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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3RD JULY, 2022: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

“THE SACRIFICES OF DISCIPLESHIP”

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 66:10-14c

I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:1-7,16,20

CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD, ALL THE EARTH.

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Jesus sends out 72 people to announce the coming kingdom.

Reflection

In today's gospel Jesus immediately appoints seventy-two (72) people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, and that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

Beloved, sharing in the mission of Jesus indeed is not easy at all. It requires sacrifices and yet promises to be fulfilling if we give our all expecting no human reward.

We pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest as we endeavor give ourselves away for the work of mission and evangelization.

Weekly Readings

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| Mon 4TH JULY, 2022 Hos. 2:16,17b-18,21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26 | Tue 5TH JULY, 2022 Hos. 8:4-7,11-13 Ps 114B:3-10 Mt 9:32-38 |
| Wed 6TH JULY, 2022 Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr Hos. 10:1-3,7-8,12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt. 10:1-7 | Thu 7TH JULY, 2022 Hos. 11:1-4,8c-9 Ps 80:2-3,15-16 Mt. 10:7-15 |
| Fri 8TH JULY, 2022 Hos. 14:2-10 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17 Mt. 10:16-23 | Sat 9TH JULY, 2022 Is. 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2,5 Mt. 10:24-33 |

Readings for Next Sunday

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| First Reading | Deut. 30:10-14 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps. 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37 |
| Second Reading | Col 1:15-20 |
| Gospel | Lk 10:25-37 |

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 GRACE?

GRACE

Grace is the name for every way that God pours forth His gifts of love, mercy, and holiness upon our souls. It leads us to repentance, brings forgiveness, enables us to live a life of holiness and helps us live our calling and vocation in Christ. There are various distinctions we make when speaking of grace.

ACTUAL GRACE: An actual grace is the term used for those promptings from God to call us to a life of conversion and holiness. It's the initial gift God gives to draw us in. These graces are not something we have earned or have a right to; rather, they are free gifts from God given out of love for us.

You may experience an actual grace, for example, when God speaks to your conscience revealing that you have sinned and need to return to Him. It may also come in the form of an inspiration to pray or read the Scriptures. It could be a grace given to encourage you to reconcile with someone or offer mercy and love.

SANCTIFYING GRACE: "Sanctity" means "holiness." Sanctifying grace is the term we use to refer to the permanent and ongoing presence of God in your life, helping you to remain holy and live according to His will. When one is in a state of sanctifying grace, they are on their way to Heaven. All Christians are called to live habitually in sanctifying grace. To lose sanctifying grace, one must commit a mortal sin. In that case, all sanctifying grace is lost, and one may then be in need of a new actual grace to be called back to Christ.

Sanctifying grace is given in Baptism and remains as long as the person remains faithful to the will of God. This grace, therefore, is what makes us holy and just before God. If you are in a state of sanctifying grace, you are living in a relationship with Christ. He is alive within you, and you are living in Him. Sanctifying grace comes to us in varying degrees. The greatest of saints are consumed by this grace and led by it in all their actions. That person who is one step away from mortal sin is also in sanctifying grace, but to a much lesser degree. **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.

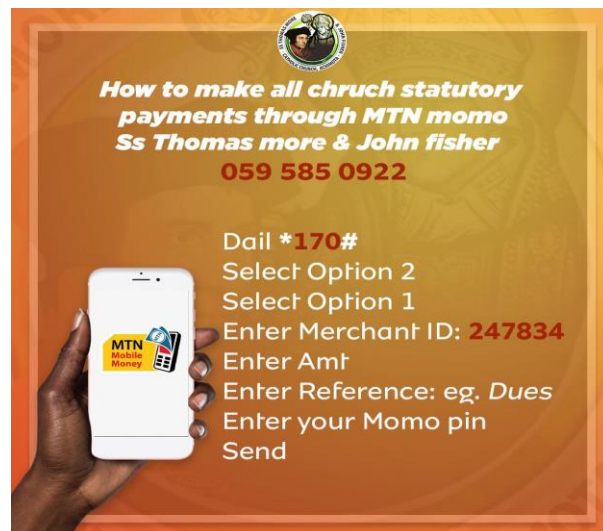
May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

- 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



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



How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
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MOTIVATION

TWO NEIGHBORS

A wise and successful man bought a beautiful house with a vast orchard. But not all were happy for him. An envious man lived in an old house next to him. He constantly tried to make his fellow neighbor's stay in the beautiful house as miserable as possible. He threw garbage under his gate and did other nasty things.

