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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4TH SEPTEMBER, 2022: TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT EASY”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wis 9:13-18

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 90:3-6, 12-17

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

Second Reading: Phem 9-10, 12-17

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Lk 14:25-33

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship.

REFLECTION

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites us to reflect on our call to be his disciples. Jesus explains to the crowd that there is no easy way to become one of his disciples. On this journey of discipleship, we must make sacrifices. Many obstacles will come our way, but we must remain committed to being his disciple. Carrying our Cross, making mistakes, and following Jesus step by step and day by day, we will follow the Lord. No matter what, God wants us to survive. This journey of discipleship is a lifelong process. There will be struggles but there will also be joyful moments. Seeking God's wisdom and relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, we will respond to Jesus' call through faith.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 1Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7,12 Lk 6:6-11	Tue 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 1Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 6:12-19
Wed 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 1Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12,14-17 Lk 6:20-26	Thu 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 Nativity of the BVM Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6-7 Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
Fri 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 St. Peter Claver 1Cor 9:16-19,22b-27 Ps 84:3-6,8,12 Lk 6:39-42	Sat 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 1Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13,17-18 Lk 6:43-49

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Ex 32:7-11,13-14
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 51:3-4,12-13,17-19
Second Reading	1Tim 1:12-17
Gospel	Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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

Q. WHAT IS PERMITTED IN MARRIAGE?

Q. My husband and I recently got married in the church. We are an older couple with grown children. We love each other very much. I get confused on exactly what we are permitted to experience as a married couple who can no longer have children. What I have read about this subject is very broad. Can you give me your insight on this subject?

A. Well, on the broadest of levels you are invited to experience the full beauty and meaning of marital union as God intended it. It says in the book of Genesis, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body" ([Genesis 2:24](#)).

The union of husband and wife is a glorious mystery and is an actual sharing in the union of the life of the Trinity. We are made for unity and husband and wife share in this unity in a very unique and profound way. First, they share in this unity through their unconditional vows of love which reflect the unconditional love of God. The spiritual bond established between couples is indissoluble. This union is lived and expressed in many ways. Or course, one of those ways for married couples is sexual love.

It seems that the heart of your question is about this expression of sexual love and what is appropriate and in keeping with the intention of God for marriage. Let's look at your question from two points of view.

First, you mention that you are past childbearing years. This fact does not change what is "permitted" by God in regards to sexual relations. Those who are of childbearing years do need to live in accord with the moral and natural teachings of our Church regarding openness to life. **To be continued...**

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

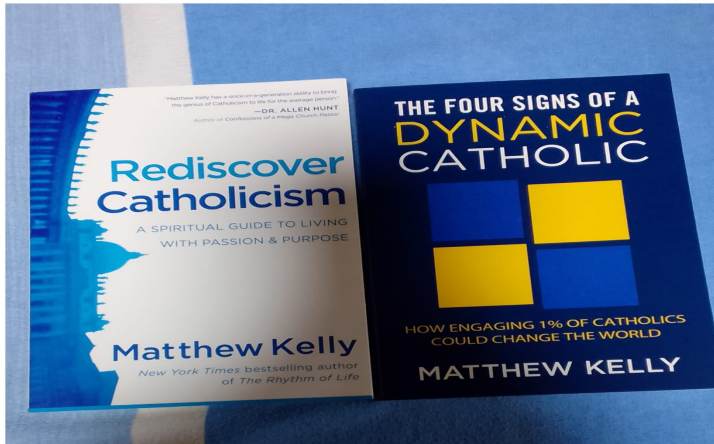
SS Thomas More & John Fisher Youth Choir in collaboration with the P.Y.C. Present

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 SECRETARIES TO PURCHASE YOUR COPY (IES)



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Ss Thomas more & John fisher
059 585 0922

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MOTIVATION

BURIDAN'S ASS

(MOTIVATIONAL SHORT STORY ABOUT DECISION MAKING)

A hungry ass finds himself between two equally large and delicious-looking bales of hay.

He looks from one to the other and back again, unsure which to choose.

This goes on for a long while until, unable to make a decision, the poor old donkey dies of starvation.

Moral of the story: Once again, take action! Don't linger too long on the precipice of a big (or small) decision when the outcomes are positive.

Save yourself a headache, take a leap of faith, commit, and enjoy whatever rewards that come your way, refusing to look back at what could have been.

YOUTH CORNER

SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

Experience the liturgy like never before

YOUTH MASS

This September!

Instagram: @Stm.sj_youth | Facebook: SS Thomas More And John Fisher | Website: Thomasmorejohnfisher.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are reminded and 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.
2. Marriage Banns: **1st Publication between:** Baffour Owusu Nimoh and Harriet Dennis.
3. Are you ready for an uplifting and captivating 3-hour non-stop praise experience??? Make a date with the Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher Youth Choir, on Sunday 25th September, 2022 at 4pm at St. John Fisher, New Achimota as we praise God and raise funds for the Children Service Building Project. Jubilaté2022 envelopes are still available, kindly see the ushers or the Church Secretary for copies. If you came along with your token in the envelope, kindly give it to the Church Secretary. Be part of this 3-hour nonstop praise while contributing to a worthy cause
4. The Beat Music Academy is a music school which trains students in the rudiments of music and the playing of the organ. Interested parishioners who want their wards to be enrolled should contact Blessed Yawson (the music director of the youth choir) or 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. WEEK 2	STM AUG. WEEK 3	STM AUG. WEEK 4	GRAND TOTAL	POSI- TIONS
SUNDAY	1487.00	105.00	-----	-----	1592.00	2 ND
MONDAY	731.00	-----	-----	-----	731.00	7 TH
TUESDAY	863.50	640.00	220.00	1005.00	2728.50	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	793.00	155.00	5.00	5.00	958.00	6 TH
THURSDAY	1201.00	100.00	40.00	-----	1341.00	4 TH
FRIDAY	1101.00	-----	-----	-----	1101.00	5 TH
SATURDAY	1252.00	-----	-----	250.00	1502.00	3 RD
AUG. BORN	1036.90	-----	-----	-----	1036.90	
TOTAL	9465.40	1000.00	265.00	1260.00	10990.40	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM AUG. WEEK 4
MAIN COLLECTION	1935.60
SECOND COLLECTION	1264.10
TITHE	2120.00
TOTAL	5319.70

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER


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WEEKDAYS	SJF AUG. WEEK 1	SJF AUG. WEEK 2	SJF AUG. WEEK 3	SJF AUG. WEEK 4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	7892.00	120.00	-----	-----	8012.00	1 ST
MONDAY	2144.00	700.00	1100.00	2.00	3946.00	2 ND
TUESDAY	1116.00	50.00	50.00	301.00	1517.00	5 TH
WEDNESDAY	1376.00	-----	-----	-----	1376.00	6 TH
THURSDAY	2524.50	-----	-----	-----	2524.00	4 TH
FRIDAY	3382.30	20.00	-----	-----	3402.30	3 RD
SATURDAY	875.90	300.00	10.00	-----	1185.90	7 TH
AUG. BORN	464.00	-----	-----	-----	464.00	
TOTAL	19774.70	1190.00	1160.00	303.00	22427.70	

SUNDAY	SJF AUG. WEEK 4
MAIN COLLECTION	2766.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1570.20
TITHE	1490.00
TOTAL	5827.10

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


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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