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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3RD SEPTEMBER, 2023: TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“Unwavering Resolve”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: JER 20:7-9: Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 63:2-6, 8-9

FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O LORD, MY GOD.

Second Reading: ROM 12:1-2: Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God.

Gospel Reading: 16:21-27: Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

REFLECTION

The journey of life is a path of decision making. The firmness of our decision lies however in persistence even when oppositions exist. Jeremiah and Jesus teach us today to be unwavering in our decisions and calling. It is a commitment to proclaiming God's message despite the challenges. Only then can we present ourselves a living sacrifices to God. Like the experience of Jeremiah and Jesus, opposition is most dreadful when it comes from within; even so when the opposition assumes it is for your benefit. Jesus teaches us to be firm in our resolve, unshaken by the supposed thoughtfulness of people. If your choice is right, then your journey will be fruitful. Hold on fast.

WEEKLY READINGS

MON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

1THES 4:13-18
PS 96:1,3-5,11-13
LK 4:16-30

TUE 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

1THES 5:1-6,9-11
PS 27:1,4,13-14
LK 4:31-37

WED 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

COL 1:1-8
PS 52:10-11
LK 4:38-44

THUR 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

COL 1:9-14
PS 98:2-6
LK 5:1-11

FRI 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

NATIVITY OF THE BVM
MIC 5:1-4A OR ROM 8:28-30
PS 13:6-7
MT 1:1-16,18-23 OR 1:18-23

SAT 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

ST. PETER CLAVER
COL 1:21-23
PS 54:3-4,6,8
LK 6:1-5

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING

EZ 33:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 95:1,2,6-9

SECOND READING

ROM 13:8-10

GOSPEL

MT 18:15-20

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE

ST. JOHN FISHER

FIRST MASS: 7:00AM

FIRST MASS: 6:3 AM

SECOND MASS: 9:30AM

SECOND MASS: 9:30AM



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

THE NATURE OF THE PAPAL PRIMACY Continued from last week

C. Power and Service of Peter

Frequently nowadays, and rightly so, because it is based on Scripture and Tradition, we speak of the mission of the Pope and the bishops as a ministry, as a service. Indeed, they are there to serve. 'The office which the Lord has committed to the pastors of his people is, in the strict sense of the term, a service, which is called very expressively in Sacred Scripture, a *diakonia* or ministry.' One of the titles proper to the Pope himself is 'servant of the servants of God.' The term service cannot be understood as a divesting themselves of the authority which is theirs by right, opposing service to power. That would be a most unbiblical and untraditional way of understanding the word ministry.

The Pope and the bishops can only render to the Church the service God wants from them if they exercise their power, which is of divine origin and only they have. If they were not to use their power, they would be unable to serve; they would be of no use. Now all of us Christians ought to serve one another as Christ loved us and served us. But bishops, besides being counted among the faithful themselves, are pastors and must serve their brethren and children through the use of their pastoral power. Such service demands humility (The greatest among you must be your servant, Matt. 31:11) and fortitude (The Holy Spirit has made you overseers to feed the Church of God, Acts 20:28).

St. Leo the Great, paraphrasing the words of Jesus, put it like this: 'You are a Rock, Simon. Rather, I am the unshakeable Rock, I am the Cornerstone which unites what was separated. I am the Foundation and no one can lay any other. And yet, you Simon, you also are a Rock because I am going to give you my strength, in such a way that by this sharing, the power which is only mine will be common to you and to me.'

D. Unity: Reason for Primacy

Vatican Council I affirmed that the authority of the Pope, and the resulting obligation to obey him, took in 'not only matters that pertain to the faith and morals, but also matters that pertain to discipline and government of the Church throughout the whole world.'

PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND

It is what we call universal power (applicable, it is clearly understood, to ecclesiastical matters only). The power which the Pope receives from Christ has its own internal statutes and lays upon the successor of St. Peter a very grave moral obligation.

Earlier, I referred to this service on behalf of the unity of the Church. The Pope has a very wide power in order to be able to serve in a supreme way the unity of the Church. He must use his authority whenever it is required and in the way it is required so as to serve the unity of faith and communion in the Church. Not to use it could constitute a serious fault; and to hinder its exercise is to hinder the supreme way which Christ has instituted for keeping his Church one. On the other hand, if the Pope were to intervene with his supreme authority where it was not needed, he would be making use of the power conferred on him by Christ in a way contrary to the meaning of that power which, in the whole Church, is for building up, not pulling down (2 Cor. 10:8) and is 'for us men and for our salvation.' In the ministry of the Pope to build up and save is to care for the unity of faith and of communion among pastors and faithful.

To be continued

ORDINARY TIME II



UPCOMING PROGRAM

LAITY WEEK CELEBRATION FROM 18TH - 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2023 @ STM.



How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
Ss Thomas more & John Fisher
059 585 0922

Dial *170#
Select Option 2
Select Option 1
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
Enter Amt
Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*
Enter your Momo pin
Send



MOTIVATION

A BOAT FOR ALL FEELINGS

Once there was an island where all the feelings and emotions lived together. One day a big storm from the sea was about to drown the island.

