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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26TH JUNE, 2022: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

“THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP”

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 1Kgs 19:16b, 19-21

Elijah anoints Elisha as his successor.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 16:1-2,5,7-11

IT IS YOU, O LORD, WHO ARE MY PORTION

Second Reading: Gal 5:1,13-18

Christ has set us free

Gospel Reading: Lk 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.

Reflection

In today's gospel, three people volunteer to become disciples. Jesus points out to them that emphasis on the care of self, care for the dead, or care of one's family will not guarantee them discipleship with him.

Jesus seems harsh in his answer to them, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. An unconditional commitment to God's work and not hindrances from family and even self. He knows this, but the disciples do not fully grasp it. He does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it and going beyond the self the dead and family without looking back.

May we give ourselves completely to the work of God and discipleship.

Weekly Readings

Mon 27TH JUNE, 2022

Am 2:6-10,13-16

Ps 50:16-23

Mt 8:18-22

Tue 28TH JUNE, 2022

St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

2Kgs 19:9b-11

Ps 48:2-4,10-11

Mt 7:6,12-14

Wed 29TH JUNE, 2022

St. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11

Ps 34:2-9

Gal 1:11-20

Jn 21:15-19

Thu 30TH JUNE, 2022

Am 7:10-17

Ps 19:8-11

Mt. 9:1-8

Fri 1ST JULY, 2022

Am 8:4-6,9-12

Ps 119:2,2,10,20,30,40,131

Mt. 9:9-13

Sat 2ND JULY, 2022

Am 9:11-15

Ps 85:9,11-14

Mt. 9:14-17

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading

Is 66:10-14c

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:1-7,16,20

Second Reading

Gal 6:14-18

Gospel

Lk 10:1-12,17-20 or 10:1-9

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More

St. John Fisher

First Mass: **7:00 am**

First Mass: **6:30 am**

Second Mass: **9:30 am**

Second Mass: **9:30 am**



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

WHAT IS A CARDINAL? ARTICLE BY MATTHEW BUNSON *Final Part*

CARDINALS AND CONSISTORIES

The pope alone decides who will be made a cardinal. Any priest can be named to the college, and all new members receive a formal document, called a *biglietto* (literally “ticket”) informing them of the honor. They are then enrolled formally into the Sacred College through an elaborate ceremony in Rome called a consistory.

The number of cardinals has varied considerably over the centuries. During the Middle Ages, it was not unusual for there to be a mere handful; at one point there were only four choosing a new pope. Pope Sixtus V (r. 1585-1590) decreed that there should be 70 members, a number that was unchanged until 1958, when Pope Blessed, John XXIII increased it by five. That number grew steadily, so that today there are around 180. By papal decree, no more than 120 are eligible to vote in a conclave to elect a new pope, although it has been set aside a few times, especially during the reign of Pope John Paul II. At the age of 80, cardinals lose the right to take part in any papal election, but their counsel is still prized by the pope.

SYMBOLS OF THE CARDINALS

Most people think that cardinals wear red. Cardinals actually wear scarlet, a custom that began in a formal sense in 1245 when Pope Innocent IV bestowed the famed red hat upon the cardinals. Scarlet reminds the cardinals that they must be willing to give of themselves for the Church, even to the point of shedding their blood.

New cardinals receive several symbols of their new title: a zucchetto, a biretta and a ring. A scarlet zucchetto (or skullcap) and scarlet biretta (a four-cornered silk hat) are both placed upon the cardinals’ heads by the hand of the pope. The ring is a symbol of a cardinal’s dignity, pastoral zeal and communion with the See of Peter.

THE CARDINALS’ OATH

Below is a translation of the oath of fidelity and obedience to the pope and his successors, pronounced by the cardinals at the time they receive the biretta, or cardinal’s hat:

I [name and surname], Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, promise and swear to be faithful henceforth and forever, while I live, to Christ and His Gospel, being constantly obedient to the Holy Roman Apostolic Church, to Blessed Peter in the person of the Supreme Pontiff [current pope’s name], and of his canonically elected Successors; to maintain communion with the Catholic Church always, in word and deed; not to reveal to anyone what is confided to me in secret, nor to divulge what may bring harm or dishonor to Holy Church; to carry out with great diligence and faithfulness those tasks to which I am called by my service to the Church, in accord with the norms of the law.

So help me Almighty God.

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.

