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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2ND OCTOBER, 2022: TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“LORD INCREASE OUR
FAITH”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The patience of the just man shall be rewarded when he sees the vision fulfilled.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

**O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO
HIS VOICE! HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART.**

Second Reading: 2Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Paul urges Timothy to remain strong in the Spirit of faith Timothy received.

Gospel Reading: Lk 17:5-10

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us, nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. May our faith enable us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, will bear fruits. Lord increase our faith and devotion to you.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 3RD OCTOBER, 2022 Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1-2,7-10 Lk 10:25-37	Tue 4TH OCTOBER, 2022 St. Francis of Assisi Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1-3,13-15 Lk 10:38-42
Wed 5TH OCTOBER, 2022 Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Ps 117:1-2 Lk 11:1-4	Thu 6TH OCTOBER, 2022 St. Bruno Gal 3:1-5 Ps Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13
Fri 7TH OCTOBER, 2022 Our Lady of the Rosary Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 11:15-26	Sat 9TH OCTOBER, 2022 Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	2Kgs 5:14-17
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 98:1-4
Second Reading	2Tim 2:8-13
Gospel	Lk 17:11-19

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

VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

Q. I know you've talked about vocations for people who are interested in being a priest or a sister, but is it wrong of me to pray for the vocation of marriage? The way some of my friends talk, I think they all plan to live with someone and then decide whether they want to get married.

I think praying for the vocation to marriage is a wonderful idea! And very much needed today! Let me offer a few thoughts on this.

Praying for your vocation is very important. But, in all truth, there may even be something necessary for many people even before they pray for their vocation. Namely, they need to realize they actually have a vocation.

Perhaps to some this seems like an obvious statement but I'm guessing that more people than you realize do not even understand the ideal of a vocation as they grow and begin to look at their future. Many just presume they will fall in love one day and get married and all will be well. And though this may be the case for many, there is still a step or two missing.

I think the first thing that all young people need to realize is that God has a plan for your life. So, I suggest to all teens and college aged students that you begin by the realization that God has a perfect plan for your life and the key is to discern this.

A good prayer to pray every day is something like, "Lord, I say yes to your will in my life. I may not know it yet but whatever it is I desire to follow that plan alone. Give me the insight to discern that plan and the courage to say yes to it every day." **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.

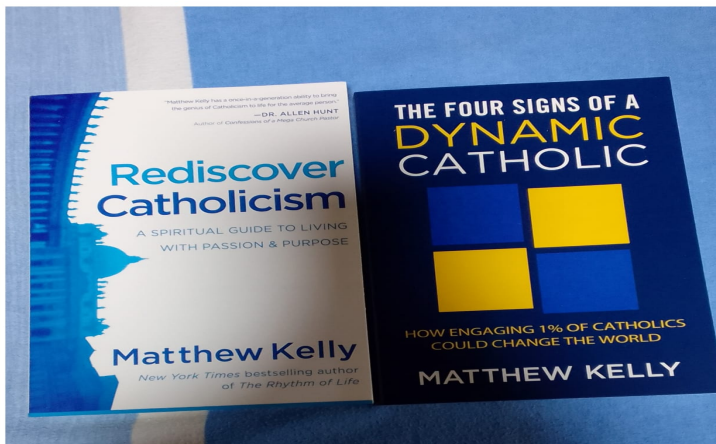
May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

THERE WILL BE ROSARY PRAYERS EVERY EVENING AT BOTH STM AND SJF AT 6.30PM AND ON SUNDAYS, 30MINUTES BEFORE MASS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME AND TOGETHER PRAY THE ROSARY AS A COMMUNITY.

**THE TWO MUCH ANTICIPATED MATTHEW KELLY BOOKS
ARE IN! EACH COPY GOES FOR GHC65 WHILE BOTH
COPIES GO FOR A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF GHC120.
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YOUR COPY (IES)**



 An advertisement for MTN Momo payments. It features a hand holding a white smartphone with the MTN Mobile Money logo. The background is a warm, orange-toned graphic with a faint map of Ghana. At the top, there is a small circular logo with a portrait. The text reads:

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Ss Thomas more & John fisher
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Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*
Enter your Momo pin
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MOTIVATION

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

There was once a group of 100 people attending a seminar on personal development. In the middle of their talk, the speaker stops and decides to run an impromptu group activity. He hands out a balloon to each attendee and tells them to write their name on it. The balloons are then collected and placed in an adjacent room.

