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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9TH OCTOBER, 2022: TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“GRATITUDE, THE FRUIT OF FAITH”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

*First Reading:* 2Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 98:1-4

**THE LORD HAS SHOWN HIS DELIVRANCE TO THE NATIONS.**

*Second Reading:* 2Tim 2:8-13

Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

*Gospel Reading:* Lk 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

### REFLECTION

This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all ten. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All ten of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

### WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022  
Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1  
Ps 113:1-7  
Lk 11:29-32

Tue 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022  
St. John XXIII  
Gal 5:1-6  
Ps 119:41,43,45,47-48  
Lk 11:37-41

Wed 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022  
Gal 5:18-25  
Ps 1:1-4,6  
Lk 11:42-46

Thu 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022  
Eph 1:1-10  
Ps 98:1-6  
Lk 11:47-54

Fri 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022  
St. Callistus I  
Eph 1:11-14  
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,12-13  
Lk 12:1-7

Sat 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022  
St. Teresa of Avila  
Eph 1:15-23  
Ps 8:2-7  
Lk 12:8-12

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Ex 17:8-13
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 121:1-8
Second Reading	2Tim 3:14-4:2
Gospel	Lk 18:1-8

### 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 – PART 2

**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.**

From there, when someone truly discerns a calling from God to marriage, the process has just begun. It’s not so much about simply going out and “falling in love.” Rather, it’s about letting the Holy Spirit guide you to the person you are called to marry. When you meet someone I’d suggest you spend a lot of time in prayer asking the Lord for guidance in your relationship. Keep the relationship pure and Christ centered. Challenge the person to treat you as a child of God and with love and respect. And, of course, strive to do the same yourself. If Christ is at the center of that relationship and if you are continually seeking God’s will then little by little the Holy Spirit will confirm in your heart that this marriage is your vocation and that this particular person is called to be your spouse.

I realize that many people may not follow this process of discernment so it’s also very important to note that once a couple enters into marriage, and especially marriage as a sacrament within our Church, God’s grace will be there calling you to now live the vows you made. Prayer to live those vows well is so essential these days. Many marriages are wonderful and fulfilling. But way too many bring great pain and hardship. Continually saying yes to your vows, being faithful to them, deepening your unwavering commitment and striving to give yourself to your spouse in the same way that Christ gave Himself to the Church is the key.

And this requires much prayer. So prayer before and during marriage is essential.

And to your last point about living together. This is a popular idea today. However, I can assure you that it is always a bad idea. It will always weaken the foundation of your vows and married life. Living together is not a “test marriage” since there is no permanent marriage covenant there yet. In fact, I’m confident in telling you that living together before marriage greatly increases your chances of divorce and an unhappy marriage down the road. The statistics support this statement too. So approach dating, engagement and marriage the way God’s grace leads you and you will not regret it!

## 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

## THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TEACHINGS

SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

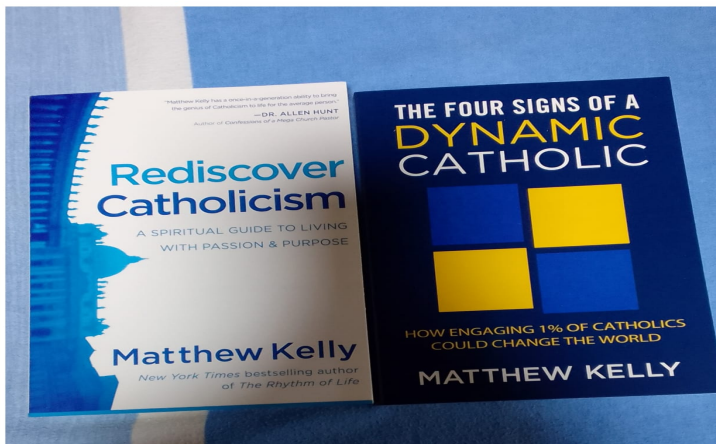
# Rosary Month

**This October**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> The origin and power of the rosary
- 9<sup>th</sup> Do Catholics worship Mary?
- 16<sup>th</sup> Is it true Mary was conceived without sin and remained sinless?
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Did Mary have other children apart from Jesus?
- 30<sup>th</sup> Open Forum

