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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**31ST JULY, 2022: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.**

**THEME FOR THE WEEK:
“LIVE FOR OTHERS”**

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

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ecl 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

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

**O LORD YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE,
FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.**

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading: Lk 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Reflection

Beloved, the rich man who is regarded as the rich fool's world was small. He thought of only himself and his possessions. In the sight of men he was industrious and visionary but in the eyes of God he was foolish because all was about his comfort and wellbeing. Life is not only about oneself but is lived for others as well.

Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. *Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.*

Weekly Readings

Mon 1ST AUGUST, 2022

St. Alphonse Liguori

Jer 28:1-17

Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102

Mt 14:13-21

Tue 2ND AUGUST, 2022

Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22

Ps 102:16-18,19-21,29&22-23

Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14

Wed 3RD AUGUST, 2022

Jer 31:1-7

Ps Jer 31:10-13

Mt. 15:21-28

Thu 4TH AUGUST, 2022

St. John Mary Vianney

Jer. 31:31-34

Ps 51:12-15,18-19

Mt. 16:13-23

Fri 29TH JULY, 2022

Dedication of the Basilica of St.

Mary Major in Rome

Nah 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7

Ps Deut 32:35-36,39,41

Mt 16:24-28

Sat 6TH AUGUST, 2022

**The Transfiguration of the
Lord**

Dan 7:9-10,13-14

Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9

2Pt 1:16-19

Lk 9:28b-36

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading

Wis 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:1,12,18-22

Second Reading

Heb 11:1-2,8-19 or 11:1-2,8-12

Gospel

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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 WOULD BE A REASON FOR ME TO GET INTO PURGATORY?

Q. What Would Be a Reason for Me to Get Into Purgatory?

A. Let's start with the painful truth. The only way to enter into the full glory and splendor of the Beatific Vision, thus seeing God face to face and being in perfect communion with Him, is to be forgiven of every sin AND to be purified of every attachment to sin. This is a glorious invitation and a demanding endeavor!

Purgation of all sin and all attachment to sin is not an option. Only when we are perfect in every way will we be ready to enter into what saints have called "Divine Union" or "Mystical Marriage." Think of it this way: If you are attached to sin in your life, even the smallest imperfection, that attachment cannot enter into the presence of God. God is all holy and pure love. God wants you to be in union with Him, but He will not accept your sinful attachments.

The first step is forgiveness. But that's the easy part. God, in His mercy, will forgive us of our sins if we are sorry and ask for forgiveness. But the second step is to then become completely detached from all remnants of sin. For example, if you have a habit of being critical of others in your speech and you confess this, then you can be assured you are forgiven of all past sins of being critical. But forgiveness does not mean you have been purified of the "attachment" you have to that sin. In this case, an attachment to the sin of being critical is the disordered tendency to be critical. An attachment is different from a temptation. An attachment is more of a habit you voluntarily formed.

Purgation is the process of breaking every sinful habit you have and detaching from all habitual sins and even imperfections so that you can be attached to God and His holy will alone. But how on Earth do you do this? In the end, you don't do it by yourself. Instead, you allow God to come into your soul and purify it of all sinful habits and attachments. And that will hurt! But it will be a purifying hurt and will be freeing.

Purgatory refers to the purification process of all attachments we still have when we die. Ideally, we would go through the process of purification here on Earth, before death, so as to enjoy Divine Union here and now and not only in Heaven. But when we do not complete the process here on Earth, Purgatory will complete this process after death.

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.

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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



Harvest 2022



THEME: LET THE LITTLE
CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT HINDER THEM
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE

DATE:
6TH NOV.
2022

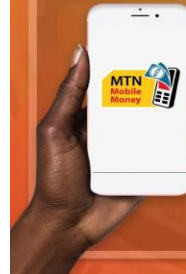


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MOTIVATION

THE HURDLES IN YOUR PATH!

On old occasions, a lord had his men place a gigantic rock on a street. He then, at that point, stowed away in the hedges and watched to check whether anybody would move the stone far from that. A portion of the lord's richest vendors and retainers passed by and strolled around it. Many faulted the ruler for not keeping the streets clear. However, none of them did anything about getting the rock taken out. Thus it happened that one day a worker went along carrying vegetables after moving toward the rock.

The worker set out his weight and attempted to push the stone far removed after much pushing. He at long last oversaw after the worker returned to get his vegetables. He saw the handbag lying in the street where the stone had been, the satchel containing numerous gold coins. What's more? A note from the King: that the gold was for the individual who eliminated the stone from the street.

The Moral: *Each hurdle that we go over offers us a chance. A chance to advance our conditions! In this way, consider each hurdle as a key to success.*

YOUTH CORNER

Legacy of Hope

DAILY DAILY!
August Edition

Grab the daily devotional for children at
GHS 5.00
or more!

#ChildrenHelpingChildren
All proceeds go to support the Legacy of Hope project.

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. **Marriage Banns: 2nd Publication: Between Richard Kwaku Hammond and Patience Siewobr.**
3. The Northern Union Group will meet next Sunday 7th August, 2022 at STM after the 7:00am Mass.
4. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 4th August, 2022 after the Morning Mass at STM and Adoration at 7:00pm.
5. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 5th August, 2022 after the Morning Mass at SJF and Adoration at 7:00pm.
6. There will be Grotto devotion on Saturday 6th August, 2022 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 increase.
7. The funeral arrangements of Mr. Charles Abugé Allan is as follows:
 - ❖ **Wake keeping: Friday 5th August, 2022 at his family house, Dome Grushie Town at 7:00pm.**
 - ❖ **Burial Mass: Saturday 6th August, 2022: at SJF at 8:00am.**
 - ❖ **Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 7th 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: Besohwë!
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	STM JULY WEEK4
SUNDAY	784.00	5.00	100.00	110.00
MONDAY	1184.00	-----	40.00	10.00
TUESDAY	1009.00	15.00	500.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	1132.00	5.00	5.00	55.00
THURSDAY	1625.00	100.00	35.00	50.00
FRIDAY	1176.50	10.00	-----	-----
SATURDAY	723.00+£10	100.00	-----	177.00
JULY BORN	184.00	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	7817.50 +£10	235.00	680.00	402.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK 4
MAIN COLLECTION	1521.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1080.10
TITHE	360.00
TOTAL	2961.30

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK 1	SJF JULY WEEK 2	SJF JULY WEEK 3	SJF JULY WEEK4
SUNDAY	1379.00 + \$100	510.00	-----	-----
MONDAY	2904.00	350.00	1000.00	-----
TUESDAY	1278.00	-----	-----	20.00
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	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	14478.50 + \$100	3317.00	1502.00	20.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK 4
MAIN COLLECTION	2830.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1610.80
TOTAL	4441.00

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



Help Us Build

A new Children Service Block @ SS Thomas
More & John Fisher Parish

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