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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5TH SEPTEMBER, 2021: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B .

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“JESUS THE LIBERATOR”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading: Is 35:4-7a**

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10**

**COME, LORD, AND SAVE US.**

**Second Reading: Jas 2:1-5**

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

**Gospel Reading: Mk 7:31-37**

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

### REFLECTION

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. May we receive Grace whenever we avail ourselves.

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021</b> Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7,9 Lk 6:6-11	<b>Tue 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021</b> Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1-2,8-11 Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wed 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021</b> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6-7 Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23	<b>Thu 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021</b> St. Peter Claver Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1-6 Lk 6:27-38
<b>Fri 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021</b> St. Gregory the Great 1Tim 1:1-2,12-14 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,11 Lk 6:39-42	<b>Sat 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2021</b> 1Tim 1:15-17 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 6:43-49

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 50:5-9a
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Second Reading	Jas 2:14-18
Gospel	Mk 8:27-35

### Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More	St. John Fisher
First Mass: 7:00 am	First Mass: 6:30 am
Second Mass: 9:00 am	Second Mass: 8:30 am
	Third Mass: 10:30 am



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE CARE FOR CREATION – PART 2

We human beings are not only the beneficiaries but also the stewards of other creatures. Thanks to our bodies, God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement. Let us not leave in our wake a swath of destruction and death which will affect our own lives and those of future generations. (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel [Evangelii Gaudium], no. 215)

The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. . . Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other. (Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth [Caritas in Veritate], nos. 48, 51)

Changes in lifestyle based on traditional moral virtues can ease the way to a sustainable and equitable world economy in which sacrifice will no longer be an unpopular concept. For many of us, a life less focused on material gain may remind us that we are more than what we have. Rejecting the false promises of excessive or conspicuous consumption can even allow more time for family, friends, and civic responsibilities. A renewed sense of sacrifice and restraint could make an essential contribution to addressing global climate change. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good)

Equally worrying is the ecological question which accompanies the problem of consumerism and which is closely connected to it. In his desire to have and to enjoy rather than to be and to grow, man consumes the resources of the earth and his own life in an excessive and disordered way. . . . Man, who discovers his capacity to transform and in a certain sense create the world through his own work, forgets that this is always based on God's prior and original gift of the things that are. Man thinks that he can make arbitrary use of the earth, subjecting it without restraint to his will, as though it did not have its own requisites and a prior God-given purpose, which man can indeed develop but must not betray. Instead of carrying out his role as a co-operator with God in the work of creation, man sets himself up in place of God and thus ends up provoking a rebellion on the part of nature, which is more tyrannized than governed by him. (St. John Paul II, On the Hundredth Year [Centesimus Annus], no. 37)

**To be continued.**

## PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND CASE

Almighty and Merciful Father, we thank you for our faith and for the gift of our church community. We thank you for how far you have brought us as a parish. You have been our refuge in times past and our hope for years to come.

We humbly beseech you to help us win back our Land in this dispute. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and the evil plans of our adversaries.

For the Court of Justice, we pray that you will give them the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding that they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone. May they not yield to deceit and acts of bribery and corruption but uphold the truth and let justice prevail.

May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

- St. Thomas More..... Pray for us
- St. John Fisher..... Pray for us
- All you Angels and Saints ..... Pray for us

## ORDINARY TIME

### Ordinary Time

- Liturgical Color
  - Green
    - Growth, hope, and life
- Occurs twice in the year
  - Between Christmas and Lent
  - Between summer and the fall
    - Pentecost-Feast of Christ the King
- Purpose
  - To recall the life of Jesus
  - Reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians



## ADVERT! ADVERT!! ADVERT!!!

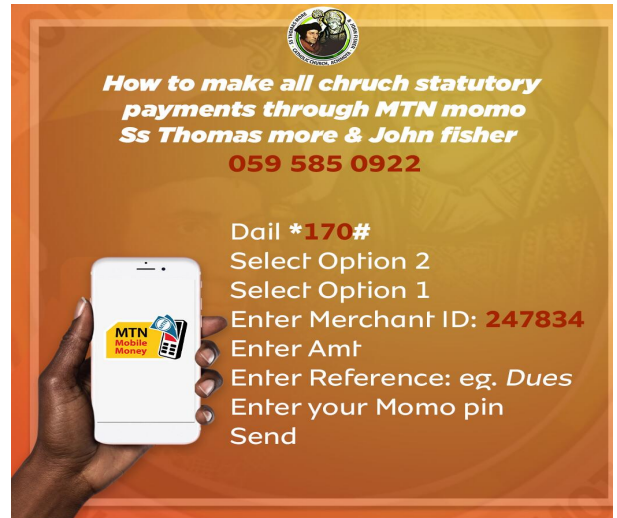
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## MOTIVATION

### LOVE MATTERS MORE THAN MATERIAL ITEMS

"Some time ago, a man punished his young daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became angry when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the girl brought the gift to her father on Christmas day and said, 'This is for you, daddy.'

