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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19TH SEPTEMBER, 2021: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B .

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"BE CHILD LIKE IN FAITH"**

Rev. Fr. George Obeng - Appah (*Parish Priest*) 020-8592020
Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kwofie (Assistant Priest) 0206355610

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 54:3-6, 8

**BEHOLD, THE LORD IS THE UPHOLDER OF
MY LIFE.**

Second Reading: Jas 3:16-4:3

James chastises the rich.

Gospel Reading: Mk 9:30-37

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

REFLECTION

Jesus in the gospel calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & Co. Ezra 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18	Tue 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2021 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
Wed 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2021 Ezra 9:5-9 Ps Tob 13:2-5,8 Lk 9:1-6	Thu 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2021 St. Pietrelcina Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 9:7-9
Fri 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22	Sat 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 Zec 2:5-9,14-15a Ps Jer 31:10-13 Lk 9:43b-45

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Wis 2:12, 17-20
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 54:3-4, 5, 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 – part 2

Structure and Nature of the Church

The theme of the body of Christ appears in the letters of Paul (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4–5; Colossians 1). In modern Roman Catholic theology, the term mystical has been added to body, doubtless with the intention of distinguishing the church as body from the juridical society. Pius XII, in the encyclical *Mystici corporis Christi* (1943; “Mystical Body of Christ”), identified the mystical body with the Roman Catholic Church. Most Roman Catholic theologians now take a less rigorous view, trying to find some way of affirming membership in the body for those who are not members of the Roman Catholic Church. The documents of the Second Vatican Council described the church as the “People of God” and as a “pilgrim church,” but no generally accepted statement of membership in this church has yet emerged. Vatican II also departed from established Roman Catholic theology since the Reformation by using the word church in connection with Protestant churches. This use has caused some confusion, but the trend now is to think of one church divided rather than of one true church and other false churches.

Apostolic succession

The claim of the Roman Catholic Church to be the one legitimate continuation of the community established by Jesus Christ is based on apostolic succession. The idea of apostolic succession first appears in AD 95 in a letter of Clement, bishop of Rome, who maintained that the bishops succeeded the Apostles. The teaching on apostolic succession received fuller expression in the works of the 2nd-century Church Father Irenaeus, whose writings against the Gnostics (dualistic sects that maintained that salvation is not from faith but from esoteric knowledge) urged that Catholic teaching was verified because a continuous succession of teachers, beginning with the Apostles, could be demonstrated. In the 3rd and 4th centuries, problems of schism within churches were resolved by appealing to the power of orders (i.e., the power a person has by reason of his ordination as deacon, priest, or bishop) transmitted by the imposition of hands through a chain from the Apostles. Orders in turn enabled the subject to receive the power of jurisdiction (i.e., the power an ordained person has by reason of his office). In disputes between Rome and the Eastern churches, the idea of apostolic succession was centered in the Roman pontiff, the successor of Peter. Apostolic authority is defined as the power to teach, to administer the sacraments, and to rule the church. Apostolic succession in the Roman Catholic understanding is validated only through recognition by the Roman pontiff, and the Roman Catholic Church understands the designation “apostolic” in the creed as referring to this threefold power under the primacy of the Roman pontiff.

The Roman Catholic Church has not entirely denied apostolic succession to non-Roman churches. Rome recognizes the validity of orders in the Orthodox churches; this means that it recognizes the sacramental power of the priesthood but does not recognize the government of these churches as legitimate. The orders of the Anglican and the Lutheran churches, on the contrary, are not recognized by Rome, though negotiations aimed at resolving the differences between the churches in this regard have been held since Vatican II. Oriental churches in union with Rome (Eastern Catholics) are recognized as being in full apostolic succession. Luther and Calvin affirmed that apostolic succession had been lost in the Roman Catholic Church by doctrinal and moral corruption and that the true church was found only where the gospel was rightly preached and the sacraments were rightly administered. Thus, Protestant churches generally have not accepted the necessity of apostolic succession. **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!!!

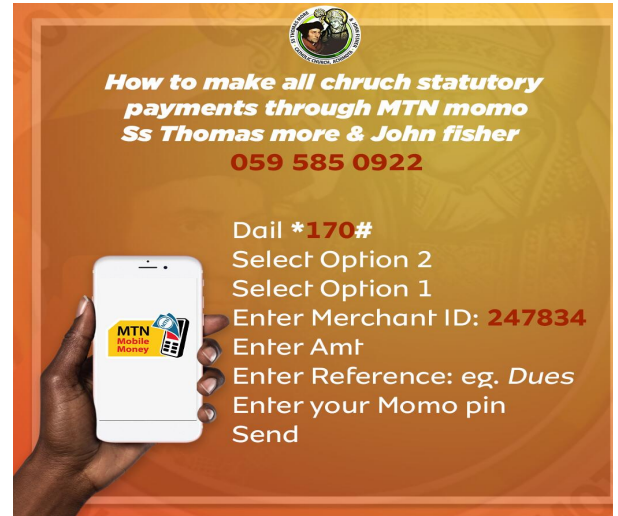


SAKYIWAA'S TWIST

Menu
Green Pepper Sauce From GH¢ 8.00
Shito from GH¢ 25.00
Stew from GH¢ 50.00
Soup from GH¢ 70.00

