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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17TH JULY, 2022: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK:
"SHOW NEIGHBOURLINESS"

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Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kwofie (Assistant Priest) 020-6355610

St. Thomas More Catholic Church - 030-3931800
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10a

Abraham entertains three strangers and is promised a son.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:2-5

O LORD, WHO MAY ABIDE IN YOUR TENT.

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

The mystery hidden from ages past has now been revealed in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Lk 10:38-42

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

Reflection

Beloved, the story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary also is an example of how a disciple should listen.. Both do what is not expected of them. Mary as woman listened at the feet of Jesus. Martha as well, was hospitable to their guest, Jesus. *May we do what is expected of us and be that "certain man or woman" who will go that extra mile in showing neighborliness.*

Weekly Readings

Mon 18TH JULY, 2022 Mic 6-4,6-8 Ps 50:5-6,8-9,16-17,21,23 Mt 12:38-48	Tue 19TH JULY, 2022 Mic 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 85:2-8 Mt 12:46-50
Wed 20TH JULY, 2022 St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr. Jer. 1:1,4-10 Ps 71:1-6,15,17 Mt. 13:1-9	Thu 21ST JULY, 2022 St. Lawrence of Brindisi. Jer. 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 Ps 36:6-11 Mt. 13:10-17
Fri 22ND JULY, 2022 Mary Magdalene, disciple of the Lord Song 3:1-4b or 2Cor 5:14-17 Ps 64:2-6,8-9 Jn 20:1-2,11-18	Sat 23RD JULY, 2022 St. Bridget of Sweden. Jer. 7:1-11 Ps 84:3-6,8,11 Mt. 13:24-30

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Gen 18:20-32
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 138:1-3,6-8
Second Reading	Col 2:12-14
Gospel	Lk 11:1-13

Mass Schedule

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
First Mass: 7:00 am	First Mass: 6:30 am
Second Mass: 9:30 am	Second Mass: 9:30 am



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

WHY CONFESSION?

Q. Why do we have confession? If God knows everything, why can't we just tell him that we're sorry when we do something wrong?

A. Confession may be one of the most difficult parts of our faith for some. But for others, Confession is something they deeply look forward to. Your question is a good one. Let me offer some thoughts.

First of all, it's very true that "God knows everything." We call that omniscience. So, yes, He knows everything you've done and He knows whether you are sorry for that or not. But there is a big difference between God "knowing" what you did and His act of forgiveness.

For example, if you sinned against a friend with whom you were very close and then you felt sorry for that it's possible that your friend would realize, just by knowing you, that you were truly sorry. But that doesn't mean that you can just presume on your friend's goodness and forgiveness. The best thing to do, in this situation, is to actually sit down and tell your friend you are sorry and to have your friend tell you that you are forgiven. This very human exchange brings about reconciliation.

So it is with God. God is all merciful and wants to forgive us all our sins. But for true reconciliation to take place God wants you to actually say those words and then to hear the words, spoken by the priest, that you are forgiven. So Confession is not only about God forgiving us, it is also about reconciliation with God on a human level. **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 prayer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

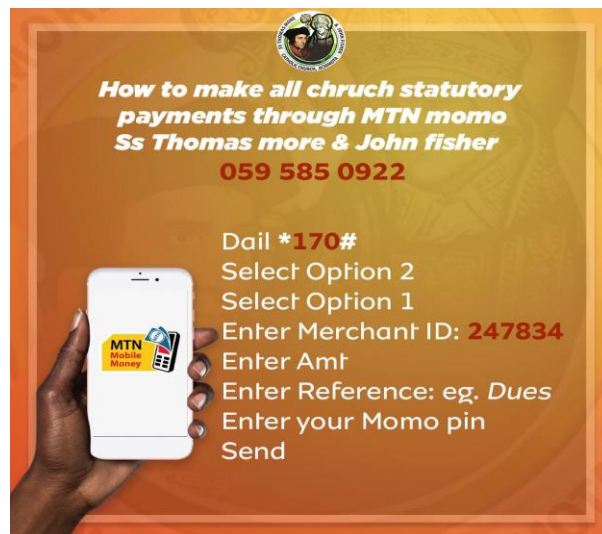
St. Thomas More.....	Pray for us
St. John Fisher.....	Pray for us
All you Angels and Saints	Pray for us

