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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10TH JULY, 2022: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

"GO AND DO LIKEWISE"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Deut. 30:10-14

Moses reminds the people that God's commandments are not remote but are already in their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37
YOU WHO ARE POOR, SEEK GOD AND YOUR HEARTS
WILL REVIVE.

Second Reading: Col. 1:15-20

Jesus is the head of the body, the Church.

Gospel Reading: Lk 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan.

Reflection

The story of the Good Samaritan is presented to us this Sunday. Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem; he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. He asks for what to do to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus after summarizing the commandment into two; love of God and neighbor now gives him a story of the Good Samaritan.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer could not bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

Weekly Readings

Mon 11 [™] JULY, 2022	Tue 12 [™] JULY, 2022
St Benedict, abbot, religious	ls 7:1-9
founder	Ps 48:2-8
ls 1:10-17	Mt 11:20-24
Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23	
Mt 10:34-11:1	
Wed 13 [™] JULY, 2022	Thu 14 TH JULY, 2022
ls 10:5-7,13-16	ls 26:7-9,12,16-19
Ps 94:5-10,14-15	Ps 102:13-21
Mt. 11:25-27	Mt. 11:28-30
Fri 15 [™] JULY, 2022	Sat 16 [™] JULY, 2022
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Bonaventure, bishop, religious,	Mic 2:1-5
doctor of the Church	Ps 10B:1-4,7-8,14
Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8	Mt. 12:14-21
Ps Is 39:10-12,16	
Mt. 12:1-8	
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Readings for Next Sunday		
First Reading	Gen 18:1-10a	
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 15:2-5	
Second Reading	Col 1:24-28	
Gospel	Lk 10:38-42	

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

Sacramental Grace: This is a term used to specify the grace given to us through the Sacraments. It is first given in Baptism and is subsequently given through our participation in every other Sacrament. Sacramental graces have the goal of enabling us to permanently live in sanctifying grace and, in fact, produce sanctifying grace in our lives. The only distinction here is that sacramental grace is sanctifying grace that comes to us through the Sacraments.

Special Graces: These graces are given in various forms of charisms. A charism is a special gift of God given to a person so as to build up the Church and fulfill a mission for the good of others. These charisms could be mysterious in the sense of being an ability to prophesy, speak in tongues, or perform miracles. They can also be special gifts given to enable one to be good administrators within the Church or perform other special functions proper to one's vocation, such as being a dedicated father or mother. A charism is given always for the good of others.

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.



MOTIVATION

WAITING FOR RABBIT SUICIDE

Once there lived a lazy farmer who did not enjoy working hard in the fields. He spent his days napping under a tree. One day, while he was resting under a tree, a fox came chasing a rabbit. There was a loud THUMP—the rabbit had crashed into the tree and died.

The farmer picked up the dead rabbit and took it home, frustrating the hell out of the fox. The farmer cooked and ate the rabbit for dinner and sold its fur at the market. The farmer thought to himself, "If I could get a rabbit-like that every day, I'd never have to work again."

The next day, the farmer went right back to the tree and waited for another rabbit to die similarly. He saw a few rabbits, but none of them ran into the tree-like before. Indeed, it was a very rare incident, but the farmer did not realize it. "Oh well," he thought cheerfully, "There's always tomorrow." Since he was just waiting for the rabbit to hit a tree and die, he did not give any attention to his field. Weeds grew in his rice field. Soon, the farmer had to be hungry as he ran out of his rice and never caught any other rabbit too.

Moral: Do not wait for good things to come without doing anything. Do not give your life to luck without working for success.

YOUTH CORNER



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Marriage Banns:

- ✓ 3rd Publication between Yaw Safo-Adu Amankwah
 & Margaret Mercy Amankwah
- 2. 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.
- **3.** There will be Community Mass for Amalgamated Community and Achimota Town this Friday 15th July 2022.
- **4.** The Ave Maria Society will be meeting next Sunday at STM after the 7:00am Mass. New members are welcome.
- **5.** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal wishes to inform all parishioners that the Monday weekly intercession prayers resume on Monday, July 12, 2022 at SJF (Grotto) at 6:30pm.

Come and let's pray for our church, nation Ghana, family and ourselves.

- **6.** All those interested in having Catechism in Ewe should see Mr. Gilbert Foli in front of the Sunday School class at STM.
- **7.** 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 <u>at least six</u> <u>months to a year</u> with the priests. The couple or one of them must be a registered member of the Church for <u>at least 6 months</u>.

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: Besohw §! 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

STM
JULY
WEEK 1
784.00
1184.00
1009.00
1132.00
1625.00
1176.50
723.00+£10
184.00
7817.50
+£10

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	2254.00
TITHE	2085.00
TOTAL	4339.00

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

	SJF
WEEKDAYS	JUNE
	WEEK 1
SUNDAY	1379.00 +
	\$100
MONDAY	2904.00
TUESDAY	1278.00
WEDNESDAY	745.50
THURSDAY	1642.00
FRIDAY	1452.00
SATURDAY	4841.00
JUNE BORN	237.00
TOTAL	14478.50
	+ \$100

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	2543.00
TITHE	
TOTAL	2543.00

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

