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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28TH AUGUST, 2022: TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“BE HUMBLE”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:4-7, 10-11

**IN YOUR GOODNESS, O GOD, YOU PROVIDED
FOR THE POOR.**

Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living
God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading: Lk 14:1, 7-14

When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the
lame, and the blind.

REFLECTION

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the
table lest they be asked to move if someone more important
arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It
is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God.
Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected
to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay:
the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real
blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to
approach the end times but also on how to live according to
Jesus' vision of a good society. It advises us on the need to stay
humble. **May our humility gain us a place in God's Kingdom.**

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 29TH AUGUST, 2022 The Beheading of John the Baptist 1Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Mk 6:17-29	Tue 30TH AUGUST, 2022 1Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wed 31ST AUGUST, 2022 1Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-15,20-21 Lk 4:38-44	Thu 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2022 1Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 5:1-11
Fri 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2022 1Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Lk 5:33-39	Sat 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2022 St. Gregory the Great 1Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Wis 9:13-18
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 90:3-6,12-17
Second Reading	Phlem 9-10,12-17
Gospel	Lk 14:25-33

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 MAGISTERIUM

Q. I've heard of The Magisterium, but I don't really know what it is. Who is on it? And what do they do?

A. I like your question. The Magisterium is one of my favorite things to speak about! What is the Magisterium? Let me try to answer this question on a more personal level rather than on a purely academic level.

Jesus promised his disciples, before He ascended to Heaven, that the Holy Spirit, His Advocate, would come and lead us into all truth. Furthermore, He promised that He would be with us until the end of time. The Magisterium is one way this happens.

The main reason we need the Magisterium is that Jesus, while on earth, did not (and could not) address every question of faith and every moral question that would arise in our minds and hearts. When we look around today at our world and our culture, we find many new questions of faith and morality coming forward. For example, what sort of new medical technology is permitted? Is cloning okay? Is it okay for scientists to do research on embryonic stem cells? What about modern social issues that come up like gay marriage or so called "same sex civil unions?" Or regarding our faith, how do we reconcile our belief that God created the world with theories of evolution?

These are all questions that were not directly addressed by Jesus, right? Well, on one hand we can say, "No, Jesus did not address them." But on the other hand we can say, "Yes, Jesus continues to address these questions every day!" How do we say this? That's what the Magisterium is.

The Magisterium is simply another way of saying that Jesus Himself, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is still alive and active in this world. Specifically, the Magisterium refers to the way that Jesus is alive and active in our world regarding all our contemporary questions that come up in the area of faith and morality. Jesus does answer the questions of evolution and creation that scientists bring up. Jesus does answer moral questions about civil unions, cloning, embryonic stem cell research and much more. How does He do this? Through the pope and the bishops when they teach in union with the pope.

The Catholic Church believes that when the pope, or the pope with the bishops, teaches something as true, it is indeed true. And if we want to be in union with Jesus we must believe it! This is a way of Jesus helping us each and every day to sort through the many difficult questions that arise in our modern world. And as we look to the future, I am quite certain that many other issues that have to do with faith and morality will arise. When these questions come up we will not have to answer them alone. Jesus gives us the pope and bishops to guide us into what is true. When we believe this, stay in union with them and let them guide us, we are, in fact, letting Jesus Himself guide us.

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

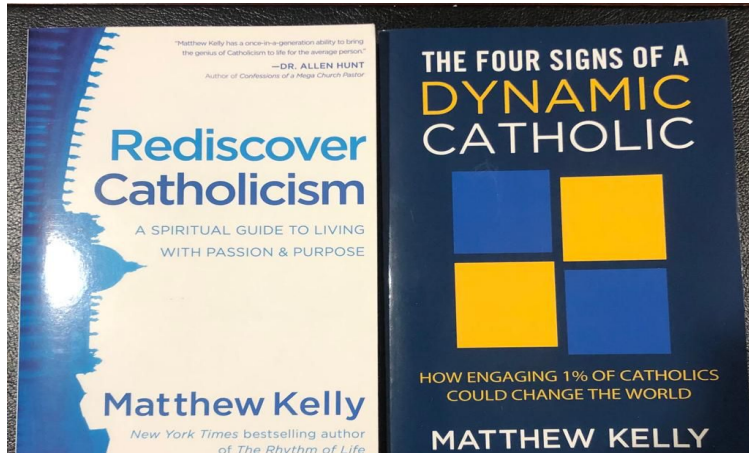
SS Thomas More & John Fisher Youth Choir in collaboration with the P.Y.C. Present

