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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25TH SEPTEMBER, 2022: TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "BE RICH IN THE SIGHT

OF GOD"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Am 6:1a, 4-7

God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:7-10

COME, LORD, AND SAVE US.

Second Reading: 1Tim 6:11-16

Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading: Lk 16:19-31

Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

REFLECTION

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. This story communicates to us that neither is it a sin to be rich, nor will being poor ensure our entry into heaven. A rich person can become richer if his wealth is generously shared, while the poor person can become poorer by being jealous and greedy. Let us live to inherit the riches of the kingdom and become rich in the lives of others by our good deeds and not our misdeeds.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 26 TH SEPTEMBER, 2022	Tue 27 TH SEPTEMBER, 2022
Sts. Cosmas and Damian	St. Vincent de Paul
Job 1:6-22	Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23
Ps 17:1-3,6-7	Ps 88:2-8,
Lk 9:46-50	Lk 9:51-56
Wed 28 TH SEPTEMBER, 2022	Thu 29 [™] SEPTEMBER, 2022
Job 9:1-12,14-16	Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,
Ps 88:10-12	Archangels
Lk 9:57-62	Dn 7 :9-10,13-14 or Rev 12:7 -
	12a
	Ps 138:1-5
	Jn 1:47-51
Fri 30 [™] SEPTEMBER, 2022	Sat 1 ST OCTOBER, 2022
St. Jerome	St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5	Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17
Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14	Ps 119:66,71,75,91
Lk 10:13-16	Lk 10:17-24
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Readings for Next Sunday	
First Reading	Hab 1:2-3;2:2-4
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Second Reading	2Tim 1:6-8,13-14
Gospel	Lk 17:5-10

Mass Schedule	
St. Thomas More	St. John Fisher
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? (Part 2)

When a couple celebrates a wedding we believe that, for the permanent unbreakable bond of marriage to take place, more than just the wedding ceremony is required. It is also necessary for both parties to fully understand what marriage is and to make an unconditional commitment to marriage. They must both understand that marriage is permanent, faithful and open to children.

Furthermore, they must both be mature enough in their understanding and commitment to enter into this commitment on a very deep level. An annulment is a process in which the Church assists those who have gone through a divorce examine what actually happened. It is a process where the intention and commitment of both parties, at the time of the wedding ceremony, is looked at in the light of the ideals of marriage. Sometimes it is discovered that one or both of the individuals lacked something essential in their commitment from the very beginning. When the Church determines that something essential was missing from the commitment from the beginning, the marriage can be declared null. This means it is stated that the permanent bond of marriage never truly took place and, thus, they are still free to marry.

Lastly you ask what your parent's annulment has to do with you. First, just from the perspective of Church law I'd say that it doesn't affect you at all. But I know that on a personal level this may be difficult for you. If they go through with an annulment and receive one I'd simply suggest you pray about it, ask for God's guidance and healing and continue to love your parents just as you do now. This will be difficult but often an annulment is very healing and helpful to go through once a divorce has taken place.

I hope this helps. In the end you may want to try to meet with your parish priest to talk more about your particular situation so as to gain a better understanding of this all. Divorce is very difficult but please remember that God loves you and your parents very much and wants to be there for you all during this difficult time in your lives.

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.

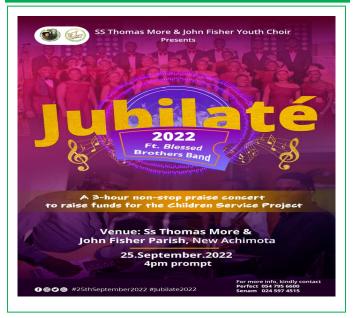
For the Court of Justice, we pray that you will give them the spirit of Wisdom and Understanding that they may discern the truth and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone. May they not yield to deceit and acts of bribery and corruption but uphold the truth and let justice prevail.

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.

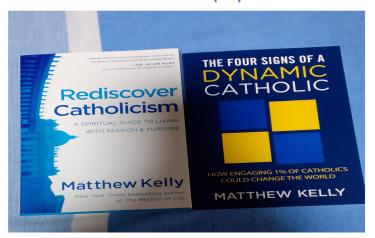
Amen.

St. Thomas More....... Pray for us St. John Fisher...... Pray for us All you Angels and Saints Pray for us

IT'S TODAY!! IT'S TODAY!!!



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MOTIVATION

LAZINESS WON'T GET YOU ANYWHERE

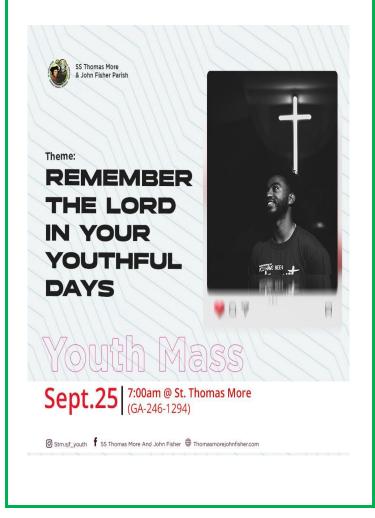
"In ancient times, a king had his men place a boulder on a roadway. He then hid in the bushes, and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers passed by and simply walked around it.

Many people blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along carrying vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and note from the King explain that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road."

YOUTH CORNER



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**:
 - **Stephen Annak**, son of Stephen Annak and Georgina Andoh. 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 Rosebud Kwawu.
- 3. It's today, Jubilaté2022, the 3-hour non-stop praise concert is happening today! Come join the STM & SJF Youth Choir, and the Blessed Brothers today at SJF, New Achimota at 4pm sharp! as we praise God and raise funds for the Children Service Project. Fundraising envelopes are still available, please see the ushers or Church secretary for one or more. Kindly present the envelopes with your token at the concert, offertory boxes will be available at vantage points. Be part of this 3-hour non-stop praise while contributing to a worthy cause.
- 4. The funeral arrangement of Mr. Emmanuel Agbeko Tetteh, brother of Mr. James Sedefia is as follows:
 - Friday 30th September, 2022: Family gathering at his family house, Kissehman at 7pm.
 - Saturday 1st October, 2022: Funeral Rites at his family house, Kissehman at 9am.
 - Sunday 2nd October, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at STM at 7am.

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 <u>at least six</u> <u>months to a year</u> with the priests. The couple or one of them must be a registered member of the Church for <u>at least 6 months</u>.

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: Besohw §! 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

	STM	STM	STM
WEEKDAYS	SEPT.	SEPT.	SEPT.
	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
SUNDAY	668.70		
MONDAY	1513.20		200.00
TUESDAY	797.20	605.00	20.00
WEDNESDAY	775.10	20.00	110.00
THURSDAY	1399.70		
FRIDAY	696.00	20.00	100.00
SATURDAY	831.90		
SEPT. BORN	84.00		
TOTAL	6,765.80	645.00	430.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	2104.10
SECOND COLLECTION	1419.10
TOTAL	3523.20

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

	SJF	SJF	SJF
WEEKDAYS	SEPT.	SEPT.	SEPT.
	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
SUNDAY	1100.00		250.00
MONDAY	3434.00	100.00	
TUESDAY	517.00	11000.00	100.00
WEDNESDAY	834.00		60.00
THURSDAY		20.00	200.00
	1424.00+\$30		
FRIDAY	3138.00	200.00	
SATURDAY	842.00	70.00	
SEPT. BORN	572.00		
TOTAL		11,390.00	610.00
	11,861.50+\$30		

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	2899.42
SECOND COLLECTION	1795.90
TOTAL	4695.32

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

