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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6TH NOVEMBER, 2022: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“RESSURRECTION OF THE DEAD; OUR FAITH”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 2Mac 7:1-2, 9-14

Jewish martyrs give witness to their faith, even unto death.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:1, 5-6,8b

WHEN I AWAKE, O LORD, I SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE VISION OF YOUR PRESENCE.

Second Reading: 2Thes 2:16-3-5

Paul encourages the Thessalonians and asks for their prayers.

Gospel Reading: Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducee, teachers of the law unlike the Pharisees did not believe in the resurrection. They used the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus 3 that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game! Subsequently, Jesus suggests to them not to spend time worrying about resurrected life as by so doing they will miss the point. The focus is to live a worthy life knowing that there is a life hereafter with our Maker where we will enjoy heavenly bliss.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 7TH NOVEMBER, 2022 Tit 1:1-9 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 17:1-6	Tue 8TH NOVEMBER, 2022 Tit 2:1-8,11-14 Ps 36:3-4,18,23,27,29 Lk 17:7-10
Wed 9TH NOVEMBER, 2022 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn. 2:13-22	Thurs 10TH NOVEMBER, 2022 St. Leo the Great, Pope, doctor of the Church Phil 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25
Fri 11TH NOVEMBER, 2022 St. Martin of Tours, bishop 2Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2,10-11,17-18 Lk 17:26-37	Sat 12TH NOVEMBER, 2022 St. Josaphat, Bishop, Religious, Martyr 3Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18: 1-8

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Mal 3:19-20a
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 98:5-9
Second Reading	2Thes 3:7-12
Gospel	Lk 21:5-19

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

MARKS OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC - Cont'd

The same is true for all world religions. We do not reject anything of other religions that is true. For example, if someone were to say, "My religion teaches we should love all people." We'd say, "Great!" By the fact they accept this truth, a truth which is true not because it is taught by another religion but simply because it *is* true, they are responding to grace and are partially members of the one Church of Christ!

But the same principle applies to them just as it did to the atheist. If they stay in their religion and fail to discover the Christian truths of salvation in an explicit way because they are stubborn or close-minded, then we have a problem. But if, "through no fault of their own," they fail to discover these truths but only seek the truths of God that just so happen to also be in their religion, then they too are on the road to salvation and are, to a certain degree, members of the Church.

Non-Catholic Christians are the same way. They know Christ Jesus. They have the Scriptures. They pray and worship the Triune God. But they do fail to grasp certain aspects of the fullness of faith. They also are members of the one Church of Christ insofar as they are united to the truths of the faith. And, truth be told, just because someone is Catholic does not mean they are necessarily a full member of the Church of Christ either. It's not enough to be Catholic in name. It must be in practice.

Lastly, it must be said that those who have been entrusted with the Gospel, especially those Catholics entrusted with the fullness of the faith, are called to spread the explicit message of our faith so as to bring everyone into the Church of Christ and even into the Catholic Church itself. We are called to be missionaries at home, at work, abroad, in the public square and everywhere. We need to understand that it is our duty and privilege to share the Good News with all!

In the end, all are welcome and all are called to come to the fullness of faith in Christ and to live it not only in their conscience but also explicitly, proclaiming the full truths of faith. This is the mission of all and reveals the true meaning of the word "catholic."

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.

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

TODAY'S EVENT

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...
- MATTHEW 23:12 -

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STM 7:00AM
SJF 8:30AM
9:30AM

6TH NOV 2022

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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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Ss Thomas more & John fisher
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Select Option 1
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
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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



Youth Month 2022

Theme:

Working together for Christ
Ecc. 12:1 #getinvolved

Nov. 5 | Grotto Devotions
@ SJF - 4pm

Nov. 12 | Deanery Games
@ Legon Campus

Nov. 20 | Quiz
@ STM - 9:30am

Nov. 26 | Trip & Fun Day Out

Nov. 27 | Thanksgiving
(Sneaker Sunday)
@ STM - 7:00am
Roots Night
@ SJF - 4:30pm

STM | St. Thomas More, Achimota School. GA-246-1294
SJF | Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher, New Achimota GA-301-1234

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.
3. The Youth month trip dubbed PROBLEM NO DEY FINISH is scheduled for 26th November, 2022 at Magjoy Royal Beach Resort, Winneba. You can register for this fun filled trip for a fee of GH¢150.00.
4. The funeral arrangements:
Mad. Elizabeth Dogbey:
 - Laying In State: Friday 11th November, 2022 at 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. at SJF at 9:30am. Attire: All White.

Mr. Godwin Fenu, father of Mad. Peace Fenu, a member of the Christian Mothers Association and Ushers Ministry.

- Friday 15th December, 2022: Laying in state at his residence at Nsawam.
- Saturday 16th December, 2022: Burial Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Nsawam.
- Sunday 17th December, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Nsawam.

Mrs. Josephine Esie Adadevoh

- Friday 18th November: Filing Past at 7.30am and Burial Mass at 9.00am at SJF
- Sunday 20th November: Thanksgiving mass at SJF at 9.30am
- Final Funeral Rites at Enterprise Insurance Guest House, Airport Residential Area at 1.00pm

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	STM OCT. WEEK3	STM OCT. WEEK4	STM OCT. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1412.00	-----	20.00	20.00	-----	1452.00	5 TH
MONDAY	1458.00	200.00	2.00	-----	-----	1660.00	3 RD
TUESDAY	1303.80	850.00	20.00	-----	100.00	2273.80	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	544.00	710.00	5.00	50.00	-----	1309.00	6 TH
THURSDAY	1321.00	-----	270.00	400.00	20.00	2011.00	2 ND
FRIDAY	1264.70	70.00	100.00	100.00	-----	1534.70	4 TH
SATURDAY	721.50	20.00	-----	-----	-----	741.50	7 TH
OCT. BORN	213.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	213.00	
TOTAL	8238.00	1850.00	417.00	570.00	120.00	11195.00	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	2328.10
SECOND COLLECTION	1314.00
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TOTAL	7042.10

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

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WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1	SJF OCT. WEEK2	SJF OCT. WEEK3	SJF OCT. WEEK4	SJF OCT. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	913.00	1.00	100.00	90.00+£5	20.00	1204.30	6 TH
MONDAY	1646.00	1050.00	500.00	-----	-----	3196.00	3 RD
TUESDAY	842.00	20.00	-----	-----	8000.00	8862.00	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	975.00	5.00	50.00	5.00	30.00	1065.00	7 TH
THURSDAY	1578.00	100.00	10.00	-----	100.00	1788.00	4 TH
FRIDAY	1107.00	90.00	15.00	3570.00	-----	4782.00	2 ND
SATURDAY	1408.00	-----	200.00	-----	-----	1608.00	5 TH
OCT. BORN	286.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	286.00	
TOTAL	8755.00	1266.00	875.00	3665.00+£5	8150.00	22791.30	

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	2990.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1767.90
TOTAL	4758.80

All foreign currencies have been converted into cedis.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.



SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish, Achimota

Help Us Build

A new Children Service Block @ SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT HINDER THEM FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE "

Matthew 19: 14

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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