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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7TH AUGUST, 2022: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"BE WATCHFUL"**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wis 18:6-9

The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22

**BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS
CHOSEN AS HIS HERITAGE.**

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

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

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

You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

REFLECTION

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment are found in the stories and sayings in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, we must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 8TH AUGUST, 2022 St. Dominic, Priest Ez 1:2-5,24-28c Ps 149:1-2,11-14 Mt 17:22-27	Tue 9TH AUGUST, 2022 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed 10TH AUGUST, 2022 St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr 2Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2,5-9 Jn 12:24-26	Thu 11TH AUGUST, 2022 St. Clare, Virgin Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-59,61-62 Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri 12TH AUGUST, 2022 St. Jane Frances de Chantal Ez 16:1-15,60,63 or 16:59-63 Ps Is 12:2-6 Mt 19:3-12	Sat 13TH AUGUST, 2022 Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus Ez 18:1-10,13b,30-32 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 19:13-15

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Jer 38:4-6,8-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 40:2-4,18
Second Reading	Heb 12:1-4
Gospel	Lk 12:49-53

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

THE POPE'S INFALLIBILITY

Q. Non-Catholic friends of mine have asked me about the pope being infallible. I'm not sure how to explain it to them. And how many times has it actually been used?

A. Infallibility can be a hard teaching to understand. But for that reason, it makes it all the more rewarding once you grasp this incredible doctrine of our faith.

What does "infallibility mean? It means that when the pope teaches us definitively, in either the areas of our faith or moral life, he is guaranteed to teach us the truth! In other words, we can always trust what the pope teaches us.

One of the chants among the young people at World Youth Day, when the pope is present, is, "You are Peter! You are Peter!" What does that have to do with papal infallibility? Believe it or not, it reveals a portion of the simple, yet profound faith these young people have in papal infallibility. By chanting this, they are saying that they believe the pope is not only the successor of St. Peter, the prince of the Apostles and the first pope, but that the current pope, and every pope before him, shares in Peter's authority and spiritual power. So what "power" and spiritual "authority" are we talking about? Let's turn to the Scripture to find out.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said to Peter, "You are Kepha, and on this kepha I will build my Church" (16:18). The word "rock" and "Peter" in Aramaic is the same word: Kepha. In Greek we read, "You are Petros, and on this Petra I will build my church." And in English we read, "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church."

Sound confusing? Well, it's really quite simple. Jesus was telling Peter that he would be the rock foundation of the Church. And if you know anything about a building, the foundation is the first thing down and is essential to the endurance of the structure.

Then Jesus went on to explain what this rock foundation was all about. He said, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. What you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and what you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (16:19).

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 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



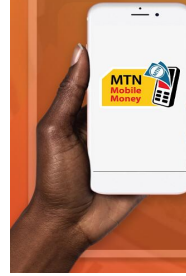
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MOTIVATION

Once, in a lovely garden, lived the most beautiful butterfly in the world. She was so pretty, and had won so many beauty contests, that she had become vain. So much so, that one day, the cheeky cockroach got fed up with her showing off, and decided to teach her a lesson.

She went to see the butterfly, and in front of everyone she told her that she wasn't really that beautiful, and that if the butterfly won contests it was because the jury had been bribed. In reality, the cockroach was the most beautiful.

The butterfly was furious, and with laughter and disdain told the cockroach, "I'll beat you in a beauty contest, with whichever jury you yourself choose."

"OK, I accept. See you on Saturday," answered the cockroach, without waiting for a reply.

That Saturday everyone went to the beauty contest, the butterfly arriving completely confident of victory until she saw who was on the jury panel: cockroaches, worms, beetles, and nits. All of the judges preferred the creepy-crawliness and bad smell of the cockroach, which easily won the contest.

The butterfly was left sobbing and humiliated, wanting never to enter another beauty contest in her life. Fortunately, the cockroach forgave the butterfly for her vanity, and they became friends. Sometime later the butterfly even won the Humility Contest.

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

- We are encouraged to pay our Harvest Levy of GH¢100 per adult, GH¢50 per working youth, GH¢20 per child or more and also redeem our Pledges for last year harvest.
- Catechism class resumes today at STM after the 7:00am Mass, and at SJF after the 9:30am Mass. New members are to pick forms at the Parish offices for registration.
- Marriage Banns: 3rd Publication: Between Richard Kwaku Hammond and Patience Siewobr.**
- There will be Community Mass for Achimota Town this Friday 12th August, 2022 at 7:00pm.
- The Death is reported of Mrs. Comfort Yaa Nyarkoa Ohene, mother of Rev. Fr. Benjamin Ohene. The funeral arrangements is as follows:
 - ❖ **Funeral Mass:** Tuesday 16th August, 2022: Reception of body, Filing past and Reading of Tributes at 7:30 am, and Holy Mass at 9:00am at St. John the Evangelist, Adenta. Attire: Black & White.
 - ❖ **Memorial & Thanksgiving Mass:** Sunday 21st August, 2022 at St. Francis Xavier, Kotobabi at 8:30am.
 - ❖ **Final Funeral Rites** will continue at her residence, Adenta Frafraha near Living Star School from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Attire: Pure White.

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	STM JULY WEEK4	STM JULY WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	784.00	5.00	100.00	110.00	-----	999.00	7 TH
MONDAY	1184.00	-----	40.00	10.00	-----	1234.00	3 RD
TUESDAY	1009.00	15.00	500.00	-----	-----	1524.00	2 ND
WEDNESDAY	1132.00	5.00	5.00	55.00	-----	1197.00	4 TH
THURSDAY	1625.00	100.00	35.00	50.00	160.00	1970.00	1 ST
FRIDAY	1176.50	10.00	-----	-----	-----	1186.50	5 TH
SATURDAY	723.00 +£10	100.00	-----	177.00	-----	1096.40	6 TH
JULY BORN	184.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	184.00	
TOTAL	7817.50 +£10	235.00	680.00	402.00	160.00	9390.90	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK 5
MAIN COLLECTION	990.40
SECOND COLLECTION	550.10
TOTAL	1540.50

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK 1	SJF JULY WEEK 2	SJF JULY WEEK 3	SJF JULY WEEK4	SJF JULY WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1379.00 + \$100	510.00	-----	-----	5.00	2697.00	4 TH
MONDAY	2904.00	350.00	1000.00	-----	30.00	4284.00	2 ND
TUESDAY	1278.00	-----	-----	20.00	-----	1298.00	6 TH
WEDNESDAY	745.50	102.00	300.00	-----	25.00	1172.50	7 TH
THURSDAY	1642.00	-----	2.00	-----	20.00	1664.00	5 TH
FRIDAY	1452.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	3702.00	3 RD
SATURDAY	4841.00	2250.00 105.00	200.00	-----	-----	5146.00	1 ST
JULY BORN	237.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	237.00	
TOTAL	14478.50 + \$100	3317.00	1502.00	20.00	80.00	20200.50	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK 5
MAIN COLLECTION	5432.80 + ₦2,700 + CFA50
SECOND COLLECTION	3,970.70 + ₦500
TITHE	73.00 + \$100
TOTAL	10396.70

All foreign currencies have been converted into cedis

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



Help Us Build

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

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