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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24TH JULY, 2022: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK:  
“**PERSIST IN PRAYER**”

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### TODAY'S READINGS

*First Reading:* Gen 18:20-32

Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 138:1-3, 6-8

**ON THE DAY I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED  
ME, O LORD.**

*Second Reading:* Col 2:12-14

You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

*Gospel Reading:* Lk 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

### REFLECTION

Dear brothers and sisters, the disciples in today's gospel notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Having taught his disciples this simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests? **May we be persistent in prayers and never give up.**

### WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022

St. James, Apostle.

2Cor 4:7-15

Ps 126:1-6

Mt 20:20-28

Tue 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022

Sts. Joachim & Anne,  
Parents of the BVM.

Jer 14:17-22

Ps 79:8-9,11,13

Mt 13:36-43

Wed 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022

Jer. 15:10,16-21

Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18

Mt. 13:44-46

Thu 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022

Jer. 18:1-6

Ps 146:2-6

Mt. 13:47-53

Fri 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022

Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Jer 26:1-9

Ps 69:5,8-10,14

Jn 11:19-27, or Lk 10:38-42

Sat 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022

St. Peter Chrysologus

Jer. 26:11-16,24

Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34

Mt. 14:1-12

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading

Eccl 1:2;2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:3-4,5-6,12-13,14,17

Second Reading

Col 3:1-5,9-11

Gospel

Lk 12:13-21

### Mass Schedule

*St. Thomas More*

*St. John Fisher*

ONE MASS: 7:00 AM

ONE MASS: 9:00 AM



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### WHY CONFESSION? (Part2)

**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?**

What's important to understand is that God offers us forgiveness in His way. He forgives us through a human being. Who is that human being? It's the Father's Son who became one of us. Jesus is the one who offers the forgiveness of God and Jesus is both fully God and human. But how does Jesus do that now that He has ascended back into Heaven? Well, before He ascended He gave His divine power of forgiveness to His first priests, the apostles. They, in turn, passed that power onto others who passed it on to others down through the ages all the way to our present age. Priests, despite the fact that they are imperfect themselves, have the spiritual power of Jesus to actually speak His words of forgiveness to others. Therefore, when a priest says, "I absolve you" we must hear Jesus Himself, as the human face of God, saying to us those same words.

Why did God choose to use priests to dispense His forgiveness? Honestly, we really don't have a perfect answer to that question. Sure there have been wonderful writings and reflections and teachings on this subject throughout the history of the Church. But, in the end, we will only fully understand this mystery of how God gives us His forgiveness when we are in Heaven. For now, we must simply follow what Jesus taught and receive His forgiveness in the way we know He offers it.

And on a psychological level, I, as a priest, have seen so many people benefit from actually hearing those words spoken from my mouth. So many times I have seen people come into the confessional scared and ashamed and walk our freed and at peace. So it really works. Make sure you give it a try soon!

## 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.

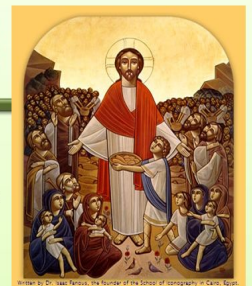
For the Court of Justice, we pray that you will give them the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding that they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone. May they not yield to deceit and acts of bribery and corruption but uphold the truth and let justice prevail.

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 II

### ORDINARY TIME



The **Ordinary Time** is the part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent- Easter and Advent- Christmas.

The Ordinary Time begins with the **baptism of the Lord** and ends with the **feast of Christ the King**, which is also the end of the liturgical year.

It is composed of **34 weeks** divided into two sections: the first between **Christmas Season and Lent**; the second, **between the Easter Season and Advent**.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WE ARE REMINDED AND ENCOURAGED TO REDEEM OUR PLEDGES AND 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.
2. We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Josephine Ruby Hekli a former parishioner and a member of the Ave Maria Society. The Funeral details will be announced later.
3. The Funeral details of Mr. James Mensah, the husband of Mrs. Alberta Mensah, a member of the Amalgamated Community is as follows:  
**Date: 30th July, 2022: Funeral Mass at St. Joseph Minor Basilica, Elmina.**  
**Time: 8:30am. Attire: Black**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 at St. Joseph Minor Basilica, Elmina.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 at SJF at 9.30am.**
5. The funeral arrangements of Mr. Charles Abugé Allan is as follows:
  - Wake keeping: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 at his residence at Dome at 7:00pm.
  - Burial Mass: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2022: at SJF at 8:00am.
  - Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2022: at SJF at 9:30am.

## 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	STM JULY WEEK 3
SUNDAY	784.00	5.00	100.00
MONDAY	1184.00	-----	40.00
TUESDAY	1009.00	15.00	500.00
WEDNESDAY	1132.00	5.00	5.00
THURSDAY	1625.00	100.00	35.00
FRIDAY	1176.50	10.00	-----
SATURDAY	723.00+£10	100.00	-----
JULY BORN	184.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	7817.50	235.00	680.00

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	2399.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1254.60
TOTAL	3654.50




# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK 1	SJF JULY WEEK 2	SJF JULY WEEK 3
SUNDAY	1379.00 + \$100	510.00	-----
MONDAY	2904.00	350.00	1000.00
TUESDAY	1278.00	-----	-----
WEDNESDAY	745.50	102.00	300.00
THURSDAY	1642.00	-----	2.00
FRIDAY	1452.00	2250.00	-----
SATURDAY	4841.00	105.00	200.00
JULY BORN	237.00	-----	

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	2432.50
SECOND COLLECTION	1386.80
TITHE	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3839.30</b>

**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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