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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29TH JANUARY, 2023: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“THE BEATITUDES; OUR
ATTITUDE”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13: There will be a people who remain sheltered from God's anger.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

COME, LORD, AND SAVE US.

Second Reading: 1Cor 1:26-31: God chooses the weak to show his power.

Gospel Reading: Mt 5:1-12: Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

Reflection

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. Blessed" here is translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored.*

Beloved, the Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God. **May our divine favour come upon us as we strive to do the things of God and demonstrate neighbourly love through the practice of the Beatitudes. Amen**

Weekly Readings

Mon 30TH JANUARY, 2023 Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20,21,22,23,24 Mk 5:1-20	Tue 31ST JANUARY, 2023 St. John Bosco Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27,28,30 Mk 5:21-43
Wed 1ST FEBRUARY, 2023 Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a Mk 6:1-6	Thurs 2ND FEBRUARY, 2023 Feast-Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7,8,9,10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
Fri 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023 St. Blase Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8B-9abc Mk 6:14-29	Sat 4TH FEBRUARY, 2023 Heb 13:15-17 Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6 Mk 6:30-34

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 58:7-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 112:4-5,6-7,8-9
Second Reading	1Cor 2:1-5
Gospel	Mt 5:13-16

Mass Schedule

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
First Mass: 7:00 AM	First Mass: 6:30 AM
Second Mass: 9:30AM	Second Mass: 9:30 AM



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

THE LAW AND GRACE

Do you want to obtain a life of beatitude? That is, a life of true blessedness? A life of true happiness? Of course you do! The more important question is, “How do I obtain it?”

The answer is simple. We obtain it through the divine help of Christ. And how does He help us? He helps us: 1) through the law; and 2) through grace.

The “moral law” is also to be understood as the “divine law.” The divine law is everything that comes from the mind and heart of God as right and good. It is the moral order that God has established to guide us into a life of fulfillment. By analogy, we understand that there are laws of nature. Gravity, for example, cannot be ignored. We may be able to pretend it doesn’t exist, but that does not mean it does not exist. So it is with the moral (divine) law of God. This spiritual law is real and unchanging. Denying it does not make it disappear.

This law should be first understood as something that is rational. It makes sense. This is the case because God made us with an innate ability to comprehend right from wrong. We may not be able to discern every moral law from God through our human reason alone, but we will be able to understand the most basic laws of morality through our reason and common sense. That’s because the moral law is written upon our conscience.

With that said, it’s important to understand that even those laws of the highest order (such as “love your enemies”) do make sense to us when we let God reveal them to us in the ways He chooses. The bottom line is that the moral law makes sense!

When speaking of the moral law (divine law), we define four manifestations of it: natural law, revealed law, ecclesiastical laws and civil laws. We’ll look at each one so as to understand how God has chosen to guide us toward beatitude.

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 prayer 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

KEEP CALM IT’S ORDINARY TIME I

Ordinary Time

- Liturgical Color
 - Green
 - Growth, hope, and life
- Occurs twice in the year
 - Between Christmas and Lent
 - Between summer and the fall
 - Pentecost-Feast of Christ the King
- Purpose
 - To recall the life of Jesus
 - Reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians

REVIVAL! REVIVAL!! REVIVAL!!!

THEME: "ENLARGE THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT." (ISAIAH 54:2).

DATE: 15TH – 17TH FEBRUARY, 2023.

VENUE: ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

TIME: 6:30PM EACH NIGHT.

PRIEST: REV. FR. EMMANUEL TERESA CROSS CODJOE.

"DON'T BE LEFT OUT"

MOTIVATION

THE PRINCE AND THE GIANT

Once upon a time, there was a very brave prince. One day, while confronting the forest, he came face to face with a giant.

The giant blossomed, 'I'm eating you!'

The leader replied, 'I will kill you with my weapons.'

The prince boxed very hard. The giant was hugely stunned.

He asked the prince, "Aren't you afraid of me?"

