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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23RD JANUARY, 2022: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "LIVE OUT CHRIST'S
MANDATE."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra reads from the book of the Law and interprets it for all to understand.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:8-10, 15

YOUR WORDS, O LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Paul explains that all were baptized into the one body of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

REFLECTION

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. When we do what Jesus did to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed we serve the Kingdom of God and live out the mandate given to us as Christians.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 24TH JANUARY, 2022 St. Francis de Sales 2 Sam 5:1-7,10 Ps 89:20-22,25-26 Mk 3:22-30	Tue 25TH JANUARY, 2022 The Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18
Wed 26TH JANUARY, 2022 Sts. Timothy and Titus 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10 Mk 4:1-20	Thu 27TH JANUARY, 2022 St. Angela Merici 2 Sam 7:18-19,24-29 Ps 132:1-3,5,11-14 Mk 4:21-25
Fri 28TH JANUARY, 2022 St. Thomas Aquinas 2 Sam 11:1-4a, 5-10a,13-17 Ps 51:3-7,10-11 Mk 4:26-34	Sat 29TH JANUARY, 2022 2 Sam 12:1-7a,10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Jer 1:4-5,17-19
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 71:1-6,15-17
Second Reading	1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13
Gospel	Lk 4:21-30

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 FOUR MARKS OF THE CHURCH

Author: Kenneth D. Whitehead

THE CHURCH IS ONE

We can show how the Church of the apostles resembles in all essentials the Church of today by showing how the early Church already bore the marks, or "notes," of the true Church of Christ which are still professed today in the Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed declares the Church to be One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

Thus, the Church of the apostles was definitely one: "There is one body and one spirit," Paul wrote, "just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all" (Eph. 4:4-5). Paul linked this primitive unity to the Church's common Eucharistic bread: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). Jesus had promised at the outset that "there would be one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16).

THE CHURCH IS HOLY

Similarly, the Church of the apostles was holy. When we say that, we mean among other things that it had the all-holy God himself as author. We do not mean that all of its members have ceased to be sinners and have themselves become all-holy. On the contrary, the Church from the beginning, on her human side, has been composed of sinners: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). The Church was founded for no other reason than to continue Christ's redemptive and sanctifying work with them in the world.

One of the things implicit in the appellation "holy" as applied to the Church, then, is that the Church from the beginning has been endowed with the sacramental means to help make holy the sinners who are found in her ranks. The Church has been given the sacraments along with the word precisely in order to be able to help make sinners holy.

It was in this sense that Paul was able to write, "Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the Church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27). The holiness of the Church, of which the creed properly speaks, has always had reference to her divine Founder and to what the Church was founded by him with the power and authority to do, not with the condition of her members.

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

KEEP CALM AND GROW. IT IS ORDINARY TIME 1

ORDINARY TIME

-During the Church Year, there are two seasons called Ordinary Time

-The first begins on the Monday **after** the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, and ends on the day **before** Ash Wednesday

-Vestments are **GREEN** during Ordinary Time





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MOTIVATION

COURAGE, FATHER TO THE RESCUE

One late evening, Azhar was getting ready for the jog in the park. He asked his wife, "Where is our daughter?" She replied, "She went to her friend's place." Azhar told, "Okay, call her to come home early. I am going jogging now". He started jogging in the park. Suddenly he heard screaming from the bushes. He stopped and listened to the screaming. It was a girl's voice and he also heard a man's voice. It looks like the girl was attacked. He continuously heard the sounds of fighting and muttering.

