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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18TH SEPTEMBER, 2022: TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“LESSONS FROM THE DISHONEST STEWARD PARABLE”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Am 8:4-7

Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 113:1-2, 4-8

PRAISE THE LORD, WHO RAISES THE POOR FROM THE DUST.

Second Reading: 1Tim 2:1-8

Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading: Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

REFLECTION

A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property in today's gospel. The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward attaining Heaven. The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

St. Januarius ,bishop, martyr
Prov 3:27-34
Ps 15:2-5
Lk 8:16-18

Tue 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong & Companion
Prov 21:1-6,10-13
Ps 119:1,27,30,34-35,44
Lk 8:19-21

Wed 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2022

St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7,11-13
Ps 19:2-5
Mt 9:9-13

Thu 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2022

Qoh 1:2-11
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17
Lk 9:7-9

Fri 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2022

St. Pius of Pietrelcina(Padre Pio)
Qoh 3:1-11
Ps 144:1-4
Lk 9:18-22

Sat 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

Qoh 11:9-12:8
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17
Lk 9:43b-45

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Am 6:1a,4-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 146:7-10
Second Reading	1Tim 6:11-16
Gospel	Lk 16:19-31

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

Divorce and Annulment

Q. My parents are getting divorced. I don't understand why the church doesn't allow that. My mother told me they will be getting an annulment. What will my parents' annulment have to do with me?

A. Divorce is a very difficult part of life when it happens. I'm sure this is very difficult for your mom and dad as it must be for you. Please know that our loving God wants to be there for you and your family throughout this time.

The answer to the first question you ask, "Why doesn't the Church allow that" is found in the Bible. First, we read 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). Then, in the Gospels Jesus makes reference to this and confirms it when He answers a question about divorce. He says, "...from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mark 10:6-9).

These Scriptures give us the foundation for what our Church believes about marriage. Basically, we believe that when two people get married they enter into a permanent unbreakable bond that lasts until death. Of course some marriages within our Church do end in divorce. When that happens some will look into an annulment. This is a complicated subject that is best dealt with one on one with your parish priest but let me at least offer a basic understanding on annulments for you. **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 prayer 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

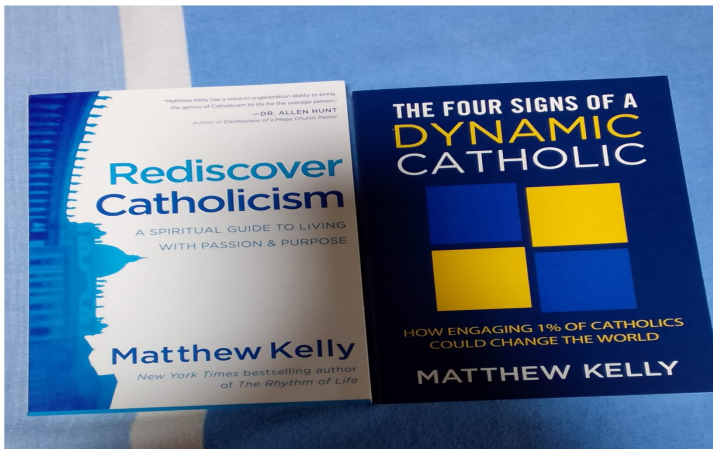
JUBILATÉ 2022

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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 Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
 Enter Amt
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MOTIVATION

THE STORY OF THE GRATEFUL STARFISHES (Inspiring Story about Attitude)

One morning, an elderly man was walking along the beach when he noticed a young boy picking something off the sand and throwing it into the sea.

As he got closer, the man realized the child was throwing stranded starfishes that had washed up on the shore back into the breaking waves.

Approaching the boy, the man asked what he was doing. "The starfish will die if they're still on the shore when the sun rises," he replied.

Perplexed, the old man said, "But that's pointless! There are countless miles of beach and thousands of starfish. It doesn't matter how many you return to the water, you can't make a difference."

Unfazed, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and tossed it into the sea. "It matters to this one," he said.

Moral of the story: No matter the odds of success or the scale of the challenge, your actions can make a difference. It's better to light a candle than curse the dark. Every little counts. Doing something to make a positive change is always better than nothing!

YOUTH CORNER

SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

Experience the liturgy like never before

YOUTH MASS This September!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- Does one have to be poor to make it to Heaven? Why don't you join the Young Christian Workers Movement to delve into this topic at their monthly meeting, today Sunday, 18th September, 2022 after the 7:00am Mass at STM? Come and let's feast on God's Word.
- Marriage Banns: **1st Publication between:**
 - Stephen Annak**, son of Stephen Annak and Georgina Andoh. Born at Eikwe, and **Irene Efua Arhin**, daughter of Samuel Arhin Tony Walker and Priscilla Felicia Obeng.
 - Benjamin Obiri**, son of Eric Obiri and Asiwone Gobbo and **Berlinda Mensah Kosiwor**, daughter of Samuel Mensah Afawubo and Rosebond Kwawu.

3rd Publication between: Baffour Owusu Nimoh, son of Peter Baffour Nimoh and Agnes Appiah and Harriet Dennis, daughter of Augustus Kwesi-Kum Dennis and Viola Broohm.
- 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, next 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.

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	STM SEPT. WEEK 2
SUNDAY	668.70	-----
MONDAY	1513.20	-----
TUESDAY	797.20	605.00
WEDNESDAY	775.10	20.00
THURSDAY	1399.70	-----
FRIDAY	696.00	20.00
SATURDAY	831.90	-----
SEPT. BORN	84.00	-----
TOTAL	6,765.80	645.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK 2
MAIN COLLECTION	2128.60
SECOND COLLECTION	1143.40
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TOTAL	3,892.00

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF SEPT. WEEK 1	SJF SEPT. WEEK 2
SUNDAY	1100.00	-----
MONDAY	3434.00	100.00
TUESDAY	517.00	11000.00
WEDNESDAY	834.00	-----
THURSDAY	1424.00+\$30	20.00
FRIDAY	3138.00	200.00
SATURDAY	842.00	70.00
SEPT. BORN	572.00	-----
TOTAL	11,861.50+\$30	11,390.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK 2
MAIN COLLECTION	2905.00
SECOND COLLECTION	1734.50
TOTAL	4639.50

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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