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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16TH OCTOBER, 2022: TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“NEVER GIVE UP IN PRAYER”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ex 17:8-13

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-8

**OUR HELP COMES FROM THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

Second Reading: 2Tim 3:14-4:2

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word he received from his teachers.

Gospel Reading: Lk 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

REFLECTION

In today's gospel, Jesus underscores the importance of continuous prayer. Jesus teaches us to be consistent and persevere in prayers at all times. Being a man of prayer Himself, He knew how important prayer was for his disciples. It will be the key to their success in their mission. The same goes for all of us Christians. If we must really have any success in our respective vocation and missions, we must make prayer the foundation of our Christian life. It is an indispensable tool that every Christian needs for success. The prayer in question here is that which never gives up, and that which draws strength from the word of God. We must never be tired of praying because God is never tired of listening to us. He might take time to open the door like the judge in today's parable. However, if we do not quit, He will surely hear, and answer us.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 17TH OCTOBER, 2022 St. Ignatius of Antioch, B & M Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:2-5 Lk 12:13-21	Tue 18TH OCTOBER, 2022 St. Luke, Evangelist 2Tim 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13,17-18 Lk 10:1-9
Wed 19TH OCTOBER, 2022 Eph 3:2-12 Ps 12:2-6 Lk 12:39-48	Thu 20TH OCTOBER, 2022 Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33 :1-5,11-12,18-19 Lk 12:49-53
Fri 21ST OCTOBER, 2022 Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 12:54-59	Sat 22RD OCTOBER, 2022 St. John Paul II, Pope Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 13:1-9

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Sir 35:12-14,16
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23
Second Reading	2Tim 4:6-8,16-18
Gospel	Lk 18:9-14

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

MARKS OF THE CHURCH

Traditionally, we speak of the “Four Marks of the Church” as being four unique and foundational qualities of the Church. These four marks speak to the essence of what the Church is and gives us insight into God, as well, as we ponder the way He designed the Church itself. The Four Marks are: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

One: All of us realize that there are countless religions and there are even countless Christian denominations. As we look at the history of Christianity, we can find that there were numerous conflicts that led to splits and to the founding of new churches. But there is no new *Church*, there are only new *churches*. What I mean is that there is only one Body of Christ, there is only one Church and that one Church is the Church of Christ Jesus. We believe and profess that this one Church of Christ is found, in its fullness, within the Catholic Church. As Vatican II is quoted in the *Catechism*.

“For it is through Christ’s Catholic Church alone, which is the universal help toward salvation, that the fullness of the means of salvation can be obtained. It was to the apostolic college alone, of which Peter is the head, that we believe that our Lord entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant, in order to establish on earth the one Body of Christ into which all those should be fully incorporated who belong in any way to the People of God” (UR 3 § 5). (CCC #816)

So the key here is to be able to distinguish between “The Church” and “The Catholic Church.” We say that the Catholic Church is the instrument through which the fullness of the Church and salvation is found. But the Church of Christ is also found outside of the visible structures of the Catholic Church to a lesser degree. Interestingly, though, we would still say that, in a sense, everyone who is a member of Christ is still, in a very real way, a member of His one Catholic Church...*they just don’t know it!*

The key principle at work here is that of unity. Christ is one, and His body is one. This unity comes about especially through charity and faith. It comes about because we are united in love and faith with Christ our head. But with that said, there is also incredible diversity in the Church. Diversity is NOT disunity. Rather, diversity actually can help to foster true unity. Diversity refers to the various cultures, languages, traditions and expressions of faith. So, the concrete way that one worships in Africa may look very different from the way one worships in Europe, Indonesia, Mexico or the United States. The way we worship today may look different than the way Christians did 500 years ago. Though the expression may be different and diverse, the faith and charity are the same. **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 TEACHINGS

SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

Rosary Month

This October

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

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UPCOMING EVENT



Ss Thomas More & John Fisher Parish.

26 -28 October
6:30pm to 8:30pm
each night @ STM

Marian Rally 2022

WITH GOD ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE. LUKE 1:37

Crowning/Marian concert:
30th October 2022
Venue: SJF | Time: 4pm
Featuring: Main Choir, Youth Choir
& Ave Maria

w/ Rev Fr.
Hillary Agbenosi



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MOTIVATION

NEVER LET ONE FAILURE FROM THE PAST
HOLD YOU BACK IN THE FUTURE

“As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. ‘Well,’ trainer said, ‘when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them.

As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.’

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn’t, they were stuck right where they were.”

YOUTH CORNER



Benefits Of Worship

30th Youth Mass
October 9:30am @ Ss Thomas More
& John Fisher - SJF (GA-301-1234)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are reminded of this year's Harvest which comes off on the 6th November, 2022. There will be only one Mass @7:00am @STM and the normal Two Masses @SJF. (6:30am & 9:30am). We are reminded 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. We shall have our rosary prayers this week at STM because of the Bible & Catechetical Week.
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.
5. Is love just enough to get married? How do I choose right for marriage? The Young Christian Workers Movement invites you to their monthly meeting today at STM after the 7:00am Mass as they delve deeper into this topic. It promises to be fun!!!
6. The funeral arrangement of the late Sir Knight Bro. Joseph Boadu Ayebofo Is as follows:
 - Laying In State: Saturday 22nd October, 2022 @ Adiemera - Offinso @ 5:00am
 - Burial Service: Saturday 22nd October, 2022 @ Roman Catholic Church @ Adiemera - Offinso @ 9:00am.
 - Thanksgiving Service: Sunday 23rd October, 2022 @ Roman Catholic Church @ Adiemera - Offinso @ 8:00am.
7. The funeral arrangement of the late Mad. Elizabeth Dogbey is as follows:
 - Laying In State: Friday 11th November, 2022 @ her residence, New Achimota, Kingsby roundabout down. Hse no. 55/27b, oil lane9
 - Burial and funeral rites: Saturday 12th November, 2022. Attire: Black & White.
 - Thanksgiving Service: Sunday 13th Nov. @ SJF @ 9:30am. Attire: All White.

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. WEEK1	STM OCT. WEEK2
SUNDAY	1412.00	-----
MONDAY	1458.00	200.00
TUESDAY	1303.80	850.00
WEDNESDAY	544.00	710.00
THURSDAY	1321.00	-----
FRIDAY	1264.70	70.00
SATURDAY	721.50	20.00
OCT. BORNS	213.00	-----
TOTAL	8238.00	1850.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	1995.50
SECOND COLLECTION	1104.50
TITHE	290.00
TOTAL	3390.00

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1	SJF OCT. WEEK2
SUNDAY	913.00	1.00
MONDAY	1646.00	1050.00
TUESDAY	842.00	20.00
WEDNESDAY	975.00	5.00
THURSDAY	1578.00	100.00
FRIDAY	1107.00	90.00
SATURDAY	1408.00	-----
OCT. BORNS	286.00	-----
TOTAL	8755.00	1266.00

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2588.10
SECOND COLLECTION	1502.60
TITHE	1400.00
TOTAL	5490.70

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy

Payments can be made through **059 585 0922**

Adult	-	100.00
Youth	-	50.00
Kids	-	20.00 or more

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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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