The speaker then instructs the 100 attendees to enter that room and, within 5 short minutes, find the balloon with their name on it. Pandemonium breaks loose as they charge in, pushing and colliding with each other as they desperately search for their name.

The 5 minutes pass and nobody succeeds. The speaker then tells each person to pick up any random balloon and give it to the person whose name is written on it. Within a few minutes everyone has their balloon back. He then said, "What just happened with those balloons is exactly what happens in our search for happiness. We frantically look for it all around us, not knowing where it is." "Yet our happiness lies in the happiness of others. By giving them their happiness, you get yours."

Moral of the story: Happiness and fulfilment rarely come from selfish pursuits, but almost *always* come from doing good deeds for others. By helping others we help ourselves.

YOUTH CORNER

THE MONEY SERIES

Growing up in Ghana, young people learn about everything, from how to walk, talk, or eat. In school, they learn about various things to propel them to succeed. But interestingly, they are rarely taught about money and how to handle it. And yet, we know how important it is in our day-to-day lives.

In this Money Series, we will discuss 15 things young people should learn about money.

1. **Build your Income streams:**

Income streams are the avenues through which you make money. It can be a job, an investment, a business or a skill. Whatever it is, develop your source. Know the ways you make money and work at it. That way, you can always earn money.

2. **Have multiple streams:**

It's good to have a stream where you can drink. But imagine how thirsty you will be if that stream dries up? That is what happens if you only have one income stream. Thus, get multiple streams of income. Simply put, have many avenues where you can make money. For example, you can have a job and a side business. You can run two jobs or have many businesses. They don't have to be million-dollar businesses anyway. Just make sure your streams are endless. **To be continued...**

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. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 6th October, 2022 after the Morning Mass at STM and Adoration at 7:00pm.
3. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 2nd September, 2022 after the Morning Mass at SJF and Adoration at 7:00pm.
4. Marriage Banns: **3RD 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.
5. The death is reported of Mrs. Josephine Adadevoh. 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 SEPT. WEEK 1	STM SEPT. WEEK 2	STM SEPT. WEEK 3	STM SEPT. WEEK 4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	668.70	-----	-----	-----	668.70	7 TH
MONDAY	1513.20	-----	200.00	200.00	1913.20	1 ST
TUESDAY	797.20	605.00	20.00	5.00	1427.20	2 ND
WEDNESDAY	775.10	20.00	110.00	-----	905.10	4 TH
THURSDAY	1399.70	-----	-----	-----	1399.70	3 RD
FRIDAY	696.00	20.00	100.00	-----	816.00	6 TH
SATURDAY	831.90	-----	-----	-----	831.90	5 TH

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK 4
MAIN COLLECTION	1916.41
SECOND COLLECTION	1043.71
TITHE	100.00
TOTAL	3060.12

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF SEPT. WEEK 1	SJF SEPT. WEEK 2	SJF SEPT. WEEK 3	SJF SEPT. WEEK 4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1100.00	-----	250.00	100.00	1450.00	5 TH
MONDAY	3434.00	100.00	-----	-----	3534.00	2 ND
TUESDAY	517.50	11000.00	100.00	-----	11617.50	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	834.00	-----	60.00	105.00	999.00	6 TH
THURSDAY	1424.00+\$30	20.00	200.00	100.00	2042.32	4 TH
FRIDAY	3138.00	200.00	-----	50.00	3388.00	3 RD

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK 4
MAIN COLLECTION	3623.50
SECOND COLLECTION	2124.50
TITHE	260.00
TOTAL	6008.00

All foreign currencies have been converted into cedis.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH SEPTEMBER.

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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