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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26TH SEPTEMBER, 2021: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B .

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“BE A BRIDGE AND NOT
A HINDRANCE TO FAITH”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Num 11:25-29

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14

**THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD ARE RIGHT;
THEY GLADDEN THE HEART.**

Second Reading: Jas 5:1-6

James chastises the rich.

Gospel Reading: Mk 9:38-43

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

REFLECTION

The disciples in today's Gospel observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others. Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes “stumbling” or “causing scandal.” In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 St. Vincent de Paul Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:16-21,29,22-23 Lk 9:46-50	Tue 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 Sts. Wenceslaus, Lawrence & Co. Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Lk 9:51-56
Wed 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rev 12:7-12a Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51	Thu 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 St. Jerome Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12
Fri 1ST OCTOBER, 2021 St. Therese of Lisieux Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1-5,8-9 Lk 10:13-16	Sat 2ND OCTOBER, 2021 The Guardian Angels. Bar 4:5-12,27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Mt 18:1-5,10

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Gen 2:18-24
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 128:1-6
Second Reading	Heb 2:9-11
Gospel	Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Mass Schedule

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
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 4

THE PAPACY

The papal office

The word pope (Latin papa, “father”) was used as early as the 3rd century to refer to any bishop, and the word papacy (Latin papatia, derived from papa) is of medieval origin. In its primary usage, papacy denotes the office of the bishop of Rome, for whom the title of pope has been reserved in the West since the 9th century, and, hence, the system of ecclesiastical and temporal government over which he directly presides.

The hierarchical order of society. The pope enthroned as the supreme authority rules over the worldly powers and the laity (on his left) and the clergy and the religious (on his right). The multiplicity and variety of papal titles themselves indicate the complexity of the papal office. In the *Annuario Pontificio*, the official Vatican directory, the pope is described as bishop of Rome, vicar of Jesus Christ, successor of the prince of the Apostles, pontifex maximus (“supreme pontiff”) of the universal church, primate of Italy, archbishop and metropolitan of the Roman province, sovereign of the state of Vatican City, and servant of the servants of God. In his more circumscribed capacities as bishop of Rome, metropolitan of the Roman province, primate of Italy, and patriarch of the West, the pope is the bearer of responsibilities and the wielder of powers that have counterparts in the other episcopal, metropolitan, primatial, and patriarchal jurisdictions of the Roman Catholic Church. What differentiates his jurisdiction from these others and renders his office unique is the teaching that the bishop of Rome is also the successor to St. Peter, prince of the Apostles. As the bearer of the Petrine office, the pope is raised to a position of lonely eminence as chief bishop, or primate, of the universal church.

Basic to the claim of primacy is the Petrine theory, according to which Christ promised the primacy to Peter alone and, after the Resurrection, actually conferred that role upon him (John 1:42 and 21:15 ff. and, especially, Matthew 16:18 ff.).

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

(Matthew 16:18–19) Feed my lambs.

...Tend my sheep. (John 21:15–16)

Following an ancient tradition, Vatican I defined the Petrine primacy by citing these three texts, interpreting them to signify that Christ himself directly established St. Peter as prince of the Apostles and visible head of the church militant, bestowing on him a primacy not merely of honour but of true jurisdiction. The council maintained also that by Christ’s establishment the Petrine primacy was to pass in perpetuity to his successors and that these successors were the bishops of Rome. In stipulating further that the Roman pontiffs, as successors in the Petrine primacy, possess the authority to issue infallible pronouncements in matters of faith or morals, the council cited both Matthew 16:18 ff. and Christ’s promise to Peter at the Last Supper:

But I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.

(Luke 22:32)

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 prayer 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

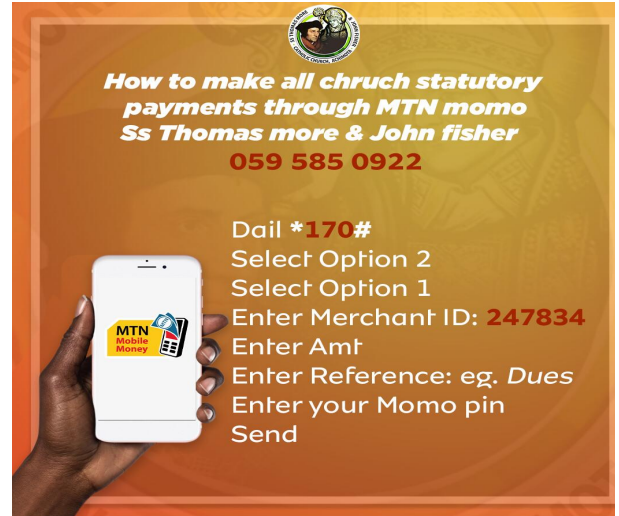
Ordinary Time

- 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



UPCOMING EVENT

**THIS YEAR LAITY WEEK
CELEBRATION COMES
OFF FROM SUNDAY
10TH TO FRIDAY 15TH
OCTOBER, 2021.
THE PROGRAM**



How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
Ss Thomas more & John fisher
059 585 0922

Dial *170#
Select Option 2
Select Option 1
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
Enter Amt
Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*
Enter your Momo pin
Send

MOTIVATION

A POUND OF BUTTER

There was a farmer who sold a pound of butter to a baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting the right amount, which he wasn't. Angry about this, he took the farmer to court.

The judge asked the farmer if he was using any measure to weight the butter. The farmer replied, "Honor, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale."

The judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?"

The farmer replied: "Your Honor, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it is the baker."

Moral of the story: *In life, you get what you give. Don't try and cheat others.*

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**
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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. **October is the month of the Rosary. We shall have rosary prayers every evening both at STM and SJF at 6:30pm. We are encouraged to participate fully.**

6. The funeral details of Mrs. Faustina Amuah, a member of the Holy Family Akan Kuo is as follows: 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 at 9:00am.

7. The funeral details of Mrs. Christiana Ben-Mahmoud is as follows: Saturday 9th October, 2021: Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Adansi Akrokerri at 8:00am. Final Funeral Rites at Community Center, Adansi Akrokerri at 1:00pm. Sunday 10th October, 2021: Thanksgiving Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Adansi Akrokerri at 7am.

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	STM SEPT. WEEK3
SUNDAY	489.90	100.00	-----
MONDAY	496.40	350.00	50.00
TUESDAY	1743.90	105.00	550.00
WEDNESDAY	1133.40	5.00	55.00
THURSDAY	1001.00	-----	410.00
FRIDAY	623.90	150.00	20.00
SATURDAY	551.20	-----	-----
SEPT. BORN	79.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	6118.70	710.00	1085.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	1572.00
SECOND COLLECTION	1261.40
TITHE	340.00
TOTAL	3173.40

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF SEPT. WEEK1	SJF SEPT. WEEK2	SJF SEPT. WEEK3
SUNDAY	560.00	800.00+\$200	500.00+\$100
MONDAY	2234.00+\$100	1120.00	-----
TUESDAY	2626.00	-----	5020.00
WEDNESDAY	569.50	650.00	101.00
THURSDAY	760.00	204.00	105.00
FRIDAY	1129.20	2000.00	1100.00
SATURDAY	3666.00	2.00	25.00
SEPT. BORN	347.00	-----	
TOTAL	11891.70+\$100	4776.00+\$200	6851.00+\$100

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2150.60
SECOND COLLECTION	1251.95
TOTAL	3402.55

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy



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

Adult	-	100.00
Youth	-	50.00
Kids	-	20.00 or more



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