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 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

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary

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

Offertory: First Mass: Alogboshie

Second Mass: Achimota Town

NEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 6:15am
Wednesday 6:15am
Thursday 6:15am
Friday community Mass

UPCOMING EVENT

Encounter with Jesus: August 25, 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!! 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.
- There will be community Mass for Achimota East/west Abofu community on Friday August 30,2013 at 7pm.
- Rama School at Akweteman Accra is presently admitting pupils into Creche, Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and JHS one. For further information, contact: 0208183591 or 0302406814.
- Marriage Banns: (2nd time) Victor Dotey and Sabina Elemawusi Dzimado

Funeral arrangements

-The late Robert Aduku Awugiya of Kisseman community

Friday 13th September 2013: laying in state in his residence at Kisseman.

Saturday 14th September 2013: Burial service at St. Thomas More Catholic Church Achimota. Internment at Osu Cemetery.

Sunday 15th **September 2013**: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church at 7am.

-The late Madam Bernice Baiden (wife of **Mr.John Ata Poku Dabanka)** of Akan Kuo society.

There will be no wake keeping.

Saturday 14th September 2013: Lying in state in the residence at Tantra Hills from 5am – 8am Burial service at St. John Fish Catholic Church (New Achimota) at 8:30am. Internment at Osu Cemetery. Family gathering at St. John Fisher, near Azuma Nelson's house from 1pm – 6pm.

Sunday 15th September 2013: Thanksgiving Mass at St. John Fisher Catholic Church at 9:30am.

QUIZ

Answer to last week's: The Bishop is the ordinary minister of confirmation.

This week's: Who is the extraordinary minister of confirmation?

QUOTE

The best way to predict your future is to create it.

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



25TH AUGUST, 2013: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-THEME FOR THE WEEK: The Narrow Door

ORDINARY TIME- C

TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Is 66:18-21

. Isaiah foretells the universality of God's saving desire.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL.

2nd Reading: Heb 12:5-7,11-13

We are not to lose heart because of trials, for they are the Lord's way of disciplining us.

Gospel: Lk 13:22-30

Jesus tells us that salvation depends on God's saving will rather than on membership in the chosen people and mere external obedience to law.

Reflection

Though no one is sure who will enter eternal life, Jesus has given us some clues. He says that the door to eternal life is narrow; hence the one who struggles for it will get into it. This means, those who struggle and suffer for the sake of truth, justice and love will enter into it. We are not alone in this struggle. We have countless numbers of Christians to inspire us in this struggle. These have gone before us through the narrow door struggling and suffering, but at the same time living life fully, not pecking away at living. Inspired by their lives, may we light up our lamps of faith and march through the narrow door.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- **♦ Mon 26th August, 2013** 1Thes1:1-5,8-10;Ps149:1-6,9;Mt 23:13-22
- **❖ Tues 27th August, 2013**1Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
- ❖ Wed 28th August, 2013 1Thes2:9-13; Ps139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32
- ❖ Thur 29thAugust,2013 (Beheading of John the Baptist)
 1Thes 3:7-13: Ps90:3-4,12-14,17: Mk
- ❖ Fri 30th August,2013 1Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- ❖ Sat 31st August,2013 1Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1,7-9; Mt 25:14-30

1ST SEPTEMBER, 2013 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

1st Reading: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29

Resp. Ps : 68:4-7,10-11

6:17-29

2nd Reading: Heb 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel : Lk 14:1,7-14

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

The Two Natures of Jesus Christ

The two natures of Jesus refers to the doctrine that the one person Jesus Christ had/has two natures, divine and human. In theology this is called the doctrine of the hypostatic union, from the Greek word hypostasis (which came to mean substantive reality). Early church figures such as Athanasius used the term "hypostatic union" to describe the teaching that these two distinct natures (divine and human) coexisted substantively and in reality in the single person of Jesus Christ. The aim was to defend the doctrine that Jesus was simultaneously truly God and truly man.

Historical development

The doctrine of the hypostatic union (the two natures of Jesus) was adopted as orthodox doctrine at the <u>Council of Chalcedon</u> in 451. Three major schools of theology were involved at the council: Alexandria, Antioch, and the West. The consensus of these three schools in the <u>Chalcedonian Creed</u> illustrates the catholicity (i.e. universality) of the ancient church. The creed asserted two distinct natures, human and divine, and affirmed the one person of Jesus Christ.

