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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21ST AUGUST, 2022: TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“STRIVE TO ENTER THE
NARROW GATE”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 66:18-21

Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2

**GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH
THE GOSPEL.**

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Gospel Reading: Lk 13:22-30

People will come from north and south, east and west, and
take their place in the Kingdom of God.

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the little becoming big in relation to the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. The answer to the question, if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom. Strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 22ND AUGUST, 2022 The Queenship of the BVM 2Thes 1:1-5,11-12 Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22	Tue 23RD AUGUST, 2022 St. Rose of Lima 2Thes 2:1-3a,14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 23:23-26
Wed 24TH AUGUST, 2022 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rev 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13,17-18 Jn 1:45-51	Thu 25TH AUGUST, 2022 1Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51
Fri 26TH AUGUST, 2022 1Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11 Mt 25:1-13	Sat 27TH AUGUST, 2022 St. Monica, married woman 1Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13,18-21 Mt 25:14-30

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 68:4-7,10-11
Second Reading	Heb 12:18-19,22-24a
Gospel	Lk 14:1,7-14

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

CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT BIBLE

Q. My friend’s Bible has different chapters from mine. Why are they different?

A. First of all, let me say that it is always a blessing to know that someone is interested in the Bible! I think that many Bibles just collect dust on our book shelves. I hope that you and your friend keep up your interest in the Bible and read it often.

It’s true that since the early 1500s there has been disagreement among Christians on which books of the Bible should actually be in the Bible. But as early as 382 A.D., the Catholic Church explicitly named the books of the Bible as we have them today.

And for the three centuries earlier than that, the books we accept today were commonly accepted — and used as authentically inspired by God — by saints, popes and so many of the early Church fathers.

Today’s difference in Bibles is that the Catholic Church accepts seven additional Old Testament books of the Bible (Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiastes, Baruch, First and Second Maccabees) and parts of two others (Esther 10:14to 16:14; and Daniel 3:24- 90; 13; 14).

Some Christian denominations completely reject these additional books and some put them together in the back of the Bible naming them the “apocryphal” books (meaning “doubtful” or “uninspired”).

So what’s the problem? Why the difference? The essential difference is this: those books that were challenged and called into question in the 1500s are Old Testament books that we have no Hebrew translation for. The only early pre-Christian copies that we have of those books are in Greek and were therefore primarily used by Greek-speaking Jews prior to the time of Jesus. All of the other books in the Old Testament also have early copies in Hebrew and were used by many other Jews prior to the time of Jesus. I hope that makes sense.

And, please, keep reading that Bible! And if you bump into a friend with a Bible containing different chapters than yours, you may want to use that as an opportunity to look at those different chapters together. This would be a great way for each of you to learn and grow in your faith together!

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

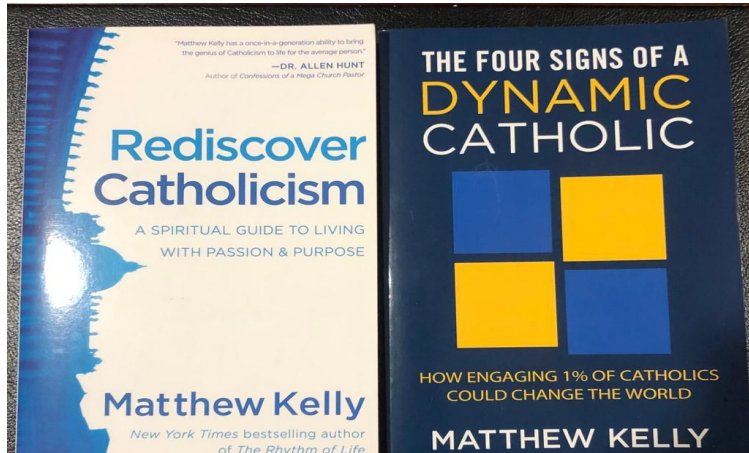

UPCOMING EVENT



Are you up for an adventure filled with inspiration and unending praise?

#Jubilat62022 Cantate, Laus Deo! #25thSeptember

THE TWO MUCH ANTICIPATED MATTHEW KELLY BOOKS ARE IN! EACH COPY GOES FOR GHC65 WHILE BOTH COPIES GO FOR A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF GHC120. KINDLY SEE ANY OF THE PARISH SECRETARIES TO PURCHASE YOUR COPY (IES)

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MOTIVATION

THE TWO WOLVES

An old Cherokee chief sat down to teach his grandson about life.

“There’s a fight going on inside me,” he tells the young boy, “a fight between two wolves.”

“One wolf is evil. It’s full of malice, anger, greed, self-pity and false pride. The other is good. It’s full of peace, love, joy, kindness, and humility.”

“This same fight is going on inside you and everyone else on the face of the earth.”

The grandson was quiet, pondering this revelation for a moment before asking, “Grandfather, which wolf will win?”

The old man smiled and replied, “The one you feed.”

Moral of the story: *Good and evil exist within each of us. It’s our responsibility to own that reality and do whatever we can to nurture the good.*

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.
- Marriage Banns: 2nd Publication: Between:**
 - Emmanuel Ameyaw Edusei & Etorann Sessie
 - Kokou Joeffrey Maurice & Lilian Dansou
 - Sebastian Nabari Addah & Abigail Hodanu
 - Ebenezer Kwabena Adu-Appiah & Mavis Darkoa Boateng
- There will be Community Mass for New Achimota, Kofevi, Akweyteman & Kissehman this Friday 26th August, 2022 at 7:00pm at Mrs. Amankwah's & Mr. Kodo's residences respectfully.
- 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 at the Young Christian Workers, (YCW) monthly meeting today 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: 27th August, 2021. Venue: SJF Time: 9:00am. "Come and experience a Divine Touch from the Lord".
- The Beat Music Academy is a music school which trains students in the rudiments of music and how to play the organ. Interested parishioners who want their wards to be enrolled should give their names and contacts to any of the parish secretaries before the end of this month.

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	STM AUG. WEEK2
SUNDAY	1487.00	105.00
MONDAY	731.00	-----
TUESDAY	863.50	640.00
WEDNESDAY	793.00	155.00
THURSDAY	1201.00	100.00
FRIDAY	1101.00	-----
SATURDAY	1252.00	-----
AUG. BORN	1036.90	-----
TOTAL	8465.40	1000.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM AUG. WEEK 2
MAIN COLLECTION	2071.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1071.90
TITHE	20.00
TOTAL	3163.80

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF AUG. WEEK 1	SJF AUG. WEEK 2
SUNDAY	7892.00	120.00
MONDAY	2144.00	700.00
TUESDAY	1116.00	50.00
WEDNESDAY	1376.00	-----
THURSDAY	2524.50	-----
FRIDAY	3382.30	20.00
SATURDAY	875.90	300.00
AUG. BORN	464.00	
TOTAL	19774.70	1190.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF AUG. WEEK 2
MAIN COLLECTION	3730.80+\$5
SECOND COLLECTION	2439.30+\$5
TITHE	60.00
TOTAL	6324.70

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

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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