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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10TH OCTOBER, 2021: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B .

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"FOLLOW ME"**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:12-17

**FILL US WITH YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE,
O LORD, AND WE SHALL EXULT.**

Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13

The Word of God exposes the heart.

Gospel Reading: Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

REFLECTION

Beloved, we have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions. The young man who was in search of eternal life was asked to sell his earthly possessions in order to gain eternal possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 11TH OCTOBER, 2021 St. John XXIII Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 11:29-32	Tue 12TH OCTOBER, 2021 Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41
Wed 13TH OCTOBER, 2021 Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3,6-7 Lk 11:42-46	Thu 14TH OCTOBER, 2021 St. Callistus I Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
Fri 15TH OCTOBER, 2021 St. Theresa of Avila Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 Lk 12:1-7	Sat 16TH OCTOBER, 2021 Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque Rom 4:13,16-18 Ps 105:6-9,42-43 Lk 12:8-12

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 53:10-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22
Second Reading	Heb 4:14-16
Gospel	Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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

THE HISTORY OF THE HOLY ROSARY PART 2

In 1922, Dom Louis Cougand stated, "The various elements which enter into the composition of that Catholic devotion commonly called the rosary are the product of a long and gradual development which began before St. Dominic's time, which continued without his having any share in it, and which only attained its final shape several centuries after his death."

However, other scholars would rebut that St. Dominic not so much "invented" the rosary as he preached its use to convert sinners and those who had strayed from the faith. Moreover, at least a dozen popes have mentioned St. Dominic's connection with the rosary, sanctioning his role as at least a "pious belief."

The rosary gained greater popularity in the 1500s, when Moslem Turks were ravaging Eastern Europe. Recall that in 1453, Constantinople had fallen to the Moslems, leaving the Balkans and Hungary open to conquest. With Moslems raiding even the coast of Italy, the control of the Mediterranean was now at stake.

In 1571, Pope Pius V organized a fleet under the command of Don Juan of Austria the half-brother of King Philip II of Spain. While preparations were underway, the Holy Father asked all of the faithful to say the rosary and implore our Blessed Mother's prayers, under the title Our Lady of Victory, that our Lord would grant victory to the Christians. Although the Moslem fleet outnumbered that of the Christians in both vessels and sailors, the forces were ready to meet in battle. The Christian flagship flew a blue banner depicting Christ crucified. On October 7, 1571, the Moslems were defeated at the Battle of Lepanto. The following year, Pope St. Pius V established the Feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7, where the faithful would not only remember this victory, but also give thanks to the Lord for all of His benefits and remember the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother.

The fact that our Church continues to include the Feast of the Holy Rosary on the liturgical calendar testifies to the importance and goodness of this form of prayer. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."

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



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MOTIVATION

THE WARRIOR'S DESTINY

A great Japanese warrior named Nobunaga was going to war with a fierce enemy with only one-tenth the number of men the opposition commanded. He knew that he could win the fight with a well-planned strategy, but his soldiers were in doubt

On the way the leader stopped at a Shinto shrine and told his men: "After my visit to the shrine I will toss a coin. If the head comes, we will win; if tails, we will lose. Destiny holds us in her hand."

Nobunaga entered the shrine and offered his prayers. Then he came forth and tossed a coin in front of his men. Heads appeared. The soldiers were filled with confidence and were eager to win the battle.

"No one can change the hand of destiny," one of his attendants told him after the battle.

"Indeed not," said Nobunaga and showed the coin which was doubled with heads on the both side.

YOUTH CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

1. AS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH MONTH IN NOVEMBER, THE PYC WILL BE HAVING A DONATION AT THE WEIJA LEPROSARIUM. PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ASSIST WITH DONATION OF PROVISIONS, BOXES OF NOSE MASKS, GALLONS OF SANITIZERS AND ANY OTHER FORM OF HELP. THERE WILL BE DONATION TABLE OUTSIDE FOR COLLECTIONS. KINDLY CONTACT MARIUS BODAKPUI: **0200296574/0241671942** FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

2. THE CATHOLIC STUDENTS UNION AND PYC WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL FINAL YEARS STUDENTS ON THE COMPLETION OF THEIR WASSCE AND WISH THEM ALL THE VERY BEST.

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. 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.

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

5. In connection with the Laity week celebrations, this week we shall have our rosary prayers at STM at **6:30pm**. We are encouraged to participate fully.

6. Young Christians Workers are reminded of their monthly meeting next Sunday 17th October, 2021 at STM after the 7:00am Mass. New members are warmly welcome.

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 OCT. WEEK1
SUNDAY	848.50
MONDAY	394.20
TUESDAY	1299.90
WEDNESDAY	707.40
THURSDAY	1042.00
FRIDAY	938.00
SATURDAY	824.40
OCT. BORN	134.20
TOTAL	6188.60

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1516.50
TITHE	1050.00
TOTAL	2566.50

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1167.90+\$100
MONDAY	1135.00
TUESDAY	772.00
WEDNESDAY	719.50
THURSDAY	1514.00
FRIDAY	2042.00
SATURDAY	971.50
OCT. BORN	595.00
TOTAL	8916.90+\$100

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2223.40
TOTAL	2223.40

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH LAITY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

THEME: "THE WORD OF GOD: CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR TRANSFORMATION IN GHANA."

VENUE: ST. THOMAS MORE ACHIMOTA

TIME: 06:30 PM

NO	DATE	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON	CHOIRS
1.	Sun. 10/10/21	Launching of laity week (all Masses)	A member of LOC	-
2.	Mon. 11/10/21	The Word of God in the Life of the Church	Christian Mothers	Main Choir
3.	Tue. 12/10/21	The Word of God and Christian Unity	The Youth Choir	Youth Choir
4.	Wed. 13/10/21	Training in righteousness: The Bible and Spiritual Formation	KSJI	Ave Maria
5.	Thur. 14/10/21	Biblical Spirituality	Knights of Marshall	Chari Choir
6.	Fri. 15/10/21	Lectio Divina: Transiting from Reading to Praying the Scripture	YCW	Youth Choir
7.	Sun. 17/10/21	Thanksgiving Mass and Annual Laity Collections		

The program commences from Sunday 10th October to Sunday 17th October, 2021.

Rosary prayers to be led by the choirs @ 6:30pm