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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

31TH OCTOBER, 2021: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME, YEAR B.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"LOVE SHOULD BE AT
THE CENTRE OF ALL."**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Deut 6:2-6

Moses teaches the people to love and worship God alone.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18: 2-4, 47, 51

I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28

Jesus intercedes for us as our eternal high priest.

Gospel Reading: Mk 12:28b-34

Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

REFLECTION

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering over six hundred. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus teaches that the summary of the commandment is that LOVE should be the center of all we do and say.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 1ST NOVEMBER, 2021 All Saints' Day Rev 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 24:1b-2,3-4ab,5-6 1Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a	Tue 2ND NOVEMBER, 2021 All Souls' Day Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,4,6 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40
Wed 3RD NOVEMBER, 2021 St. Martin de Porres Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9 Lk 14:25-33	Thu 4TH NOVEMBER, 2021 St. Charles Borromeo Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde,4,13-14 Lk 15:1-10
Fri 5TH NOVEMBER, 2021 Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4 Lk 16:1-8	Sat 6TH NOVEMBER, 2021 Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27 Ps 145:2-3,4-5,10-11 Lk 16:9-15

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	1Kgs 17:10-16
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-19
Second Reading	Heb. 9:24-28
Gospel	Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

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

LITURGICAL YEAR - PART 2

The remarkable aspect of the Jewish religious year was its transformation, in successive codifications of the Torah, into a series of historical commemorations associated with God's deed in creation and in the redemption of God's people. At first the Sabbath was related to the Exodus, the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt in the 13th century BCE (Deuteronomy 5:15) and, later, to the repose of God at the completion of the Creation (Exodus 20:8–11; Genesis 2:2–3). The three agricultural feasts became a sequence of remembrances of the Exodus from Egypt and the pilgrimage through the wilderness to the Promised Land (Exodus 12:1–20; Leviticus 23; Deuteronomy 16:1–17). Through these annual celebrations Jews relived the saving events of the past and anticipated the final deliverance of the people of God in the age to come. Rabban Gamaliel, a contemporary of Jesus, said, "In every generation a man must so regard himself as if he came forth himself out of Egypt..." (from Mishna, Pesahim 10:5).

Formation of the church year

In his earthly life, Jesus was subject to the laws of Sabbath, feast, and fast prescribed in the Hebrew Bible, but his ministry and teaching pointed to a new age, the coming kingdom of God, when the Law would be fulfilled. He was, therefore, not so much concerned with outward conformity to legal regulations as he was with the spirit in which they were observed. "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). It was in the context of a celebration of the Passover feast with his disciples that he was arrested, tried, and put to death.

Early Christians believed that the new age promised by Jesus had dawned with his Resurrection, on "the first day of the week" (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 24:1; John 20:1). By this event the Law was fulfilled. Now every day and time were viewed as holy for the celebration and remembrance of Jesus' triumph over sin and death. Though many of his disciples continued to observe the special times and seasons of the Jewish Law, new converts broke with the custom because they regarded it as no longer needful or necessary. St. Paul, himself a dutiful observant of the Law, considered the keeping of holy days a matter of indifference, provided the devotion be "in honor of the Lord" (Romans 14:5–9). He warned his converts not to judge one another with regard to "festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths" (Colossians 2:16).

From the beginning the church took over from Judaism the seven-day week. Before the end of the apostolic age (1st century CE), as the church became predominantly Gentile in membership, the first day of the week, or Sunday, had become the normative time when Christians assembled for their distinctive acts of worship, in commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2). During the first two centuries, the Greco-Roman world in general adopted the planetary seven-day week of the astrologers.

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





SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER
PARISH

Sunday
31st October, 2021
4pm - 6pm

Rosary Month Climax

Venue:
SS. Thomas More &
John Fisher Grotto

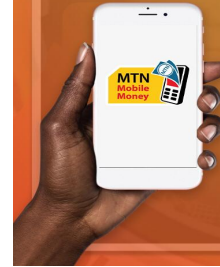
Choirs: Main Choir &
Youth Choir

Prayer Intentions -
Pray for the Sick & Aged
Pray for the Fruit of the womb
Pray for our land case
Pray for Harvest 2021

Come with a candle



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



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Select Option 2
Select Option 1
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
Enter Amt
Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*
Enter your Momo pin
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MOTIVATION

ON GOD'S TIME

A man walked to the top of a hill to talk to God.