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Dial *170#
Select Option 2
Select Option 1
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
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MOTIVATION

DO NOT GET TOO GREEDY

"It was an incredibly hot day and a lion was feeling very hungry. He crawled out of his den and searched here and there, but he could only find a small hare.

He caught the hare, but with some hesitation as he knew the hare wouldn't fill him up.

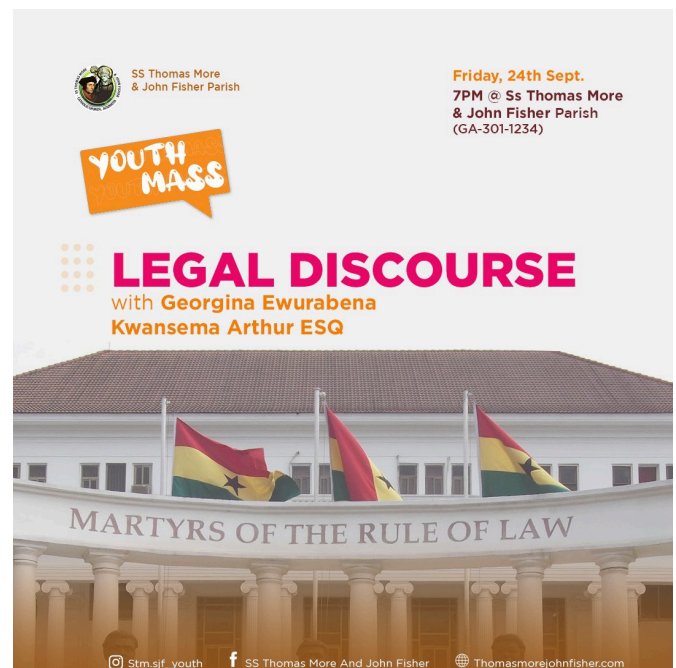
As the lion was about to kill the hare, he spotted a deer coming his way and thought, 'Instead of eating this small hare, let me eat that big deer.'

So he let the hare go and went after the deer, but it vanished in the forest. The lion now had nothing to eat as the hare was also long gone."

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.



SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

Friday, 24th Sept.
7PM @ Ss Thomas More & John Fisher Parish (GA-301-1234)

YOUTH MASS

LEGAL DISCOURSE
with Georgina Ewurabena
Kwansema Arthur ESQ

MARTYRS OF THE RULE OF LAW

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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 **059 585 0922**. 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. **We are reminded to redeem our pledges and pay our harvest contributions of GHC100 per adult, GHC50 per working youth and GHC20 per child or more.**

5. 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. Attire: Black & White. Sunday 26th September, 2021: Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00am at the same venue, Prampram. Attire: All White.

6. The funeral details of Mrs. Faustina Amuah, a member of the Holy Family Akan Kuo is as follows: Friday 1st October, 2021: Wake keeping at Cape Coast. Saturday 2nd October, 2021: Burial Mass at St. Francis de Sale Cathedral Cape Coast. Sunday 3rd October, 2021: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Francis de Sale Cathedral

7. The Tagtir family thanks all parishioners for our prayers and support during the funeral of their late father, Mr. John Baptist Tagtir.

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	STM SEPT. WEEK2
SUNDAY	489.90	100.00
MONDAY	496.40	350.00
TUESDAY	1743.90	105.00
WEDNESDAY	1133.40	5.00
THURSDAY	1001.00	-----
FRIDAY	623.90	150.00
SATURDAY	551.20	-----
SEPT. BORN	79.00	-----
TOTAL	6118.70	710.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	1581.60
SECOND COLLECTION	954.30
TITHE	550.00
TOTAL	3085.90

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF SEPT. WEEK1	SJF SEPT. WEEK2
SUNDAY	560.00	800.00+\$200
MONDAY	2234.00+\$100	1120.00
TUESDAY	2626.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	569.50	650.00
THURSDAY	760.00	204.00
FRIDAY	1129.20	2000.00
SATURDAY	3666.00	2.00
SEPT. BORN	347.00	-----
TOTAL	11891.70+\$100	4776.00+\$200

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2062.10
SECOND COLLECTION	918.80
TOTAL	2980.90

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER
PARISH

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Payments can be made through **059 585 0922**

Adult	-	100.00
Youth	-	50.00
Kids	-	20.00 or more



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