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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23RD JULY, 2023: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"Patience and Delayed Judgment"**

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church - 030-3931800

SS. Thomas More and John Fisher Catholic Church - 030-3939862/
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19: God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16a
O LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.

Second Reading: Rom 8:26-27: The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading: Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30: Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

REFLECTION

In today's gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the wheat and weeds. The parable symbolizes the coexistence of good and evil in the world and teaches us about God's patience and mercy. The parable reminds us that God allows both the righteous and the wicked to exist together until judgment day. It emphasizes the importance of living faithfully and highlights that there will be a separation between the righteous and the wicked in the end. This passage calls us to trust in God's timing and justice, while staying committed to living a righteous life.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 24TH JULY, 2023 St. Sharbel Makhlef, Presbyter Ex 14:5-18 Ps Ex 15:1-6 Mt 12:38-42	Tue 25TH JULY, 2023 St. James, Apostle 2Cor 4:7-15a Ps 126:1-6 Mt 20:20-28
Wed 26TH JULY, 2023 Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of the BVM Ex 16:1-5,9-15 Ps 78:18-19,23-28 Mt 13:1-9	Thurs 27TH JULY, 2023 Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b Ps Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17
Fri 28TH JULY, 2023 Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23	Sat 29TH JULY, 2023 Martha, Mary & Lazarus Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	1Kgs 3:5,7-12
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:57,72,76-77,127-130
Second Reading	Rom 8:28-30
Gospel	Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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

DIVINE REVELATION:

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE AND FAITH - Continued

from last week

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

The human, being the subject and recipient of revelation encounters a three-fold experience; a transcendental experience, a religious experience and the human response to both. In O'Collins' view, "the human subject displays an openness and tendency toward an ultimate horizon of unconditioned being that furthest limit which circles and encloses all experiences" (1981, p.49), illustrating that the human being experiences an absolute fullness of being, meaning, truth, and goodness, which go beyond any particular act of knowing and willing. This absolute horizon is identified as God. Just as in the event of the burning bush, Moses encounters the extraordinary scene of holiness and marvel and the fire that consumes not (Ex. 3, 1-12) or in the "sound of sheer silence" (1Kgs. 19, 11-13) encountered by Elijah at Horeb, man experiences the transcendence of God within which intellect and will cannot fathom. It is salvation history at it exists in the mind of God himself, the meeting point of God and man, a supernatural gift from God, "a grace which does not belong to the natural human condition" (O'Collins 1981, p.50).

On the other hand, "the sacramental character of divine revelation and the revelation of the receiving subject" (O'Collins, 2016, pp. 39, 75) remain absolutely historical since God becomes immanent in and through history. This historical revelation is what man experiences in a religious encounter; as in Moses taking his sandals off and Elijah covering his face with a mantle, the fearful and fascinating mystery of Rudolf Otto. It involves every act of knowing and willing, an appeal to reason, an intellectual enlightenment or divine illumination as in Augustine. The final experience of which the paper is concerned is the human response to revelation as an act of faith. Here, the divine self-communication invites obedience and summons to a self-conscious faith.

THE PLACE OF FAITH

Ratzinger's view that, "the receiving subject is always also a part of revelation", emphasizes the importance of the human experience as indispensable to Divine revelation, for without the human experience of intellect and will, there is no veil taken off. It is the human experience that requires a removal of a veil, to see what lies beyond.

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This importance is further affirmed by the need for an assenting will (faith), first of all, giving by the Divine as a supernatural gift, and also, the human being's personal assent to what is revealed. Revelation, therefore, only occurs when it is received by human faith, just as O'Collins quotes from the Epistle of Diognetus, "No living human being has seen God or known Him. He, Himself has provided the revelation of himself. But he has revealed himself only in faith, by which alone we are permitted to see God" (2011).

Just as human experience is an indispensable part of divine revelation, so faith is also an indispensable part of the human experience, through which alone revelation can occur. God's revelation does not hang in the air, but reaches its goal when human faith recognizes the divine self-communication. Thus in their discourse on Divine revelation the Council Fathers of Vatican affirm that: "The obedience of faith is to be given to God who reveals, an obedience by which man commits his whole self freely to God, offering the full submission of intellect and will to God who reveals, and freely assenting to the truth revealed by Him" (DV. 5).

To be continued...

