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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14TH AUGUST, 2022: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“PEACE ON EARTH”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

*First Reading:* Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 40:2-4, 18

**LORD, MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME!**

*Second Reading:* Heb 12:1-4

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

*Gospel Reading:* Lk 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

### REFLECTION

Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters. **May the Word of God not bring division but unite us all with a common purpose and goal, the salvation of souls.**

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022</b> <b>The Assumption of the BVM</b> Rev 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Ps 45:10-12,16 1Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56	<b>Tue 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022</b> <b>St. Stephen of Hungary</b> Ez 28:1-10 Ps Deut 32:26-28,30.35-36 Mt 19:23-30
<b>Wed 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022</b> Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16	<b>Thu 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022</b> Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 22:1-14
<b>Fri 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022</b> <b>St. John Eudes</b> Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40	<b>Sat 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022</b> <b>St. Bernard</b> Ez 43:1-7 Ps 85:9-14 Mt 23:1-12

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 66:18-21
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 117:1-2
Second Reading	Heb 12:5-7,11-13
Gospel	Lk 13:22-30

### 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?**

#### Part 2

The bottom line is that one of the uses of this authority is to teach us the truth without error! This authority to teach the truth is deeply intertwined with our understanding of the infallibility of the pope! That doesn’t mean the pope can tell us when the Cubs will win the World Series, instead, it means that anything that the pope teaches regarding our life of faith or morals is the truth. And when he speaks definitively, it’s infallible!

Why does the pope have this authority? Because, as those young people at World Youth Day understood, the “keys to the kingdom,” given to St. Peter by Jesus, have been passed on from him to all of his successors. There is an unbroken line of succession from Peter to the present Pope. So Peter, and his authority to “bind and loose,” is still alive in our Church today in the person of the Holy Father.

As for your second question, “how many times has it actually been used,” it’s not really a black and white answer. Some would say that the pope has only exercised this once, in 1950, when he proclaimed that our Blessed Mother was taken body and soul into heaven when her life on earth was complete.

But in truth, the infallible authority of the pope, and the Church itself, has been exercised in an ordinary way countless times. In fact, every time that the pope teaches us, or any time the pope and the bishops teach us together, such as in Vatican II, we can be certain that what they teach us is true. This all stems from that authority Jesus gave Peter when he gave him the “keys to the kingdom of heaven!”

If this is confusing, or too much for you to try and explain to your friend, just pray for greater understanding and pray for your friend. Ultimately, it’s only the Holy Spirit who can teach us what this all means.

## 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

## UPCOMING EVENT



**Are you ready for an exhilarating and never-ending praise experience?**

#Jubilat62022      Cantate, Laus Deo!      #25thSeptember

# 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

### THREE FEET AWAY FROM GOLD

#### The Story:

During the gold rush, a man who had been mining in for several months quit his job, as he hadn't struck gold yet and the work was becoming tiresome. He sold his equipment to another man who resumed mining where it had been left off.

The new miner was advised by his engineer that there was gold only three feet away from where the first miner stopped digging.

The engineer was right, which means the first miner was a mere three feet away from striking gold before he quit.

**The Moral:** *When things start to get hard, try to persevere through the adversity. Many people give up on following their dreams because the work becomes too difficult, tedious, or tiresome—but often, you're closer to the finish line than you may think, and if you push just a little harder, you will succeed.*

## YOUTH CORNER

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 has resumed 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Publication: Between:**
  - Emmanuel Ameyaw Edusei & Etornam Sessie
  - Kokou Joeffrey Maurice & Lilian Dansou
  - Sebastian Nabari Addah & Abigail Hodanu
- There will be Community Mass for Christian Village this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Immaculate Conception School.
- How important is **Emotional Intimacy in marriage and how does one build it in marriage?** These love-related questions and many more will be digested next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 at the Young Christian Workers, (YCW) monthly meeting at SJF after the 9:30am Mass. You are warmly invited to this special meeting. It promises to be very thrilling, engaging, exciting and informative as usual.
- The Young Christian Workers again invite you to join them for their upcoming retreat.
  - ❖ Theme: **"Walking on Tidal Waves."** (Mt 14:22-36)
  - ❖ Speaker: Rev. Fr. Evans Sena Halolo.
  - ❖ Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. Venue: SJF Time: 9:00am. "Come and experience a Divine Touch from the Lord".
- The funeral arrangements of Mrs. Comfort Yaa Nyarkoa Ohene, mother of Rev. Fr. Benjamin Ohene is as follows:
  - ❖ **Burial Mass:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 at St. Francis Xavier, Kotobabi at 8:30am.

## 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 AUG. WEEK 1
SUNDAY	1487.00
MONDAY	731.00
TUESDAY	863.50
WEDNESDAY	793.00
THURSDAY	1201.00
FRIDAY	1101.00
SATURDAY	1252.00
AUG. BORN	1036.90

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM AUG. WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	2453.30 +CFA1000
TITHE	2420.00
TOTAL	4887.30

# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF AUG. WEEK 1
SUNDAY	7892.00
MONDAY	2144.00
TUESDAY	1116.00
WEDNESDAY	1376.00
THURSDAY	2524.50
FRIDAY	3382.30
SATURDAY	875.90
AUG. BORN	464.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19774.70</b>

Details of Last Sunday's  
Collections

SUNDAY	SJF AUG. WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	4289.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4289.05</b>

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.**



## Help Us Build

**A new Children Service Block @ SS Thomas  
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