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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 gradient. At the top, there is a small circular logo with two people. The text reads: 'How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo Ss Thomas more &amp; John fisher 059 585 0922'. Below this, the steps are listed: 'Dial \*170#', 'Select Option 2', 'Select Option 1', 'Enter Merchant ID: 247834', 'Enter Amt', 'Enter Reference: eg. Dues', 'Enter your Momo pin', and 'Send'.

## MOTIVATION

### THE STORY OF THE LUMBERJACKS

Two lumberjacks of equal skill, experience, and stature work side by side, chopping down trees together every single day.

However, one lumberjack works non-stop, without taking a break, whereas the other takes an hour-long lunch break every afternoon.

Despite working for less time, both lumberjacks inevitably chop the same number of trees by the end of each working day.

Puzzled and frustrated, the lumberjack who works all day long asks the other how he manages to chop just as much as him while still taking a break.

To this, he responds:

“It’s simple. I spend that hour at home sharpening my axe.”

**Moral of the story:** *Breaks are vital to productivity. Work smart not hard!*

## YOUTH CORNER

### THE MONEY SERIES - Part 2

(Written by The Gadfly Tales)

#### 3. Respect money but don't fear it:

As a young person, you should respect the difficulty of getting money. And even more difficulty in maintaining it. This perspective should aid you in making wise money decisions. However, you need not fear it. That will only make you worship it. And as you already know, worship of money comes with mindsets which are dangerous for society and the individual. So, don't be afraid to lose money, you simply have to know how to gain it back.

#### 4. Create a spending plan:

A spending plan or budget will help you to track your income and expenses easily. You get to know how much you are earning and how much you are spending on that shoe or aseobi. That is important to prevent you from working hard and still not being self-sufficient luckily, there are current apps like money plus that can assist you to manage your expenditure. Make use of these technologies. A budget disciplines your spending to make profits.

#### 5. Pay bills on time:

One Ghana cedi today is not the same as one cedi tomorrow. Don't allow your bills or debts to stay for too long. You spend more in paying later than in paying now. So take note. You can create payment calendars to keep you on track. That can be a helpful plan to track all your

## 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. This week because of the Bible Week, we shall all meet at STM and start with the rosary prayers at 6:30 pm. We are encouraged to come and together pray the rosary as a community. (Societies and groups leading should kindly take note of the roster and fully participate fully).
3. An Account Assistant is urgently needed at the STM Co-operative Credit Union office. Applicant must be computer literate. No experience is required. Salary is attractive. Apply now.
4. The death is reported of Mad. Elizabeth Dogbey. Funeral details will be announced later.
5. We appeal to parishioner to come to the aid of the flood victims of the Weija and Tetege floods with their kind donations of cash and non-perishable items. Kindly channel your donation through the parish offices.
6. We are reminded of this year's harvest which comes off on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

## 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 OCT. WEEK 1
SUNDAY	1412.00
MONDAY	1458.00
TUESDAY	1303.80
WEDNESDAY	544.00
THURSDAY	1321.00
FRIDAY	1264.70
SATURDAY	721.50
OCT. BORNES	213.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8238.00</b>

Details of Last Sunday's  
Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	1974.40
TITHE	2600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4574.40</b>



# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK 1
SUNDAY	913.00
MONDAY	1646.00
TUESDAY	842.00
WEDNESDAY	975.00
THURSDAY	1578.00
FRIDAY	1107.00
SATURDAY	1408.00
OCT. BORN	286.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8755.00</b>

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	2535.90 `+\$1
TITHE	529.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3075.40</b>

**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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