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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3RD OCTOBER, 2021: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B .

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“FAMILIES, BEARING  
WITNESS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Gen 2:18-24

God creates woman from Adam's rib.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 128:1-6

**MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL THE  
DAYS OF OUR LIVES.**

**Second Reading:** Heb 2:9-11

Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

**Gospel Reading:** Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

### REFLECTION

Beloved, the final part of today's Gospel present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. We pray that all marriages and family life may thrive and have values that will promote the common good and welfare of all.

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021</b> <b>St. Francis of Assisi</b> Jon 1:1-2:1,11 Ps Jon 2:3-5,8 Lk 10:25-37	<b>Tue 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021</b> <b>Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos &amp; Bl. Faustina Kowalska</b> Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2,3-4ab,7-8 Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wed 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021</b> <b>St. Bruno &amp; Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher.</b> Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6,9-10 Lk 11:1-4	<b>Thu 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021</b> <b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:5-13
<b>Fri 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021</b> Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3,6,16,8-9 Lk 11:15-26	<b>Sat 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021</b> <b>St. Denis &amp; Co &amp; St. John Leonardi</b> Joel 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Mt 11:27-28

### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	Wis 7:7-11
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 90:12-17
<b>Second Reading</b>	Heb 4:12-13
<b>Gospel</b>	Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

### 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

### THE HISTORY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The rosary is one of the most cherished prayers of our Catholic Church. Introduced by the Creed, the Our Father, three Hail Marys and the Doxology ("Glory Be"), and concluded with the Salve Regina, the rosary involves the recitation of five decades consisting of the Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and the Doxology. During this recitation, the individual meditates on the saving mysteries of our Lord's life and the faithful witness of our Blessed Mother.

Journeying through the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary, the individual brings to mind our Lord's incarnation, His passion and death and His resurrection from the dead. In so doing, the rosary assists us in growing in a deeper appreciation of these mysteries, in uniting our life more closely to our Lord and in imploring His graced assistance to live the faith. We also ask for the prayers of our Blessed Mother, who leads all believers to her Son.

The origins of the rosary are "sketchy" at best. The use of "prayer beads" and the repeated recitation of prayers to aid in meditation stem from the earliest days of the Church and has roots in pre-Christian times. Evidence exists from the Middle Ages that strings of beads were used to count Our Fathers and Hail Marys. Actually, these strings of beads became known as "Paternosters," the Latin for "Our Father."

The structure of the rosary gradually evolved between the 12th and 15th centuries. Eventually 50 Hail Marys were recited and linked with verses of psalms or other phrases evoking the lives of Jesus and Mary. During this time, this prayer form became known as the rosarium ("rose garden"), actually a common term to designate a collection of similar material, such as an anthology of stories on the same subject or theme. During the 16th century, the structure of the five-decade rosary based on the three sets of mysteries prevailed.

Tradition does hold that St. Dominic (d. 1221) devised the rosary as we know it. Moved by a vision of our Blessed Mother, he preached the use of the rosary in his missionary work among the Albigensians, who had denied the mystery of Christ. Some scholars take exception to St. Dominic's role in forming the rosary. The earliest accounts of his life do not mention it, the Dominican constitutions do not link him with it and contemporaneous portraits do not include it as a symbol to identify the saint.

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

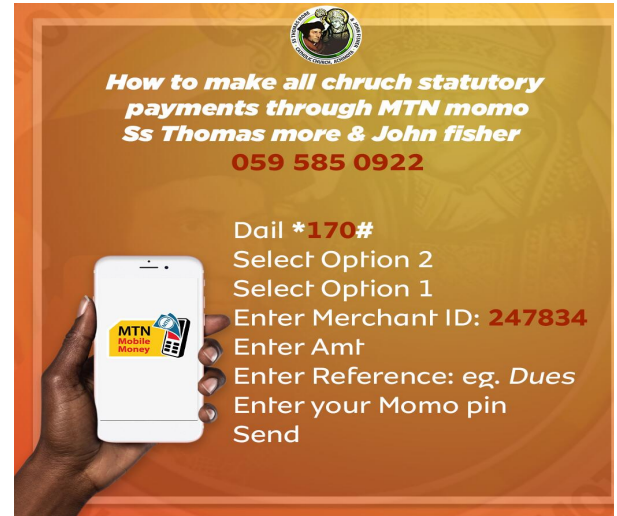
### Ordinary Time

- 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



## UPCOMING EVENT

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



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

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Select Option 1  
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**  
Enter Amt  
Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*  
Enter your Momo pin  
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## MOTIVATION

### **NEVER LET ONE FAILURE FROM THE PAST HOLD YOU BACK IN THE FUTURE**

“As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. ‘Well,’ trainer said, ‘when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.’

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn’t, they were stuck right where they were.”

## 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 **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://thomasmorejohfisher.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 and encouraged 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 have rosary prayers every evening both at STM and SJF at 6:30pm. We are encouraged to fully participate.**

## 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



## FINANCE CORNER – ST. THOMAS MORE

WEEKDAYS	STM SEPT. WEEK1	STM SEPT. WEEK2	STM SEPT. WEEK3	STM SEPT. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	489.90	100.00	-----	-----	589.90	6 <sup>TH</sup>
MONDAY	496.40	350.00	50.00	-----	896.40	4 <sup>TH</sup>
TUESDAY	1743.90	105.00	550.00	-----	2398.90	1 <sup>ST</sup>
WEDNESDAY	1133.40	5.00	55.00	10.00	1203.40	3 <sup>RD</sup>
THURSDAY	1001.00	-----	410.00	-----	1411.00	2 <sup>ND</sup>
FRIDAY	623.90	150.00	20.00	-----	793.90	5 <sup>TH</sup>
SATURDAY	551.20	-----	-----	-----	551.20	7 <sup>TH</sup>
SEPT. BORN	79.00	-----	-----	-----	79.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6118.70</b>	<b>710.00</b>	<b>1085.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>7923.70</b>	

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1509.80
SECOND COLLECTION	930.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2440.20</b>



# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF SEPT. WEEK1	SJF SEPT. WEEK2	SJF SEPT. WEEK3	SJF SEPT. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITION S
SUNDAY	560.00	800.00+ \$200	500.00+ \$100	640.00	4304.55	3 <sup>RD</sup>
MONDAY	2234.00+ \$100	1120.00	-----	-----	3957.00	4 <sup>TH</sup>
TUESDAY	2626.00	-----	5020.00	5.00	7651.00	1 <sup>ST</sup>
WEDNESDAY	569.50	650.00	101.00	-----	1320.50	7 <sup>TH</sup>
THURSDAY	760.00	204.00	105.00	700.00	1769.00	6 <sup>TH</sup>
FRIDAY	1129.20	2000.00	1100.00	145.00	4374.20	2 <sup>ND</sup>
SATURDAY	3666.00	2.00	25.00	4.00	3697.00	5 <sup>TH</sup>
SEPT. BORN	347.00	-----			347.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11891.70 +\$100</b>	<b>4776.00 +\$200</b>	<b>6851.00 +\$100</b>	<b>1494.00</b>	<b>27420.25</b>	

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	3297.50
SECOND COLLECTION	2020.80
TITHE	1.00+ RMB100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5411.74</b>

**Foreign currency has been converted into cedis**

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



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PARISH

# Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy



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

Adult	-	<b>100.00</b>
Youth	-	<b>50.00</b>
Kids	-	<b>20.00</b> or more



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