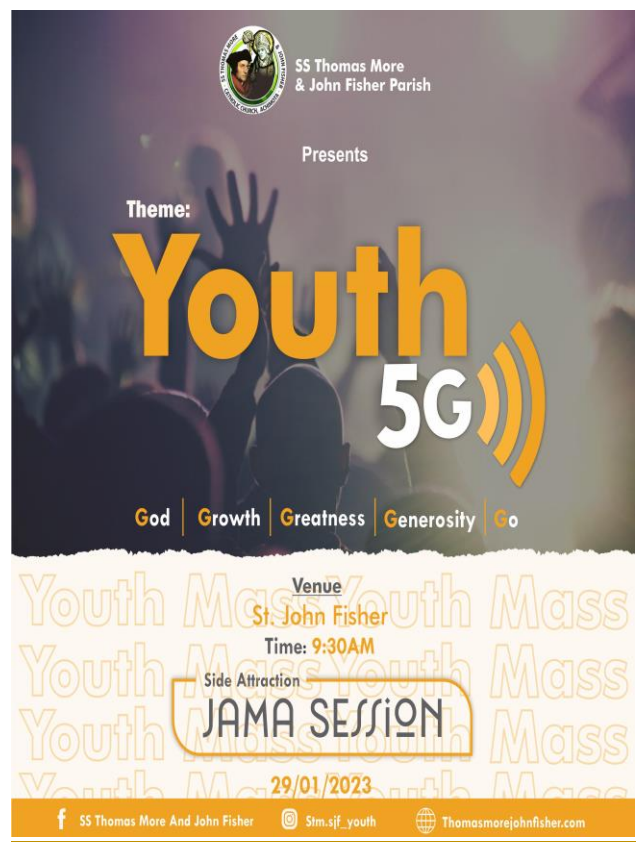
The prince replied, 'I have a rhombus weapon in my stomach. It should bite you if you bite me. If I die, so do you! That is why I am not afraid of you.'

Hearing these words, the demon freed him.

The prince's stomach has nothing. He just made up the story. His quick thinking saved his life.

Moral: The presence of the mind is the best weapon to protect yourself.

YOUTH CORNER



SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish
Presents

Theme:
Youth 5G

God | Growth | Greatness | Generosity | Go

Venue
St. John Fisher

Time: 9:30AM

Side Attraction
JAMA SESSION

29/01/2023

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are reminded to pay our Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund for this year. Kindly check the notice board for more details. Those in arrears of last year's Harvest Levy, and pledges are entreated to redeem them.
- The funeral arrangements of Mr. Peterson Kwashie Apedo**, a member of the Ave Maria and Alogboshie community, husband of Mrs. Rebecca Apedo, father of Jones Apedo, Evelyn Apedo, Mrs. Charlotte Draffor and Catherine Johnson is as follows:
 - ❖ Friday 3rd February, 2023: Wake-keeping as his residence at Alogboshie.
 - ❖ Saturday 4th February, 2023: Burial Mass at SJF at 7:30am. Interment: Achimota Public Cemetery: Attire: Black.
 - ❖ Sunday 5th February, 2023: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 9:30am. Attire: Black & White.
- Death Report:** The death is reported of Mad. Agartha Mensah of the Kissehman Community. Funeral details will be announced later.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Christian Mothers Association of their visitation to 8 Wards in Alogboshie group B in the month February, 2023.

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: Besohwǿ!
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 JAN. WEEK1	STM JAN. WEEK2	STM JAN. WEEK3	STM JAN. WEEK4
SUNDAY	902.00	120.00	120.00	----
MONDAY	1682.50	----	----	----
TUESDAY	1016.30	800.00	10.00	500.00
WEDNESDAY	855.20	25.00	55.00	5.00
THURSDAY	725.70	50.00	----	----
FRIDAY	1052.00	----	----	----
SATURDAY	983.00	----	30.00	----
JAN. BORNS	111.00	----	----	----
TOTAL	7327.70	995.00	215.00	505.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JAN. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	2018.70
SECOND COLLECTION	1204.50
TITHE	110.00
TOTAL	3333.20

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JAN. WEEK1	SJF JAN. WEEK2	SJF JAN. WEEK3	SJF JAN. WEEK4
SUNDAY	2019.00	320.00	80.00	6620.00
MONDAY	3749.00	550.00	100.00	-----
TUESDAY	2298.00	10.00	20.00	100.00
WEDNESDAY	1344.00+\$2	50.00	10.00	200.00
THURSDAY	2999.50	100.00	100.00	-----
FRIDAY	6868.00	380.00	100.00	-----
SATURDAY	1635.50	-----	-----	-----
JAN. BORNS	685.00	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	21598.00+\$2	1410.00	410.00	6920.00

SUNDAY	SJF JAN. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	4674.60
SECOND COLLECTION	2643.90
TITHE	110.00
TOTAL	7428.50

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.


 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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