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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17TH SEPTEMBER, 2023: TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“SINCERITY IS A VIRTUE.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7: Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

THE LORD IS COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER AND RICH IN MERCY.

Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9: We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Mt 18:21-35: Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

REFLECTION

Beloved, the first and second readings for this Sunday draw our attention to the need to forgive. Forgiveness is a created element of God for humanity, and He expects it to be a way of life for us. Mistakes are bound to happen in the life of man, and we may seek forgiveness either from God or from our fellow humans. Hence, if we see the need to ask forgiveness from God when we sin against him, we are obliged to forgive the offense of a friend, neighbour, husband, wife, or colleague without any iota of restraint. This is in reference to what Ben Sira says: *"Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned."* Moreover, if the forgiveness of God has no limit, we also need to practice the same level of forgiveness, not bounded by time or duration, not following the path of Peter, who felt there should be a limit to it, as he tried to emphasize in Matthew's Gospel of today, *"as many as seven times?"*

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

1Tim 2:1-8
Ps 28:2,7-9
Lk 7:1-10

Tue 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
1Tim 3:1-13
Ps 101:1-3,5-6
Lk 7:11-17

Wed 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Companions
1Tim 3:14-16
Ps 111:1-6
Lk 7:31-35

Thur 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2023

St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7,11-13
Ps 19:2-5
Mt 9:9-13

Fri 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2023

1Tim 6:2c-12
Ps 49:6-10,17-20
Lk 8:1-3

Sat 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2023

St. Pius Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
1Tim 6:13-16
Ps 100:2-5
Lk 8:4-14

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 55:6-9
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
Second Reading	Phil 1:20c-24,27a
Gospel	Mt 20:1-16a

Mass Schedule

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



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

THE NATURE OF THE PA PAL PRIMACY Final Part

F. Unity of Christians around the Pope

On one occasion Pope Paul VI said that he viewed 'the charism of the primacy in the Church, given by Christ himself to Peter, whose humble successor I am, more as an office to be exercised than as a right.' This way of seeing things coincides with the attitude which Christians ought to have and which was expressed by Msgr. Escriv de Balaguer: Christians must 'work, not as subject to an authority, but with the piety of children, with the love of those who feel themselves to be and are members of the Body of Christ.' Behind this spirituality of love for the Pope lies the deep conviction that his authority cannot be done away with. 'Do not tire of preaching love and full obedience to the Holy Father. Even if his office had not been instituted by Jesus Christ my head tells me that a strong central authority – that of the Holy See – would be needed to induce those who are in disagreement with the Church and who blunder about to act reasonably. But over and beyond these logical reasons there is the will of God who has wanted to have a Vicar on earth and to assist him infallibly with his Holy Spirit.'

In the words of Pope Paul VI to the Council Fathers: 'If our apostolic office obliges us to put up signposts, to define terms, to lay down guidelines and modes for the exercise of episcopal power it is – you know well – for the good of the entire Church and for the unity of the Church. The need for guidelines and direction is all the more necessary as the catholic unity spreads, as she faces graver danger, as the needs of the Christian people become more pressing in different historical circumstances and, we could add, as the means of communication become more sophisticated.'

Behind the theology of the successor of Peter there is always the communion, the unity of the Church in the midst of her variety. According to divine revelation this is the formal meaning of the primacy of Peter: to be the perpetual and visible centre and foundation of the community of Churches which is vivified by the Spirit of Christ. This is what, in a turbulent crisis of faith and unity, is felt by many who are outside the boat of Peter. Those of us who through the grace of God sail in Christ's boat have the grave responsibility not to defraud that hope.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND

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.

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

ORDINARY TIME II





Laity Week
Celebration '23

Theme:
For a Synodal Church:
Communion, participation, & mission

Sept. **18 - 22** **6:30pm** Each Day
St. Thomas More,
GA-246-1294

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MOTIVATION

THE DOG AND THE BONE

A dog that had a juicy bone in its mouth let go of the bone when he saw another dog with a bone he wanted. The bone fell into a river and sank.

Moral: Envy will make you lose what you already have.

YOUTH CORNER

YOUTH MASS! YOUTH MASS

THEME: SHS & JHS Thanksgiving Mass

VENUE: SS. Thomas More and John Fisher Catholic Church

TIME : 9:30AM

DATE : 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

Attire : WHITE ON JEANS

Part 2:

Orientation - After School what Next?

KINDLY COME ALONG WITH OFFERTORY ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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).
2. The Woworyon and Kwame Ecklu Families wish to thank the Parish Priest, Assist. Priest and the entire Parish Community for their support during the burial of their son Mr. Eric Woworyon. May God bless us all.
3. **In connection with our Laity Week Celebration, there won't be Bible sharing this Wednesday at SJF.**
4. **Marriage Banns:**
3rd 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)
5. 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.

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 SEPT. WEEK1	STM SEPT. WEEK2
SUNDAY	753.00	50.00
MONDAY	1184.40	70.00
TUESDAY	1175.60	40.00
WEDNESDAY	1388.00	770.00
THURSDAY	585.70	-----
FRIDAY	1487.50	140.00
SATURDAY	447.00	-----
SEPT. BORNS	56.00	-----
TOTAL	7077.20	1070.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM SEPT. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2837.65
SECOND COLLECTION	1350.90
TITHE	46.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	600.00
TOTAL	4834.55

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

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WEEKDAYS	SJF SEPT. WEEK1	SJF SEPT. WEEK2
SUNDAY	1300.00	50.00
MONDAY	2267.20+£50	100.00
TUESDAY	1698.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	741.50+\$20	920.00
THURSDAY	2168.50	610.00
FRIDAY	1564.80	600.00
SATURDAY	1851.00	-----
SEPT. BORNES	342.50	-----
TOTAL	12776.50	2280.00

SUNDAY	SJF SEPT. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	4463.40
SECOND COLLECTION	2853.50
TITHE	751.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	30.00
TOTAL	8097.90

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



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