KEEP CALM AND GROW. IT IS ORDINARY TIME II

ORDINARY TIME

- The public ministry of Christ
- You can celebrate by following the teachings of Jesus everyday
- Color: Green
- Symbol: Chi-ro represents Jesus
- Longest season/seasons in the whole liturgical calendar

SUNDAY, 31ST JULY IS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING MASS OF REV. FRs. FRED AGYEMAN AND MATTHIAS AMUZU. THERE WILL BE ONE MASS AT ST. JOHN FISHER AT 9:00AM. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 7:00AM AT ST. THOMAS MORE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND TO URGENT DUTIES. PARISHIONERS ARE ENTREATED TO BE AT THE 9:00AM MASS TO CELEBRATE WITH OUR SONS.



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MOTIVATION

A BOAT FOR ALL FEELINGS

Once there was an island where all the feelings and emotions lived together. One day a big storm from the sea was about to drown the island.

Every emotion on the island was scared, but Love made a boat to escape. All the feelings jumped in the boat except for one sense. Love got down to see who it was. It was Ego! Love tried its best to bring Ego to the boat, but Ego didn't move.

Everyone asked Love to leave Ego and come in the boat, but Love was meant to Love. It remained with Ego. All other feelings were left alive, but Love died because of Ego!

YOUTH CORNER



#GetInvolved
 Agenda22'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Ave Maria Society will be meeting today at STM after the 7:00am Mass. New members are welcome.
2. The Young Christian Workers Movement will also have their monthly meeting today at STM after the 7:00am Mass. New members are warmly invited.
3. There will be Community Mass for Alogboshie Community and Christian Village this Friday 22nd July, 2022.
4. Christian Mothers Association monthly meeting is scheduled for next Sunday 24th July, 2022 after the 2nd Mass at STM. Members are urged to bring offertory items for Mass.
5. We are reminded and encouraged to redeem our Pledges and pay our Harvest Levy and all other financial obligations.
6. All those interested in having Catechism in Ewe should see Mr. Gilbert Foli in front of the Sunday School class at STM.
7. The Funeral details of Mr. James Mensah, the husband of Mrs. Alberta Mensah and a member of the Amalgamated Community is as follows:
Date: 30th July, 2022.
Venue: St. Joseph Minor Basilica, Elmina.
Time: 8:30am
Attire: Black
1st Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 31st July, 2022 at St. Joseph Minor Basilica, Elmina.
2nd Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 7th August, 2022 at

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 JULY WEEK 1	STM JULY WEEK 2
SUNDAY	784.00	5.00
MONDAY	1184.00	-----
TUESDAY	1009.00	15.00
WEDNESDAY	1132.00	5.00
THURSDAY	1625.00	100.00
FRIDAY	1176.50	10.00
SATURDAY	723.00+£10	100.00
JULY BORN	184.00	-----
TOTAL	7817.50	235.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK 2
MAIN COLLECTION	2082.70
SECOND COLLECTION	1242.30
TITHE	370.00
TOTAL	3695.00

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK 1	SJF JULY WEEK 2
SUNDAY	1379.00 + \$100	510.00
MONDAY	2904.00	350.00
TUESDAY	1278.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	745.50	102.00
THURSDAY	1642.00	-----
FRIDAY	1452.00	2250.00
SATURDAY	4841.00	105.00
JULY BORN	237.00	-----
TOTAL	14478.50 +	3317.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK 2
MAIN COLLECTION	2407.80
SECOND COLLECTION	1511.20
TITHE	150.00
TOTAL	4069.00

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

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