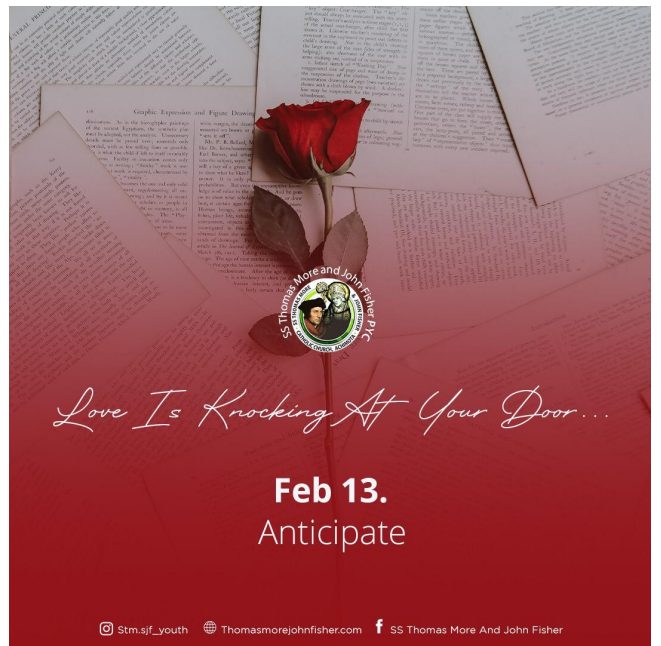
Azhar was hesitant to get involved and worried about his own safety. He was thinking about calling the police. As he was waiting and thinking about his own safety. He could feel, the woman's voice getting weaker. He realized that he need to act quickly to save the girl. Azhar took courage and started running towards the bushes. As he was running, he could feel some kind of transformation in his body. He jumped over the bushes and pulled the man off from the girl. He started punching the face of the attacker. The man could not able to bear the punches of Azhar. He pushed Azhar onto the ground and ran away.

Immediately Azhar stood up and went near the girl who was hiding behind the bushes. Since it was late in the evening, he could not see the girl's face clearly. He can hear only the shivering of the girl. He then said," Don't worry, the man had run away. You are safe now, come out." Then she immediately came out running towards him and started crying, "Dad It was Azhar's daughter.

Moral of the story: *In our life, there will be difficult situations where we have to act to improve the situation. But if we don't show any courage and left it as it is, the consequences can be hard. So, have the courage to fight for it, whatever the situations you may be in.*

YOUTH CORNER

**VALENTINE! VALENTINE!!
VALENTINE!!!**



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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. We are reminded and encouraged to redeem our pledges and pay our harvest levy of GHC100 per adult, GHC50 per working youth and GHC20 or more per child and other financial obligations of Church Dues of GH¢2 per month, Welfare Dues of GH¢3 per a month, and Building Fund of GH¢5 per a month.
3. **The Charismatic Renewal is invite you to a Night of Songs and Eulogies in honour of the late Mr. EK Peter Dzagbo today at SJF at 3:30pm, there will be room for parishioners who will like to give testimony about their encounter with him. Attire: All White.**
4. The death is reported of Mr. Michael Asante Addo Snr., a former parishioner. Funeral details will be announced later.
5. The funeral details of Mr. EK Peter Dzagbo Is as follows:
 - ❖ Friday 28th January, 2022: Family Gathering at his residence at Achimota at 7:00pm.
 - ❖ Saturday 29th January, 2022: Pre-burial rites at SJF at 8:00am and Burial Mass at 9:00am. Attire: Black.
 - ❖ Sunday 30th January, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 10:30am. Attire: Black & White.
6. The funeral arrangement of Mr. Joseph B. Coffie Asantey, father of Rev. Fr. Joseph Asantey is as follows:
 - ❖ Saturday 5th February, 2022: Burial Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Abrepo Kumasi at 9:00am. Funeral rites will continue after burial at St. Anthony Homeopathic Hospital Park from 1.00pm-6.00pm.
 - ❖ Sunday 6th February, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church premises at 7:00am.
 - ❖ Attire: Black & White.

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 JAN. WEEK1	STM JAN. WEEK2	STM JAN. WEEK3
SUNDAY	906.20	-----	-----
MONDAY	1834.20	-----	-----
TUESDAY	1049.00	625.00	1000.00
WEDNESDAY	828.00	-----	5.00
THURSDAY	1689.00	120.00	200.00
FRIDAY	640.00	-----	10.00
SATURDAY	905.50	-----	200.00
JAN. BORN	157.20	-----	-----
TOTAL	8009.10	745.00	1415.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JAN. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	1754.70
SECOND COLLECTION	1127.00
TITHE	50.00
TOTAL	2931.70

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JAN. WEEK1	SJF JAN. WEEK2	SJF JAN. WEEK3
SUNDAY	3225.00	-----	-----
MONDAY	2098.00	900.00	50.00
TUESDAY	993.00	10.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	1405.00	60.00	-----
THURSDAY	1349.20	1115.00	5.00
FRIDAY	3156.60	770.00	140.00
SATURDAY	1063.00	-----	-----
JAN. BORN	320.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	13609.80	2855.00	195.00

SUNDAY	SJF JAN. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2898.60
SECOND COLLECTION	2071.40
TITHE	1180.00
TOTAL	6150.00

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