Every emotion on the island was scared, but Love made a boat to escape. All the feelings jumped in the boat except for one sense. Love got down to see who it was. It was Ego! Love tried its best to bring Ego to the boat, but Ego didn't move.

Everyone asked Love to leave Ego and come in the boat, but Love was meant to Love. It remained with Ego. All other feelings were left alive, but Love died because of Ego!

YOUTH CORNER

HOW TO BOOST YOUR MOOD

1. Put down your phone and other devices.
2. Play songs that you like and try to dance and sing along
3. Write some of the things you are grateful for.
4. Meditate
5. Go outside for a few minutes.
6. Talk to your friends and family.
7. Treat yourself to something nice

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 fulfill all other Church Financial Obligations. (e.g., Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund).
- Marriage Banns:**
1st Publication between: Eugene Nii Ayitey Adade, son (Mr. Christopher Adade and Mrs. Abigail Adade) And Selinam Afi Seglah, daughter of (Mr. Eric Seglah & Mrs. Mary Okine)
3rd Publication between: **Michael Davis** son of (Mr. Anthony Eric Davis, & Mrs. Juliana Brobbey). And **Joy Tieku** daughter of (Mr. Padmond Tieku, and Mrs. Comfort Agyekum).
- St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Northern Union of their visitation to Achimota Group A this month, and to Young Christian Workers to Kissehman in October. Parishioners are to check the SSVF Gallery notice boards to see pictures of visits.
- The death is reported of **Mad. Mercy Dwobeng** of Westland. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.
- Funeral Arrangements of:**
 - Mr. Joseph Kwame Attah**, was a former Catechist and a member of the Alogboshie Community is as follows:
 - **Saturday 9th September 2023:** Burial Mass at SJF at 8:00 am Attire: Black and White.
 - **Sunday 10th September, 2023:** Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 9:30 am.
 - Mr. Eric Woworny** was the son of Mad. Susanna Kwame is as follows:
 - **Saturday 9th September 2023:** Reception of body & Burial Mass at SJF at 8:00 am.
 - **Sunday 10th September, 2023:** Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 9:30 am.
 - Mr. Geshion Kwaku Biewotsor Blewusi**, was father of Rev. Fr. John Blewusi is as follows:
 - Burial Mass: Saturday: 16th September 2023 at 9:00 am at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Aflao in the Volta Region.
 - Sunday: 17th September 2023 Memorial Service 9:00 am at Ss: Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Aflao.

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: 9:00am -1:00pm & 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am - 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 AUG. WEEK1 | STM AUG. WEEK2 | STM AUG. WEEK3 | STM AUG. WEEK4 | GRAND TOTAL | POSITIONS |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 855.00 | 20.00 | ---- | ---- | 875.00 | 5 TH |
| MONDAY | 962.00 | 20.00 | ---- | ---- | 982.00 | 2 ND |
| TUESDAY | 581.00 | 20.00 | 1000.00 | ---- | 1601.00 | 1 ST |
| WEDNESDAY | 892.50 | ---- | 10.00 | 10.00 | 912.50 | 4 TH |
| THURSDAY | 698.00 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 698.00 | 6 TH |
| FRIDAY | 838.00 | ---- | 120.00 | ---- | 958.00 | 3 RD |
| SATURDAY | 398.00 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 398.00 | 7 TH |
| AUG. BORN | 135.00 | ---- | ---- | ---- | 135.00 | |
| TOTAL | 5359.50 | 60.00 | 1130.00 | 10.00 | 6559.50 | |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | STM AUG. WEEK4 |
|---------------------|----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 2037.40 |
| SECOND COLLECTION | 1293.30 |
| OFFERTORY ENVELOPES | 30.00 |
| TOTAL | 3360.70 |

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| WEEKDAYS | SJF AUG. WEEK1 | SJF AUG. WEEK2 | SJF AUG. WEEK3 | SJF AUG. WEEK4 | GRAND TOTAL | POSITIONS |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 1307.00 | 5.00 | ----- | 105.00 | 1417.00 | 6 TH |
| MONDAY | 1675.00 | 100.00 | 500.00 | ----- | 2275.00 | 5 TH |
| TUESDAY | 1300.40 | ----- | 5100.00 | 150.00 | 6550.40 | 1 ST |
| WEDNESDAY | 510.00 | 655.00 | ----- | 200.00 | 1365.00 | 7 TH |
| THURSDAY | 2097.50 | 358.00 | 20.00 | ----- | 2475.50 | 4 TH |
| FRIDAY | 5057.70+\$2 | ----- | 1.50 | ----- | 5059.20 | 3 RD |
| SATURDAY | 3986.50 | 1000.00 | 200.00 | ----- | 5186.50 | 2 ND |
| AUG. BORN | 233.50 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 233.50 | |
| TOTAL | 16167.60 | 2118.00 | 5821.50 | 455.00 | 24562.10 | |

| SUNDAY | SJF AUG. WEEK4 |
|---------------------|----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 3805.40 |
| SECOND COLLECTION | 2575.50 |
| OFFERTORY ENVELOPES | 350.00 |
| TOTAL | 6730.90 |

All Foreign Currencies have been converted into cedis.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.



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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