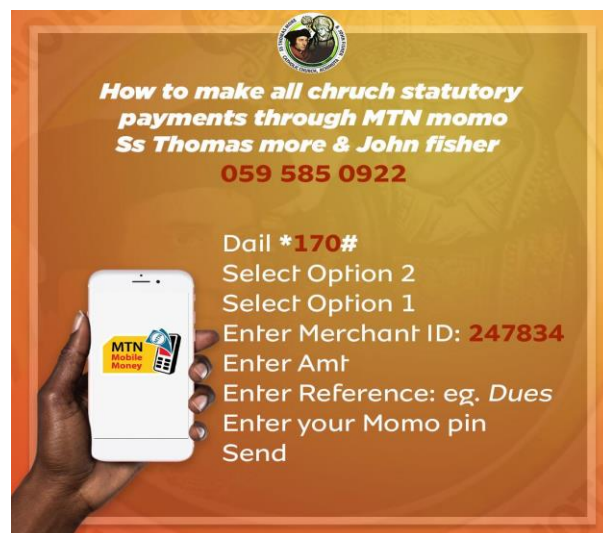
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| St. Thomas More..... | Pray for us |
| St. John Fisher..... | Pray for us |
| All you Angels and Saints | Pray for us |

KEEP CALM AND GROW. IT IS ORDINARY TIME



HAPPY *Feast Day!*

**WE ARE REMINDED
AND ENCOURAGED
TO REDEEM OUR
PLEDGES, AND PAY
OUR HARVEST
LEVY.**



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Ss Thomas more & John fisher
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MOTIVATION

TWENTY DOLLAR BILL

A well-known speaker started his seminar by holding up a brand new twenty-dollar bill. In the room filled with people, he asked if anyone would like to have his \$20 bill. Hands in the rooms started going up. He crumpled and crumbled the bill and asked the crowd if anyone was still interested in having the bill. The hands were still up, signing that people still wanted the crumpled \$20 bill.

He then dropped the bill on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked up, now crumpled and dirty \$20 bill. "Does anyone still want the bill?" he asked. Still, the hands went into the air.

The speaker said, "Today, we have all learned a valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the bill, you still wanted it because it did not lose its value."

"Many times, in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We may feel as we are worthless, but no matter what happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value."

Moral: Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, we are priceless. The worth of our lives comes not from where we are from or who we know, but from who we are.

YOUTH CORNER



Youth WEEKEND SUMMIT DUBBED **FULL WO TANK** "Refueled"

8-11 JULY 2022

VENUE
ST. PETER'S MAJOR SEMINARY
PEDU - CAPE COAST

RATE: GHS 290

Covers Transportation, feeding (3days), paraphernalia

Registration link

bit.ly/WeekendSummitRegistration

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Pay via momo to **0549893137** (Momo name: Accra Archdiocese Youth Council)
2. Reference should be WS(name) e.g WS Emma Ansah
3. Copy transaction ID
4. Fill Form via link provided above.
5. Reference name should be same as name used in form

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marriage Banns:**
 - ✓ 2nd Publication between Kini Gakpo & Catherine Nadjombe.
 - ✓ 1st Publication between Yaw Safo-Adu Amankwah & Margaret Mercy Amankwah
- We are encouraged and reminded to redeem our Pledges, pay our Harvest Levy of GH¢100 per Adult, GH¢50 per working Youth, GH¢20 per child or more and all other financial obligations.
- There will be Community Mass for New Achimota, Kopevi, Akweteyman and Kisseiman on Friday 8th July 2022.
- On Thursday 30th June, 2022, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Morning Mass.
- Friday 1st July, 2022 is the First Friday of the month. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at SJF after the Morning Mass at and Holy Hour Adoration at 7:00pm.
- There will be infant baptism on Saturday 2nd July, 2022 at STM at 7:00am. Parents who wish to have their children baptized should pick up forms at the parish offices and attend instructions with their Godparents on Thursday 30th June, 2022 at STM at 5:00pm.
- Saturday 2nd July, 2022 is the First Saturday of the month. There will be Grotto devotion at SJF at 4:00pm. Let's all come and pray together for the intercession of our Lady of Grace for the new month of Divine Restoration.

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 JUNE WEEK 1	STM JUNE WEEK 2	STM JUNE WEEK 3
SUNDAY	1,520.00	---	---
MONDAY	706.00	850.00	---
TUESDAY	943.00	600.00	---
WEDNESDAY	560.00	120.00	10.00
THURSDAY	900.00	20.00	---
FRIDAY	909.00	260.00	20.00
SATURDAY	997.00	20.00	50.00
JUNE BORN	96.60	---	
TOTAL	6,631.60	1870.00	80.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY		STM JUNE WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION		1950.00
SECOND COLLECTION	MEN	1318.40
	WOMEN	2411.50
TITHE		290.00
TOTAL		5969.90


FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JUNE WEEK 1	SJF JUNE WEEK 2	SJF JUNE WEEK 3
SUNDAY	1,226.00	20.00	10.00
MONDAY	2,199.40	1000.00	100.00
TUESDAY	697.50	---	20.00
WEDNESDAY	1,258.00	300.00	100.00
THURSDAY	2,028.50	10.00	100.00
FRIDAY	4,856.00	40.00	---
SATURDAY	1,641.00	100.00	---
JUNE BORN	209.20	---	---
TOTAL	14,115.60	1470.00	330.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY		SJF JUNE WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION		2318.80
SECOND COLLECTION	MEN	5253.90
	WOMEN	1738.70
TITHE		100.00
TOTAL		9411.40

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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