One fine day the wise man woke up in a good mood and went into the porch to notice buckets of garbage thrown there. The man took a bucket, cleaned his porch. He carried a bucket and went to knock on his envious neighbor's door.

The envious neighbor heard a knock at his door and gleefully thought, "I finally got him!". He answered his door, ready to quarrel with his prosperous neighbor. However, the wise man gave him a bucket of freshly picked apples, saying, "The one who is rich in something, shares it with others."

YOUTH CORNER



Youth WEEKEND SUMMIT DUBBED **FILI 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

Powered by:  Accra Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marriage Banns:**
 - ✓ 3rd Publication between Kini Gakpo & Catherine Nadjombe.
 - ✓ 2nd 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 this Friday 8th July 2022.
- All those interested in having Catechism in Ewe should see Mr. Gilbert Foli in front of the Sunday School class at STM.
- Parents should kindly go to the Parish Offices for their wards Baptismal Cards.

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 | STM JUNE WEEK 4 | GRAND TOTAL | POSITION |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 1,520.00 | --- | --- | ONE MASS | 1250.00 | 3 RD |
| MONDAY | 706.00 | 850.00 | --- | | 1556.00 | 1 ST |
| TUESDAY | 943.00 | 600.00 | --- | | 1543.00 | 2 ND |
| WEDNESDAY | 560.00 | 120.00 | 10.00 | | 690.00 | 7 TH |
| THURSDAY | 900.00 | 20.00 | --- | | 920.00 | 6 TH |
| FRIDAY | 909.00 | 260.00 | 20.00 | | 1189.00 | 4 TH |
| SATURDAY | 997.00 | 20.00 | 50.00 | | 1067.00 | 5 TH |
| JUNE BORN | 96.60 | --- | --- | | 96.60 | --- |
| TOTAL | 6,631.60 | 1870.00 | 80.00 | | 8581.60 | |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | STM JUNE WEEK 4 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | ONE MASS |
| SECOND COLLECTION | |
| TITHE | |
| TOTAL | |

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

| WEEKDAYS | SJF JUNE WEEK 1 | SJF JUNE WEEK 2 | SJF JUNE WEEK 3 | SJF JUNE WEEK 4 | GRAND TOTAL | POSITION |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 1,226.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | --- | 1256.00 | 6 TH |
| MONDAY | 2,199.40 | 1000.00 | 100.00 | 5.00 | 3304.40 | 2 ND |
| TUESDAY | 697.50 | --- | 20.00 | 105.00 | 812.50 | 7 TH |
| WEDNESDAY | 1,258.00 | 300.00 | 100.00 | --- | 1658.00 | 5 TH |
| THURSDAY | 2,028.50 | 10.00 | 100.00 | 400.00 | 2538.50 | 3 RD |
| FRIDAY | 4,856.00 | 40.00 | --- | 10.00 | 4906.00 | 1 ST |
| SATURDAY | 1,641.00 | 100.00 | --- | --- | 1741.00 | 4 TH |
| JUNE BORN | 209.20 | --- | --- | --- | 209.20 | --- |
| TOTAL | 14,115.60 | 1470.00 | 330.00 | 520.00 | 16435.60 | |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | SJF JUNE WEEK 4 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 5371.9+ £20+\$11 |
| SECOND COLLECTION | 4295.40 |
| TITHE | 1100.00 |
| TOTAL | 10767.30+ £20+\$11 |

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.

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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