 6:27-38
- ♦ Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2013 1 Tim1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2013 (Exaltation of the cross) Num 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2013 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

Resp. Ps : 51 :3-4, 12-13,17,19

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1Tim 1:12-17

Gospel : Lk 15:1-32

## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### **CATHOLIC MARRIAGE**

What is marriage? Let's find out the two institutions of marriage. The Natural and the Supernatural.

#### A Natural Institution:

Marriage is a practice common to all cultures in all ages. It is, therefore, a natural institution, something common to all mankind. At its most basic level, marriage is a union between a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation and mutual support, or love. Each spouse in a marriage gives up some rights over his or her life in exchange for rights over the life of the other spouse.

While divorce has existed throughout history, it has been rare until recent centuries, which indicates that, even in its natural form, marriage is meant to be a lifelong, union.

#### The Elements of a Natural Marriage:

As Fr. John Hardon explains in his *Pocket Catholic Dictionary*, there are four elements common to natural marriage throughout history:

1. It is a union of opposite sexes.

2. It is a lifelong union, ending only with the death of one spouse.

3. It excludes a union with any other person so long as the marriage exists.

4. Its lifelong nature and exclusiveness are guaranteed by contract.

So, even at a natural level, divorce, adultery, and "homosexual marriage" are not compatible with marriage, and a lack of commitment means that no marriage has taken place.

#### A Supernatural Institution:

In the Catholic Church, however, marriage is more than a natural institution; it was elevated by Christ Himself, in His participation in the wedding at Cana,

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 $(\underline{John 2:1-11})$ , to be one of the seven sacraments

A marriage between two Christians, therefore, has a supernatural element as well as a natural one. While few Christians outside of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches regard marriage as a sacrament, the Catholic Church insists that marriage between any two baptized Christians, as long as it is entered into with the intention to contract a true marriage, is a sacrament.

## In order to get married in the Catholic Church, you must be;

A Baptized Christian: Both partners do not have to be a Catholic in order to be sacramentally married in the Catholic Church, but both must be baptized Christians (and at least one must be a Catholic). Non-Christians cannot receive the sacraments. For a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic Christian, express permission is required from his or her bishop. A Catholic can marry an unbaptized person, but such marriages are natural marriages only; they are not sacramental marriages. The Church, therefore, discourages them and requires a Catholic who wishes to marry an unbaptized person to receive a special dispensation from his or her bishop. Still, if the dispensation is granted, a nonsacramental marriage is valid and can take place inside of a Catholic church.

Not Too Closely Related: Legal prohibitions on marriage between cousins (and other close blood relationships, such as uncle and niece) stem from the Church's ban on such marriages. Before 1983, marriages between second cousins were prohibited—indeed, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani received an annulment of his first marriage after determining that his wife was his second cousin. Today, second-cousin marriages are allowed, and, under some circumstances, a dispensation can be obtained to allow a firstcousin marriage. The Church still discourages such marriages, however.

## YOUTH CORNER

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KPEHE DEANERY CRUSADE <u>HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME</u> THEME: JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER (HEB. 13:6)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ACTION
Sept. 4 - 6, 2013	6:30pm to 8pm	3 Days Fasting & Prayer	Various Parishes
Sept. 8 - 16, 2013		Exchange of Pulpits New Evangelization Visits to lapsed members of the Church	Deanery Priests Individual Parishes and Parishioners
Sept. 18-20, 2013	5pm to 9pm	3 days Crusade	All Parishes and Churches <b>Venue:</b> Amasaman Park near St. Bakita Catholic Church.

## **FINANCE CORNER**

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

# DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

To be continued