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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11TH SEPTEMBER, 2022: TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“THE FATHER SEEKS
AFTER YOU”**

Rev. Fr. George Obeng Appah (*Parish Priest*) 020-8592020
Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kwofie (*Assistant Priest*) 020-6355610

St. Thomas More Catholic Church - 030-3931800
SS. Thomas More and John Fisher Catholic Church - 030-3939862/
030-2436199

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

Moses stands up to God, recalling all of God's great promises.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17-19

I WILL ARISE AND GO TO MY FATHER.

Second Reading: 1Tim 1:12-17

Paul proves it's never too late to repent and serve God.

Gospel Reading: Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel reading contains three parables that have a similar message. They all talk about being lost and being found: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. These parables illustrate God's infinite mercy and His desire to seek, find and save the lost. He wants all to be saved. He waits patiently for our return to His loving arms. We are sinners, and we were lost in sin. But God looks for us patiently and diligently. He never wants any one of His children lost forever. He is willing to go out of His way and even to suffer and die so that we can be saved. No matter how great our sins may have been, there is no reason for us to despair, for God has his arms always open and ready to welcome and forgive us and a sinner can change and become a saint with the help of God's grace. Remember St. Peter, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Francis, St. Ignatius. All we need to do is be humble and contrite and return to the Father's house through the sacrament of Confession.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 The Most Holy Name of the BVM 1Cor 11:17-26,33 Ps 40:7-10,17 Lk 1:1-10	Tue 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 St. John Chrysostom 1Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Ps 99:1-5 Lk 7:11-17
Wed 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 The Triumph of the Cross Num 21:4-9 Ps 78:1-2,34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17	Thu 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 Our Lady of Sorrows 1Cor 15:1-11 Ps 119:1b-2,16ab-17,28 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Fri 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian 1Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1,6-8,15 Lk 8:1-3	Sat 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 St. Robert Bellarmine 1Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Ps 56:10-14 Lk 8:4-15

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Am 8:4-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 113:1-2,4-8
Second Reading	1Tim 2:1-8
Gospel	Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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?

(Part 2)

As for you and your husband who are beyond childbearing years, the only question is that of expressing sexual love in accord with the virtue of chastity. The simple and straightforward answer to this question is that sexual love, even within marriage, and even when beyond childbearing years, must be chaste and pure. In other words, it is possible, even within marriage, for sexual love to be lustful and impure. For marital sexual love to be holy and pure, it must be lived and expressed in a holy and self-giving way by which the couple intends to renew their marital covenant which makes them one.

Of course your question seems to be looking for specifics as to what is permitted and what is not. This is hard to do and the Church does not have a list of “acceptable practices” so to speak. Hopefully a few general principles will help to guide you in this as well as your prayerful discernment. Chaste and pure sexual love in marriage will include the following:

- It will always be self-giving, not selfish.
- The other will never be seen or treated as an object.
- It will always be an expression of your marital covenant of unconditional love.
- It will have the effect of deepening your spiritual union.
- It will be experienced as being blessed and willed by God.
- It will be focused upon the person, not only upon the physical pleasure.
- It will culminate in the natural sexual act rather than in unnatural sexual activity.
- Love will control the passions rather than passions controlling the love.

Hopefully these general principles will help you in allowing the Holy Spirit to unite you and your spouse in the holy love God has blessed you with.

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

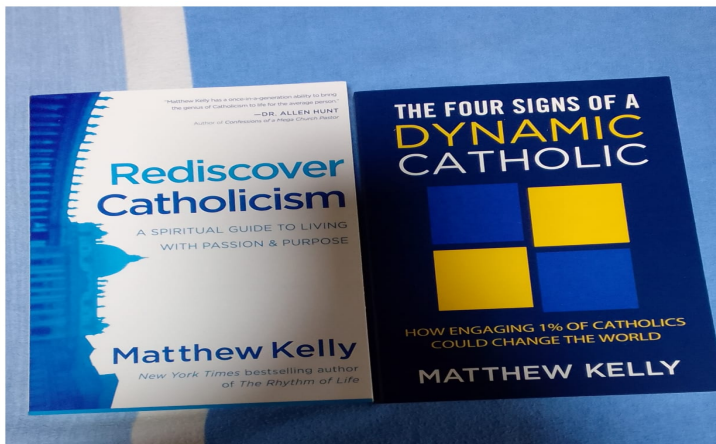
JUBILATÉ 2022

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

#3HoursNonStopPraise

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
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MOTIVATION

A POUND OF BUTTER (HONESTY)

There was a farmer who sold a pound of butter to a baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting the right amount, which he wasn't. Angry about this, he took the farmer to court.

The judge asked the farmer if he was using any measure to weight the butter. The farmer replied, "Honor, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale."

The judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?"
 The farmer replied;

"Your Honor, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it is the baker."

Moral of the story: In life, you get what you give. Don't try and cheat others.

YOUTH CORNER

SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

The Benefits of Worship

Youth Mass
Sept. 25
 9:30am @ St. Thomas More
 (GA-246-1294)

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: **2nd 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 SEPT. WEEK 1
SUNDAY	668.70
MONDAY	1513.20
TUESDAY	797.20
WEDNESDAY	775.10
THURSDAY	1399.70
FRIDAY	696.00
SATURDAY	831.90
SEPT. BORN	84.00
TOTAL	6765.80

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	2247.10
TITHE	20.00
TOTAL	2267.10

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's
Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF SEPT. WEEK 1
SUNDAY	1100.00
MONDAY	3434.00
TUESDAY	517.00
WEDNESDAY	834.00
THURSDAY	1424.00+\$30
FRIDAY	3138.00
SATURDAY	842.00
SEPT. BORN	572.00
TOTAL	11,861.50+\$30

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	3013.60
TOTAL	3013.60

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



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**DATE:
6TH NOV.
2022**