ORDINARY TIME II





JOIN US FOR BIBLE SHARING

Get to learn more about the holy scriptures with us!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
7PM-8PM
ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH,
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HOMECOMING & THANKSGIVING


25TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF VERY REV. FR. JOHN KOBINA OBENG AMOAH

Very Rev. Fr. John Kobina Obeng Amoah was born on 4th July, 1967 at Ajumako Bisease to Mr. John Dwamina Amoah and Mrs. Martha Amoah who passed on some six years ago. His elder brother is Mr. Richard Ebo Amoah popularly known as Cheeeeeesssss, of Amalgamated Community.

Rev. Fr. John Amoah and his family worshipped at St Thomas for many years and was Mass Server until his call to the priesthood. He's a true son of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher. His ordination was the second in St. Thomas More now SS. Thomas More and John Fisher but third in line after the ordination of Rev. Fathers Frederick Agyemang and Mathias Kotoka Amuzu the previous year.

He was ordained Deacon on 14th July, 1997 and Priest the following year Saturday 18th July, 1998 by His Grace Most Rev. Dominic Kodwo Andoh of blessed memory. He is currently the Dean of Osu Deanery, Parish Priest of St. Anthony Catholic Church and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Nungua and Quaye- Nungua.





YOUTH CORNER



A CALL TO A PURPOSE

Matthew 13: 44 - 52

Youth Mass	
30th July	SS Thomas More & John Fisher (SJF), New Achimota
9:30am	GA-301-1234

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are reminded and encouraged to pay our Harvest levy of **GH¢100** per Adult, **GH¢50** per working Youth and **GH¢20** per child. Those in arrears of Harvest Levy, and pledges are entreated to redeem them and also fulfill all other Church Financial Obligations. (e.g. Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund).
- St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Knights of St. John International of their visitation to **7 Wards** in Alogboshie **Group A** this Month and Knights and Ladies of Marshall to **8 Wards** in Alogboshie **Group B** in August. Parishioners are to check the SSVF Gallery notice boards to see pictures of visit.
- The family of the late Sir. Kt. Bro. Clement Tuobor Zuolu wish to thank all parishioners for the immense support given them during their father's funeral. May good Lord bless you abundantly.
- Death Report & Funeral Arrangements of:**
 - **Mad. Augusta Marie Browne**, a parishioner. Funeral details is as follows:
Burial Mass: Wednesday, 26th July, 2023 at Christ the King Catholic Church, Accra at 9:00am.
Memorial & Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 30th July, 2023 at Christ the King Catholic Church Accra.
 - **Mad. Joyce McKenzie Tolmie Dake** a parishioner. Funeral details is as follows:
Laying in state: Saturday 29th July, 2023 at the GreenPASTURES TPH Church, Shiashie, East Legon, behind Allied Filling Station at 7:00am.
Burial Service: Saturday 29th July, 2023 at GreenPASTURES TPH Church at 8:30am. Attire: Black.
Memorial & Thanksgiving Service: Sunday 30th July, 2023 at 8:30am. Attire: Black & White.
 - **Mr. Joseph Tampaa Elee**, Father of Mad. Edith Sompour, a member of the Northern Union and Christian Mothers Association. Funeral details is as follows:
Reception of Body & Traditional Rites: Friday 4th August, 2023 at Fian-Saapuoyiri, Upper West Region.
Burial Mass: Saturday 5th August, 2023 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Fian at 10:00am.
Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 6th August, 2023 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Fian at 9:00am.
 - **Mad. Elizabeth Aki-Kuma** a member of the New Achimota/ Kopevi/

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 JULY WEEK1	STM JULY WEEK2	STM JULY WEEK3
SUNDAY	1047.00	-----	20.00
MONDAY	1499.00	-----	120.00
TUESDAY	1747.50	25.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	1342.00	35.00	-----
THURSDAY	1712.50	-----	20.00
FRIDAY	993.00	100.00	-----
SATURDAY	1872.00	-----	-----
JULY BORN	89.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	10302.00	160.00	160.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2245.60
SECOND COLLECTION	1237.30
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	855.00
TITHE	100.00
TOTAL	4437.90

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK1	SJF JULY WEEK2	SJF JULY WEEK3
SUNDAY	1307.00	420.00	100.00
MONDAY	2852.00	-----	100.00
TUESDAY	657.00	1.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	848.40	220.00	455.00
THURSDAY	1552.50	220.00	100.00
FRIDAY	1026.50	4000.00	20.00
SATURDAY	1971.00	1000.00	-----
JULY BORN	168.10	-----	-----
TOTAL	10382.50	5861.00	775.00

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3494.80
SECOND COLLECTION	2257.30
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	550.00
TITHE	200.00
TOTAL	6502.10

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

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 Kids - **20.00** or more

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