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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7TH NOVEMBER, 2021: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“GIVING; AN ACT OF
TRUST IN GOD.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 1Kgs 17:10-16

Through Elijah, a widow and her son are blessed with enough flour and oil for a year.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-19

COME, LORD, AND SAVE US.

Second Reading: Heb. 9:24-28

Christ died once to take away sin; he will return again to bring salvation.

Gospel Reading: Mk 12:38-44 or Mk 12:41-44

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

REFLECTION

Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. **Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.**

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 8TH NOVEMBER, 2021 Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-3,4-6,7-8,9-10 Lk 17:1-6	Tue 9TH NOVEMBER, 2021 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22
Wed 10TH NOVEMBER, 2021 St. Leo the Great, Pope Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4,6-7 Lk 17:11-19	Thu 11TH NOVEMBER, 2021 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175 Lk 17:20-25
Fri 12TH NOVEMBER, 2021 St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 17:26-37	Sat 13TH NOVEMBER, 2021 Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43 Lk 18:1-8

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Dan 12:1-3
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 16 :5,8-11
Second Reading	Heb 10:11-14,18
Gospel	Mk 13:24-32

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

LITURGICAL YEAR - PART 3

Christian writers of the 2nd century came to view Sunday, “the Lord’s day,” as a symbol of Christianity in distinction from Judaism. Most of the churches decided to observe the Lord’s Passover (Easter) always on a Sunday, after the Jewish feast was over. In addition, local churches began to celebrate the anniversaries of the deaths of their martyrs, called “birthdays in eternity,” for these also were regarded as witnesses to the resurrection triumph of Christ in his followers. The weekly Sunday and the annual Paschal (Passover) observance of 50 days from Easter to Pentecost (the Jewish harvest festival that also commemorated the revelation of the Law to Moses) were thus the principal framework of the church year until the 4th century—reminders of the new age to be brought by Christ at his coming again in glory at the end of time, when the true believers would enter their inheritance of perpetual joy and feasting with their Redeemer and Lord.

The establishment of Christianity as a state religion, following the conversion of the emperor Constantine (312 CE), brought new developments. The Paschal season was matched by a longer season of preparation (Lent) for the many new candidates for baptism at the Easter ceremonies and for the discipline and penance of those who for grievous sins had been cut off from the communion of the church.

A new focus of celebration, to commemorate the birth of Christ, the world Redeemer, was instituted at ancient winter solstices (December 25 and January 6 in the Northern Hemisphere) to rival the pagan feasts in honour of the birth of a new age brought by the “Unconquered Sun.” Later the Western churches created a preparatory season for the Christmas festival, known as Advent. Many new days were gradually added to the roster of martyr anniversaries to commemorate distinguished leaders, the dedication of buildings and shrines in honour of the saints, and the transferal of their relics.

The major church calendars

Unlike the cycle of feasts and fasts of the Jewish Law, the Christian year has never been based upon a divine revelation. It is rather a tradition that is always subject to change by ecclesiastical law. Each self-governing church maintains the right to order the church year according to pastoral needs of edification. The pattern of the year therefore varies in the several churches of the East and of the West. The subtle adjustments of a lunar-month calendar, with its movable date of Easter, and a solar calendar of fixed dates require many rules to avoid conflict of observances.

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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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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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 VERY SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine you had a bank account that deposited \$86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day!

We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys an unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

YOUTH CORNER

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youth MONTH

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

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.

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 encouraged to redeem our pledges and pay our harvest levy of GHC100 per adult, GHC50 per working youth and GHC20 or more per child.

4. Children Service is resuming today the 7th of November, 2021. Parents and guardians are to take note and bring their children to church.

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.

6. The funeral details of Mr. James Kwame Edu Dadzie is as follows: Friday 19th November, 2021: Family gathering at his residence, Agbogba. Saturday 20th November, 2021: Burial and Memorial Service at Garrison Methodist – Presbyterian Church, Burma Camp, Accra at 7:00am. Final Funeral Rites: Immediately after the burial service at the Arakan Officers' Mess, Burma Camp, Accra. Sunday 21st November, 2021: Thanksgiving Service at 9:30am.

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 OCT. WEEK1	STM OCT. WEEK2	STM OCT. WEEK3	STM OCT. WEEK4	STM OCT. WEEK 5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	848.50	50.00	200.00	102.00	50.00	1250.50	3 RD
MONDAY	394.20	220.00	-----	-----	-----	614.20	7 TH
TUESDAY	1299.90	107.00	40.00	-----	10.00	1456.90	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	707.40	105.00	505.50	110.00	5.00	1432.90	2 ND
THURSDAY	1042.00	-----	-----	-----	10.00	1052.00	5 TH
FRIDAY	938.00	130.00	-----	50.00	-----	1118.00	4 TH
SATURDAY	824.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	824.40	6 TH
OCT. BORN	134.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	134.20	
TOTAL	6188.60	612.00	745.50	262.00	75.00	7883.10	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	1711.50
SECOND COLLECTION	1010.30
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TOTAL	2821.80

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1	SJF OCT. WEEK2	SJF OCT. WEEK3	SJF OCT. WEEK4	SJF OCT. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1167.90+\$100	2030.00	350.50	20.00	10.00	4182.40	2ND
MONDAY	1135.00	1350.00	600.00	-----	-----	3085.00	3RD
TUESDAY	772.00	100.00	-----	-----	30.00	902.00	6TH
WEDNESDAY	719.50	70.00	-----	10.00	30.00	829.50	7TH
THURSDAY	1514.00	200.00	-----	200.00	20.00	1934.00	4TH
FRIDAY	2042.00	3160.00	10.00	-----	200.00	5412.00	1ST
SATURDAY	971.50	925.00	10.00	-----	2.00	1908.50	5TH
OCT. BORN	595.00	-----	-----	-----		595.00	
TOTAL	8916.90+\$100	7835.00	970.50	230.00	292.00	18848.40	

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	3714.40
SECOND COLLECTION	2056.80
TOTAL	5771.20

Foreign currency has been converted into cedis

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



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HARVEST

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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