JUBILATÉ 2022

A 3-hour non-stop praise and dance concert to raise funds for the Children Service Project

Sunday 25th September 2022 | 4 pm prompt
@ Ss Thomas More & John Fisher Parish, New Achimota

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

HOW TO HUNT A MONKEY

“Do you know how hunters of old used to trap monkeys?” A man asked his child.

“Rather than chasing them up a tree or shooting arrows from below, they’d put a heavy glass jar with a narrow neck on the floor, which had the monkeys’ favorite food inside.

They’d then step back and hide, waiting for the unsuspecting animal to approach.

When it did, the monkey would reach inside, clench a fist around the food, and try to pull it out. However, the narrow neck of the jar would stop the poor monkey from getting its hand out!

It’d pull and pull, but to no avail. There was simply no way to get its hand out of the jar without releasing the food. Rather than letting go, though, the monkey would persevere, refusing to drop its dinner.

The hunters would then approach and catch it to enjoy a meal of their own.”

“Don’t be like that monkey,” warned the man, “In life, to fight another day and grow as person, you must know when to quit, when to move on, and when to let go of whatever’s holding you back.”

Moral of the story: *Sometimes you have to let go and give up what you have now in order to receive something better in the future. Don't let stubbornness be your downfall!*

YOUTH CORNER

SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

Experience the liturgy like never before

YOUTH MASS

This September!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.
2. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 1st September, 2022 after the Morning Mass at STM and Holy Hour at 7:00pm.
3. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 2nd September, 2022 after the Morning Mass at SJF and Holy Hour at 7:00pm.
4. There will be Grotto devotion on Saturday 3rd September, 2022 here at SJF at 4:00pm. Let's all come and pray together for the intercession of our Lady of Grace for the new month.
5. **Marriage Banns: 3RD Publication: Between:**
Emmanuel Ameyaw Edusei & Etonam Sessie
Kokou Joeffrey Maurice & Lilian Dansou
Ebenezer Kwabena Adu-Appiah & Mavis Darkoa Boateng
6. The Beat Music Academy is a music school which trains children in the rudiments of music and the playing of the organ. Interested parishioners who want their wards to be enrolled should contact Blessed Yawson (music director of the youth choir) or give their names and contacts to any of the parish secretaries before the end of this month.
7. The death is reported of Mr. Emmanuel Agbeko Tetteh, brother of Mr. James Sedefia of Kissehman Community. Funeral details will be announced later.

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. WEEK 2	STM AUG. WEEK 3
SUNDAY	1487.00	105.00	-----
MONDAY	731.00	-----	-----
TUESDAY	863.50	640.00	220.00
WEDNESDAY	793.00	155.00	5.00
THURSDAY	1201.00	100.00	40.00
FRIDAY	1101.00	-----	-----
SATURDAY	1252.00	-----	-----
AUG. BORN	1036.90	-----	-----
TOTAL	8465.40	1000.00	265.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM AUG. WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	1901.00
SECOND COLLECTION	1128.40
TOTAL	3029.40

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF AUG. WEEK 1	SJF AUG. WEEK 2	SJF AUG. WEEK 3
SUNDAY	7892.00	120.00	-----
MONDAY	2144.00	700.00	1100.00
TUESDAY	1116.00	50.00	50.00
WEDNESDAY	1376.00	-----	-----
THURSDAY	2524.50	-----	-----
FRIDAY	3382.30	20.00	-----
SATURDAY	875.90	300.00	10.00
AUG. BORN	464.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	19774.70	1190.00	1160.00

SUNDAY	SJF AUG. WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	3296.10
SECOND COLLECTION	2113.20
TOTAL	5409.30

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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