Biblical basis

One of the clearest passages in Scripture concerning the two natures of Jesus comes from John 1 (see on John 1). The Word (i.e. Jesus) "was with God, and the Word was God." Moreover, the Word took on human flesh (John 1:14). Luke's gospel also says that Jesus "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

Two minds and wills, or one?

"Some conclude that when Jesus took on his human nature he possessed two minds, a human mind and a Divine mind, with the human mind responsible for Jesus' knowledge rather than the Divine mind. Others hold that Jesus had one mind but while in his mortal body he chose to have a subconscious mental part that was inaccessible to the conscious mind and then, after his resurrection, his humanity became dominated by the Divine so his subconscious became accessible.

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

For an example of the "two minds view", see *The Logic of God Incarnate*, by Thomas Morris. For the "divided mind" view, which speaks of "two systems of belief [in one mind] to some extent independent of each other", see Richard Swinburne's *Christian God*, p. 201. For a critique of these, see "The Inclusion model of the Incarnation: Problems and Prospects", by Tim Bayne.

The view that Jesus only has one will is called Monothelitism.

Leo's "Tome"

Leo's Tome refers to a letter in 449 from Pope Leo I to Flavian. Patriarch of Constantinople. expounding the orthodox Christology of the West. In this letter Leo maintains that Jesus Christ is one person of the divine Trinity with two distinct natures that are permanently united. These two natures share properties through the so-called communicatio idiomatum or sharing of attributes between the divine and human natures of Christ. Alexandrian theologians favored this concept. It was used, but found less favor among Antiochene theologians. Leo's statement was directed specifically against the heresy of Eutychianism. This letter was recognized by the Council of Chalcedon (451) as a statement of orthodox Christology.

The Communicatio Idiomatum

"A doctrine that is related to the Hypostatic Union is the communicatio idiomatum (Latin for 'communication of properties'). It is the teaching that the attributes of both the divine and human natures are ascribed to the one person of Jesus. This means that the man Jesus could lay claim to the glory He had with the Father before the world was made (John 17:5), claim that He descended from heaven, (John 3:13), and also claim omnipresence, (Matt. 28:20). All of these are divine qualities that are laid claim to by Jesus; therefore, the attributes of the divine properties were claimed by the person of Jesus. **To be continued..............**

YOUTH CORNER

How to Be a Proper Young Lady

Stick to your principles. You should have a code of conduct that you adhere to at all times. Don't stay out too late, don't go crazy, and always be polite.

Have a hobby, such as a sport or an instrument. This will help to make you a more interesting and talented person. Having a passion is very attractive to others. It shows that you are not lazy; you strive to improve yourself, and you are diligent.

Help small children and elders of all ages. The benefits of your help notwithstanding, from a personal standpoint it is very illuminating to help others, and to develop your sense of compassion for all kinds of people. Volunteer work and charity are eye-opening ways to understand people, gain skills, and help make a difference.

Pay attention to the way you talk. Try to enunciate your vowels and consonants; do not use slang or swear. Try to avoid shortening words, and using words that you clearly do not know the meaning of. Pause and think for a split second before opening your mouth, and do not speak too slowly.

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Be polite. Your social skills are of vital importance towards becoming a charming proper young lady. Greet people with a smile, firm (confident) handshake, or kiss depending on what is appropriate for the situation. If you are in the wrong, apologize, and if someone has wronged you, accept their apology. Keep up the correspondence you have with people, RSVP to events on time, reply to letters or emails you receive if it called for it. Do not date for the sake of it, and do not flaunt your exploits for the world to see. Do not lower your moral standards for others. Be strong in who vou are. Ask people how they are, and give them the chance to talk about themselves. People love talking about themselves. Listen to what others say, even if you aren't remotely interested. You are going to have to learn how to pay attention. Learning to manipulate a conversation is very important, but once you've learnt the skill, you will be saved from many boring/awkward conversations. Please and thank you are incredibly important, and are being more and more forgotten in this world. Stay away from talking about politics. religion, and money, and you should be fine.

Respect yourself, so that others can and will respect you.

To be continued.....

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