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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27TH FEBRUARY, 2022: EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“BE A WORTHY DISCIPLE”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sir 27:4-7

In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:2-3, 13-16

IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O LORD.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Lk 6:39-45

Each tree is known by its yield.

REFLECTION

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 28TH FEBRUARY, 2022 1Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9-10 Mk 10:17-27	Tue 1ST MARCH, 2022 1 Pt 5:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31
Wed 2ND MARCH, 2022 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17 2Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18	Thu 3RD MARCH, 2022 Deut 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25
Fri 4TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6,18-19 Mt 9:14-15	Sat 5TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Deut 26:4-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 91:1-2,10-15
Second Reading	Rom 10:8-13
Gospel	Lk 4:1-13

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 CREATION, NATURE AND FALL OF MAN

Author: **Rev. William G. Most**

Nature and Origin of the Human Race – Part 1

We are creatures made up of spirit and matter, body and soul. Our spirit is the immaterial soul, which our senses cannot feel. But our faith tells us it is there. So by way of our soul, we have some share in the nature of the angels.

We can see that we have a spiritual soul in this way. Each of us has a concept or idea of dog in general. Our mental dog is not high or low, long or short, sharp-nosed or pug-nosed. If we hired the very best artist, offered him any sum and his choice of mediums: oil paints, carving, casting etc., to make an image of our dog, we would get nothing. For no material can hold this concept. So that in us which holds it is not material, but spiritual. This is all the more obvious in our concepts of goodness, truth, justice etc.

Our soul can exist apart from the body. It will never die, because being spiritual, it has no parts, and so cannot come apart. It will live forever in happiness beyond what we can imagine, or in the reverse, eternal damnation. The Book of Wisdom 3:1-4 says: "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment will touch them. They seemed to die, to the eyes of foolish people, and their departure was considered evil . . . but they are in peace. Their hope is full of immortality."

Each human soul is directly created by God Himself, it is not produced by or derived from the parents. The parents produce only the human body, and do even that, only with the help of God's power. The uniting of the soul with the body is called infusion. Modern biology knows that at the moment of conception, when the 23 chromosomes from each parent join, the complete genetic pattern of a unique being is already present. So abortion is gravely sinful.

Many today think that the human body evolved from lower beings. If they say that this happened without any help from God, it is atheistic evolution. Not only theology rejects that foolish idea, even mere reason rejects it: it supposes that matter could lift itself up and up higher by its shoelaces, as it were, with no outside source for the higher levels of complexity.

Pope Pius XII in *Humani generis* in 1950 told us we may consider as a possible--not as something proved--that God established some natural laws that would bring about this evolution from lower to higher. Even so, the whole process would depend on God's creative power. This is true especially of the human soul, which, being spiritual, cannot have evolved. We would call this theistic evolution, that is evolution involving the power of God at so many points.

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



WE ARE REMINDED AND ENCOURAGED TO REDEEM OUR PLEDGES AND PAY OUR HARVEST LEVY OF GH¢100 PER ADULT, GH¢50 PER WORKING YOUTH AND GH¢20 OR MORE PER CHILD.

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MOTIVATION

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS

- Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me. **Saint Patrick**
- My longing for truth was a single prayer. Edith Stein You will find something more in woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach you that which you can never learn from masters. **Saint Bernard**
- The Son of God became man so that we might become God. **Athanasius**
- Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you. **Isaac of Nineveh**
- You desire that which exceeds my humble powers, but I trust in the compassion and mercy of the All-powerful God. **Saint Stephen**
- Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers, and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love. **Thérèse of Lisieux**
- Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you. **Saint Augustine**
- Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. **Mother Teresa**
- Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. **Francis of Assisi**

YOUTH CORNER

Lent & Easter
PILGRIMAGE

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It is the time of year again to make a return to God. The **season of Lent** is a penitential period during which we become sensitive to the role of sin in our lives.

Beginning with **Ash Wednesday on 2nd March**, we begin our pilgrimage to the Lord. May this season be spiritually uplifting for us, and may we make a sincere conversion. Try to make a sincere change in your life pattern in this season.

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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**.
2. We are reminded and encouraged to fulfil our 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. Wednesday 2nd March, 2022 is Ash Wednesday. We shall have two Masses: 6:15am at STM and 7:00pm at SJF.
4. We shall have Stations of the Cross and Mass, both at STM and SJF from Friday 4th March, 2022 and every Friday at 7:00pm during the Season of Lent.
5. Publication of Banns: 2nd Publication between:
Edward Kwawu & Genevieve Elikem Acolatse
6. We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Asupe Avodjey, Mother of Mrs. Rebecca Dzadey, a member of the Christian Village Community and St. Vincent de Paul Society
7. There will be free dental health screening at both STM and SJF on 13th March and 20th March respectively after all the masses.
8. The Archbishop will pay a pastoral visit to our parish on Sunday 27th March. Details of the visit will be communicate to us later.

PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday from 5.00pm at SJF and from 6.30pm at STM.

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 @ STM.*

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 FEB. WEEK1	STM FEB. WEEK2	STM FEB. WEEK3
SUNDAY	556.20	-----	-----
MONDAY	1053.30	400.00	10.00
TUESDAY	1038.00	110.00	10.00
WEDNESDAY	1317.00	-----	75.00
THURSDAY	769.10	-----	100.00
FRIDAY	739.00	60.00	40.00
SATURDAY	989.00	-----	-----
FEB. BORN	118.00	-----	-----

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM FEB. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2042.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1060.80
TITHE	544.90
TOTAL	3648.60

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF FEB. WEEK1	SJF FEB. WEEK2	SJF FEB. WEEK3
SUNDAY	1049.00	2.00	200.00
MONDAY	2054.00	20.00	1000.00
TUESDAY	6632.00	-----	504.00
WEDNESDAY	691.90	90.00	-----
THURSDAY	1738.20	210.00	10.00
FRIDAY	3936.70	200.00	100.00
SATURDAY	1053.00	200.00	-----
FEB. BORN	1108.90	-----	-----
TOTAL	18263.70	722.00	1814.00

SUNDAY	SJF FEB. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3054.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1583.95
TITHE	1000.00
TOTAL	5638.85

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish, Achimota

Help Us Build

A new Children Service Block @ SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

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

Matthew 19: 14

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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