The man became embarrassed by his overreaction a few days before, but his rage continued when he saw that the box was empty. He yelled at her, 'Don't you know, when you give someone a gift, there's supposed to be something inside?'

The little girl looked up at her dad with tears in her eyes and cried; 'Oh, daddy, it's not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They're all for you, daddy.' The father was devastated. He put his arms around his daughter, and begged for her forgiveness.

A little while later, the girl died in an accident. Her father kept the gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was feeling down, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there."

## YOUTH CORNER

### ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

**THE PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL IS SETTING UP A MEDIA TEAM AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DEDICATED YOUTH ON BOARD AS WRITERS, EDITORS, COPYWRITERS, GRAPHIC DESIGNERS AND ALL OTHER MEDIA RELATED WORKS.**

**INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD KINDLY CONTACT MARIUS BODAKPUI **0200296574** OR DORCAS ASARE **0573900118**.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parishioners who wish to redeem their harvest pledges, pay their church dues and other statutory payments can use the Church's Mobile Money Number **0595850922**. Receipts for such payments will be issued later for collection.

2. Due to the directive to register worshippers we encourage parishioners to follow the link to register for Mass

<http://thomasmorejohnfisher.com/#ChurchAttendance>

You can also call the priests or send an SMS or WhatsApp with your details to be registered.

3. We are encouraged to adhere to all the covid protocols and directives namely: The Online or Manual Registrations, hand washing, checking of temperature, using of hand sanitizer and socially distancing during mass. Let us kindly cooperate with the ushers in keeping our church safe.

4. Marriage Banns: **3<sup>RD</sup> Publication** between  
 1. Samuel Brain Kwame Amuzu & Portia Asare.  
 2. Kwame Amuzu & Agnes Tofah

5. St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Northern Union group of their visitations to the Sick & Aged this month. The month of October visitation will be done by the Ave Maria Society.

## 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 @ 5pm*

**Visitation to 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: (STM)** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (In the Evenings) Time: 6.30 - 8.00 pm. **(SJF) Wednesdays at 5:00pm.** In case of an emergency, call on the Priest.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday to Thursday: 9am -1pm & 2 pm - 5pm: and Sunday: 9 am - 1.30pm

**SLOGAN:** Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: *Besohwɛ!*  
 Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Justice and Truth!!  
 Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Pray for us!

THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING  
 WITH US.  
 HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

## FINANCE CORNER – ST. THOMAS MORE

WEEKDAYS	STM AUG. WEEK1	STM AUG. WEEK2	STM AUG. WEEK3	STM AUG. WEEK4	STM AUG. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	377.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	377.00	7 <sup>TH</sup>
MONDAY	1035.50	40.00	20.00	-----	-----	1095.50	5 <sup>TH</sup>
TUESDAY	397.00	50.00	1400.00	-----	407.00	2254.00	1 <sup>ST</sup>
WEDNESDAY	1064.30	20.00	20.00	5.00	-----	1109.30	4 <sup>TH</sup>
THURSDAY	1089.90	-----	305.00	-----	20.00	1414.90	3 <sup>RD</sup>
FRIDAY	729.40	100.00	10.00	40.00	50.00	929.40	6 <sup>TH</sup>
SATURDAY	1238.00	-----	360.00	-----	-----	1598.00	2 <sup>ND</sup>
AUG. BORN	76.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	76.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6007.10</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>2115.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>477.00</b>	<b>8854.10</b>	

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM AUGUST WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	1722.15
SECOND COLLECTION	925.80
TITHE	1465.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4112.95</b>

# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF AUG. WEEK1	SJF AUG. WEEK2	SJF AUG. WEEK3	SJF AUG. WEEK4	SJF AUG. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1862.00+\$200	-----	-----	\$100	-----	<b>3647.00</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>
MONDAY	1355.00	1520.00	-----	-----	-----	<b>2875.00</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>
TUESDAY	703.00	5070.00	-----	-----	-----	<b>5773.00</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>
WEDNESDAY	1171.80	1020.00	-----	100.00	5.00	<b>2296.80</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>
THURSDAY	1881.00+\$4	450.00	-----	20.00	-----	<b>2374.80</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>
FRIDAY	6344.00	110.00	102.00	-----	100.00	<b>6656.00</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>
SATURDAY	735.00	205.00	5.00	150.00	-----	<b>1095.00</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>
AUG. BORN	174.00+\$100	-----	-----	-----	-----	<b>769.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14225.80+\$304</b>	<b>8375.00</b>	<b>107.00</b>	<b>270.00+\$100</b>	<b>105.00</b>	<b>25486.60</b>	

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF AUGUST WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	3131.00
SECOND COLLECTION	2117.00
TITHE	420.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5668.00</b>

*Foreign currency has been converted into cedis*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.



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## Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy



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made through **059 585 0922**

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Youth	-	<b>50.00</b>
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