The man asked, "God, what's a million years to you?" and God said, "A minute."

Then the man asked, "Well, what's a million dollars to you?" and God said, "A penny."

Then the man asked, "God.....can I have a penny?" and God said, "Sure.....in a minute."

YOUTH CORNER



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FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH



PROGRAMS LINEUP

Launching - 31st, Oct - Rep your Tradition

Adoration Night - 4th, Nov

Cooking without fire/Fun Activities
- 14th, Nov - Rep your jersey

Donation to Weija Leprosarium - 20th, Nov

Clean-up at Fisher - 27th, Nov

Climax and Thanksgiving - 28th. Nov Rep. white

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. Next Sunday 7th November is the First Sunday of the month, and it is also our Harvest Day. We shall have three Masses. 7:00am Mass at STM and 6:30am & 10:30am Masses at SJF. We are being reminded of our Thanksgiving Collection. We are encouraged to redeem our pledges and pay our harvest contribution of GHC100 per adult, GHC50 per working youth and GHC20 or more per child. Let's all try and bring offertory items, especially November Borns.

4. Children Service will resume on the 7th of November, 2021. Parents and guardians are to take note.

5. A parishioner is looking for a two or three Bedroom apartment, preferably at Pillar2, K-boat or Dome. Kindly call **0242906199** if you can be of help.

PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

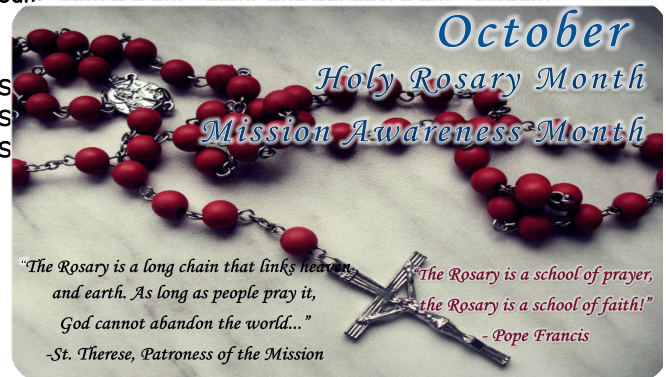
Sacrament of Baptism of Infants: *First Saturday of every month. Please call at the Church's office for a baptismal form. Instructions: Thursday preceding the date for baptism @ 5pm*

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	STM OCT. WEEK2	STM OCT. WEEK3	STM OCT. WEEK4
SUNDAY	848.50	50.00	200.00	102.00
MONDAY	394.20	220.00	-----	-----
TUESDAY	1299.90	107.00	40.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	707.40	105.00	505.50	110.00
THURSDAY	1042.00	-----	-----	-----
FRIDAY	938.00	130.00	-----	50.00
SATURDAY	824.40	-----	-----	-----
OCT. BORN	134.20	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	6188.60	612.00	745.00	262.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1520.60
SECOND COLLECTION	859.90
TITHE	320.00
TOTAL	2700.50

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1	SJF OCT. WEEK2	SJF OCT. WEEK3	SJF OCT. WEEK4
SUNDAY	1167.90+\$100	2030.00	350.50	20.00
MONDAY	1135.00	1350.00	600.00	
TUESDAY	772.00	100.00	-----	
WEDNESDAY	719.50	70.00	-----	10.00
THURSDAY	1514.00	200.00	-----	200.00
FRIDAY	2042.00	3160.00	10.00	
SATURDAY	971.50	925.00	10.00	
OCT. BORN	595.00	-----		
TOTAL	8916.90+\$100	7835.00	970.50	230.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1893.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1077.70
TOTAL	2970.90

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



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HARVEST Twenty Twenty One

Theme _____

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND
DO NOT HINDER THEM FOR THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE:

MATHEW 19 :14, MARK 10 : 14 AND LUKE 18:16

Harvest Day Mass

SUNDAY, 7th NOV. 2021

St. Thomas More
7:00am Mass

St. John Fisher
6:30am Mass
10:30am Mass



Purpose: In Aid of Building a Children's Service Block for both St. Thomas More & St. John Fisher