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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Singing: First Mass: Youth Choir Second Mass: Ave Maria

Offertory: First Mass: Achimota Town Second Mass: Amalgamated

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IPCOMING EVENT

- Deanery Crusade 18th to 20th September
- October: Rosary month
- Laity week 29th September to 6th October

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. Alogboshie community will meet at their
 - usual place at 4pm today.
- 3. Christian Village community will meet

after the first Mass at their usual place.

4. A professional cleaner is needed for

immediate employment. Contact the

church office.

5. A female house help aged between 30-

45years is urgently needed for

employment. Please contact these

numbers if you qualify; 0208191328,

0244624169.

- 6. There are some missing items in the
 - church office. Contact the office during

working hours to collect them if you

have misplaced anything.



This week's: WHO ORDAINS THE POPE?

If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius. Joseph Addison

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



15TH SEPT, 2013: *TWENTY*-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- C THEME FOR THE WEEK: REPENTANCE

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 When the Israelites provoked God by making and worshipping a molten calf, the Lord in His mercy relented and forgave the people their sins.

Responsorial Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 I will arise and go to my father.

2nd Reading: 1Tim 1:12-17

Paul confesses that he was a sinner and had committed terrible sins, yet God had shown him mercy through Christ Jesus to give other sinners hope in God's salvation

Gospel: Lk 15:1-32

The parable of the lost sheep is a powerful example of the unconditional love and great mercy God displays towards sinners. This is yet another reason why none should despair attaining salvation.

Reflection

The truth about salvation is that we find eternal life not so much because of what we do or have, or bring, but because God has "GIVEN" it to us. It is in the nature of God to love, but when we express faith in Jesus Christ, then we come into full possession of his grace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ✤ Mon 16th Sept, 2013 (St Cornelius) 1 Tim 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- **◆ Tues 17th Sept, 2013** 1 Tim 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- **♦ Wed 18th Sept, 2013** 1 Tim 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thur 19th Sept, 2013 1 Tim 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- ♦ Fri 20th Sept, 2013 1 Tim 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

22ND SEPTEMBER, 2013 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Am 8:4-7

Resp. Ps : 113:1-2, 4-8

2nd Reading: 1 Tim 2:1-8

Gospel : Lk 16:1-13



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE

Free to Marry

If one of the partners, Catholic or non-Catholic Christian, has been married before, he or she is free to marry only if his or her spouse has died or he or she has obtained a declaration of nullity from the Church. The mere fact of a divorce is not sufficient to prove the nullity of a marriage. During marriage preparation, you must inform the priest if you have been married before, even in a civil ceremony.

Of the Opposite Sex as Your Partner

Marriage, by definition, is a lifelong union between one man and one woman. The Catholic Church does not recognize, even as a civil marriage, a contracted relationship between two men or two women.

In Good Standing with the Church

It's an old joke that some Catholics only see the inside of a church when they are "carried [at Baptism], married, and buried." But marriage is a sacrament, and, for the sacrament to be properly received, the Catholic partner(s) in a marriage must be in good standing with the Church. This not only means normal Church attendance but also avoidance of scandal. So, for instance, a couple who are living together may not be allowed to get married in the Church until they have spent sufficient time living apart. (There are exceptions-for instance, if the priest is convinced that the couple is not engaged in immoral behavior but is living together out of economic necessity.) Likewise, a Catholic politician who supports policies condemned by the Church (such as the legalization of abortion) may be denied a sacramental marriage.

When In Doubt ...

If you're not sure whether you are free to contract a valid marriage, or whether your potential marriage would be sacramental or non-sacramental, the first place to check is, as always, with your parish priest. KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH In fact, if your potential spouse is not Catholic, or if either of you has been married before, you should discuss your situation with your priest even before you get engaged (if possible). And even if both of you are Catholic and free to marry, you should make an appointment with your priest as soon as possible after your engagement. Any marriage that is contracted in opposition to the regulations of the Catholic Church is not only non-sacramental but invalid.

Because of the sacramental nature of Christian marriage, and the serious nature of even non-sacramental (natural) marriage, it is not something to be entered into lightly. Your parish priest will help you ensure that your marriage will be valid--and, if contracted between two baptized Christians, sacramental.

HOW HARD IT IS TO FIND A GOOD WIFE! SHE IS WORTH FAR MORE THAN JEWELS



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. 13:8)

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 Venue: Amasaman Park near St. Bakita Catholic Church.

DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

FINANCE CORNER

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