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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12TH SEPTEMBER, 2021: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B .

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“BE GUIDED BY CHRIST'S
IDENTITY”**

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Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kwofie (Assistant Priest) 0206355610

St Thomas More Catholic Church - 030-3931800
SS Thomas More and John Fisher Catholic Church - 030-3939862

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

**I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF THE
LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.**

Second Reading: Jas 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

Gospel Reading: Mk 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

REFLECTION

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him including Jesus' disciples, who have not yet realized his identity. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. We also must reflect on our own identities and believe Jesus to be the Christ-Messiah that can shape our identities even if they are dreadful.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 St. John Chrysostom 1Tim 2:1-8 Ps 28:2,7-9 Lk 7:1-10	Tue 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Num 21:4-9 Ps 78:1-2,34-38 or Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Wed 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 Our Lady of Sorrows 1Tim 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	Thu 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian 1Tim 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50
Fri 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 St. Robert Bellarmine 1Tim 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10,17-20 Lk 8:1-3	Sat 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 1Tim 6:13-16 Ps 100:2-5 Lk 8:4-15

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Wis 2:12,17-20
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 54:3-6,8
Second Reading	Jas 3:16-4:3
Gospel	Mk 9:30-37

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 ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Structure and Nature of the Church

In 1965 the Roman Catholic theologian Marie-Joseph Le Guillou defined the church in these terms:

The Church is recognized as a society of fellowship with God, the sacrament of salvation, the people of God established as the body of Christ and the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The progress of Roman Catholic theology can be seen in the contrast between this statement and the definition still current as late as 1960, which was substantially the one formulated by the Jesuit controversialist Robert Cardinal Bellarmine in 1621:

The society of Christian believers united in the profession of the one Christian faith and the participation in the one sacramental system under the government of the Roman Pontiff.

The older definition, created in response to the claims of Protestantism, defines the church in external and juridical terms. The more recent definition is an attempt to describe the church in terms of its inner and spiritual reality.

From its origins the church has thought of itself as the one and only worshipping community that could trace itself back to the group established by Jesus Christ. The ancient adage, "There is no salvation outside the church," was understood as applying to those who had withdrawn from the church as well as to those who had never belonged. When this adage was combined with the notions contained in Bellarmine's definition, lines between those inside the church and those outside it were clearly drawn. These lines were maintained in the breakup of Western Christendom in the Reformation.

There were, however, other factors determining the idea of the one true church. The Roman Catholic Church had never excluded the Orthodox Church from the community of Christian believers, even though the two churches fell into schism in 1054. Furthermore, the juridical definition of the church did not include traditional themes such as the communion of saints and the body of Christ. The theme of the communion of saints refers to the church as a whole, including both the living and the dead (the souls in purgatory—a place or condition for those who must be cleansed from lesser sins—and in heaven). The idea of communion appears in early church literature as an indication of the mutual recognition of union in the one church and the notion of mutual service.

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!!!

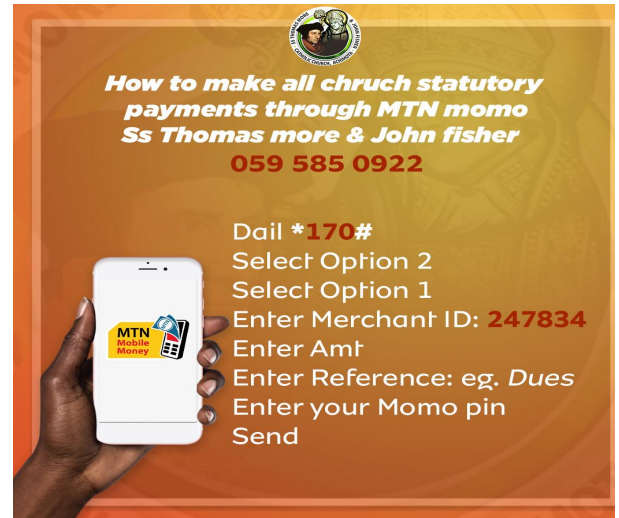


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MOTIVATION

FOCUS ON THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE

“Two friends were walking through the desert. At one stage in their journey, they had an argument and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything he wrote in the sand, ‘Today my best friend slapped me in the face.’

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to have a wash. The one who had been slapped got stuck in a mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he had recovered from his shock, he wrote on a stone, ‘Today my best friend saved my life.’

The friend who slapped and saved his best friend asked him, ‘After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write in stone, why?’

The other friend replied, ‘When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.’”

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. The Opoku family thanks all parishioners for our prayers and support during the funeral of their late father, Opanin Kwasi Opoku.

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.

6. The funeral details of Mad. Paulina Afi Tettevi-Kuagbenu, mother of Mrs. Marianne Dzagbo is as follows: Friday 24th September, 2021: Pre-Burial Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Prampram and interment at Tettevikope, Keta: Tettevi-Attakpla Family Cemetery. Attire: Black & White. Sunday 26th September, 2021: Memorial and Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00am at the same venue, Prampram. Attire: All White.

7. The Young Christian Workers are inviting you to their monthly meeting next Sunday 19th September, 2021 at STM after the 7:00 Mass.

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 SEPT. WEEK1
SUNDAY	489.90
MONDAY	496.40
TUESDAY	1743.90
WEDNESDAY	1133.40
THURSDAY	1001.00
FRIDAY	623.90
SATURDAY	551.20
SEPT. BORN	79.00
TOTAL	6118.70

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1329.60
TITHE	42.00
TOTAL	1371.60

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF SEPT. WEEK1
SUNDAY	560.00
MONDAY	2234.00+\$100
TUESDAY	2626.00
WEDNESDAY	569.50
THURSDAY	760.00
FRIDAY	1129.20
SATURDAY	3666.00
SEPT. BORN	346.00
TOTAL	11890.70+\$100

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1937.90
TITHE	100.00
TOTAL	2037.90

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