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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

8TH OCTOBER, 2023: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"BE A BEARER OF GOOD FRUIT"**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: *Is 5:1-7:* The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20*
THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD OF HOSTS IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

Second Reading: *Phil 4:6-9:* Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading: *Mt 21:33-43:* Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

REFLECTION

The gospel of today draws our attention to the householder who planted a vineyard and equipped it with all the necessary logistics to make it easier for any person who would work in the vineyard. He later leased it to tenants, only to demand an account of the work done by them. The householder is God, the vineyard is the Church, and the tenants are we, the baptized faithful. God has endowed the church with every resource we need as tenants of the Church to bear good fruit. These resources are the doctrines, the sacraments, the faith, the moral values, and the various retreats and spiritual programmes of the church that have been given to us freely. What God demands of us when the season of fruit draws near, is to bear fruits of love, piety, truthfulness, generosity, selflessness, and others. However, since we are often not forthcoming in bearing these fruits, we are always in a defensive mood to attack. Furthermore, our sinful rebellious acts, which often produce vices instead of virtues, make us crucify Christ regardless of the number of times Christ visits us in sacraments and especially in the Eucharist. We depict the attitude of the tenants who killed the son of the householder who was sent to them. Remember what God demands of us: to be responsible tenants who will always be ready to give a proper account of the fruits we have produced out of the abundance of the riches we have acquired from the vineyard.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 9TH OCTOBER, 2023 Jon 1:1-2:1,11 Ps Jon 2:3-5,8 Lk 10:25-37	Tue 10TH OCTOBER, 2023 Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4,7-8 Lk 10:38-42
Wed 11TH OCTOBER, 2023 Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6,9-10 Lk 11:1-4	Thurs 12TH OCTOBER, 2023 Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:5-13
Fri 13TH OCTOBER, 2023 Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3,6,16,8-9-15 Lk 11:15-26	Sat 14TH OCTOBER, 2023 Joel 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Lk 11:27-28

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 25:6-10a
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 23:1-6
Second Reading	Phil 4:12-14,19-20
Gospel	Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More	St. John Fisher
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 CONFITEOR

Confiteor is a Latin word that means "I confess," the first words of the prayer that we now say together. This is a public confession. There are only sinners present in the church today. Everyone—priest, deacon, and all gathered—says the words together.

This prayer is directed not only to God but also to everyone present, including the people around us. We acknowledge our act of separation has occurred through our fault, emphasizing this by striking our breasts. We have sinned in our minds, in our hearts, in our actions, and, worst of all, in what we have done. Our confession is an admission that we are in desperate need of a savior. We open our hearts with this generation confession to all gathered that we, like them, are in need of someone to excuse us from our plight. The wages of sin, or sin, is death.

Our sins have other consequences than those felt in the here and now. Our sins create discord, sow fear, and cause great pain. They create a living hell for those around us and even in us. Not only do we need a savior who can recuse us, but we also need a savior who can empower us to live differently.

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.

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

ORDINARY TIME II




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
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MOTIVATION

THE SLAVE AND THE LION


A slave, mistreated by his master, escaped to the jungle where he helped a lion by removing a thorn from its paw.

Later, when his master sent him to the lion's den, not only did the lion spare him but he let him free from other animals, too.

Moral: Good deeds will always come back to you.


YOUTH CORNER





#BesohweGoesPink

Breast Cancer Awareness | Rosary Month


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are reminded of our **Annual Harvest which comes off on the 5th of November 2023 at all masses: 7:00am at STM. 6:30am & 9:30am at SJF.** We are 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).
- Due to the Catechetical Week Celebration which begins tomorrow Monday 9th October, 2023 at STM at 6:30pm with Rosary Prayers. There won't be **Bible sharing** this Wednesday, 11th October, 2023 at SJF.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Young Christian Workers Movement of their visitation to Kissehman this month, and to Ave Maria Society in the month of November. Parishioners are to check the SSVF Gallery notice boards to see pictures of visits.
- Marriage Banns: 1st** Publication between Joseph Kojo Yovo, son of Mr. Philip Yovo & Mrs. Vincentia Yovo And Immaculate Ruth Mbor, daughter of Mr. Joshua Nyunfa & Judith Amenovi.
- Meetings:**
 - ❖ The Christian Young Workers Movement will have their monthly meeting next Sunday 15th October, 2023 at STM after the 7:00am Mass.
 - ❖ The Christian Mothers Association will also have their monthly meeting next Sunday 15th October, 2023 here at STM after the 9:30am Mass. Members are reminded to bring offertory for the Mass.
 - ❖ The New Achimota Kopevi Akweteyman Achimota Town Community next Sunday 15th October, 2023 here at SJF after the 9:30am Mass. Members are reminded to bring offertory for the Mass.

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
SUNDAY	570.00
MONDAY	1248.00
TUESDAY	2099.00
WEDNESDAY	2106.00
THURSDAY	972.50
FRIDAY	890.00
SATURDAY	634.00
OCT. BORNES	172.00
TOTAL	8691.50

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2720.60
TITHE	3800.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	1410.00 +\$50
TOTAL	8512.10

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1
SUNDAY	2160.50
MONDAY	2686.00+£100
TUESDAY	586.20
WEDNESDAY	819.00+\$100
THURSDAY	2209.00
FRIDAY	1181.00+\$400
SATURDAY	1715.00
OCT. BORNS	473.00
TOTAL	18869.70

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	4214.00
TITHE	360.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	500.00 +\$100
TOTAL	6237.00

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



Harvest 2023



TARGET
GH¢ 500,000⁰⁰

DATE
**SUNDAY,
5TH NOVEMBER, 2023.**

VENUE
**STM: 7:00AM MASS
SJF: 6:30AM MASS
& 10:00AM MASS**

THEME

**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 -



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