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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15TH OCTOBER, 2023: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "LET US JOURNEY WITH THE CHURCH TO GROW OUR FAITH"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: *Is 25:6-10a:* The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 23:1-6*

IN THE LORD'S OWN HOUSE SHALL I DWELL FOR LENGTH OF DAYS UNENDING.

Second Reading: *Phil 4:12-14, 19-20:* Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading: *Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10:* Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

REFLECTION

Today's gospel speaks of a symbolic marriage feast that mirrors the profound relationship between Jesus Christ and the Church. We, the members of the Church, are fortunate recipients of multiple invitations to this extravagant banquet, all freely offered by the Lord. In this sacred gathering, we are beckoned to partake in the abundant treasures that thrive within the union of the Church and Christ – treasures such as love, joy, a sense of belonging, authenticity, unity, and a boundless freedom to embrace these blessings. Yet, at times, we hesitate to respond to God's gracious invitations. We may feel tempted to lead our lives within the Church on our own terms, seemingly indifferent to the Church's desires and purpose. This misguided notion sometimes leads us to a self-righteous belief in our self-sufficiency, where we wrongly assume we can navigate life without the Church's guidance. In doing so, we echo the sentiments of those who chose their personal pursuits over participating in the union, much like individuals who chose farming and business endeavours over the feast. Some even resort to discrediting, threatening, or discouraging fellow Church members who strive to emphasise the significance of being part of this beautiful union. Such behaviour ultimately erodes our faith, diminishes our identity, and gradually distances us from the Church.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 16TH OCTOBER, 2023 Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 11:29-32	Tue 17TH OCTOBER, 2023 St. Ignatius of Antioch Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41
Wed 18TH OCTOBER, 2023 St. Luke, Evangelist 2Tim 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13,17-18 Lk 10:1-9	Thurs 19TH OCTOBER, 2023 Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
Fri 20TH OCTOBER, 2023 Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 Lk 12:1-7	Sat 21ST OCTOBER, 2023 Rom 4:13,16-18 Ps 105:6-9,42-43 Lk 12:8-12

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 45:1,4-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1,3-5,7-10
Second Reading	1Thes 1:1-5b
Gospel	Mt 22:15-21

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 CONFITEOR - Part 2

- STRIKING OUR BREAST

At the words "through my fault," we strike our breasts. Why? In the ancient world, striking one's breast was a sign of mourning.

At Jesus' death on the cross, the Gospel of Luke recounts that the crowd returned to their homes "beating their breasts" (Luke 23:48). Zechariah the prophet had prophesied that the inhabitants of Jerusalem would do this when he said, *"When they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child"* (Zechariah 12:10).

Our sins are our death warrant. We beat our breasts as we declare our sinfulness in the Confiteor in imitation of the tax collector who, "standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner'" (Luke 18:13)

Hence, we need to perform this act as a symbol rather than for show.

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

UPCOMING PROGRAM



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**BIBLE WEEK CELEBRATION
FROM SUN. 22ND TO SUN.
29TH OCTOBER, 2023
@ SJF @ 6:30PM
EACH EVENING.**

MOTIVATION

THE WISE OLD MAN

A wise old man told some people a joke one day. They all laughed. He told them the same joke again and they laughed less.

The final time, they didn't laugh at all. He told them it is the same with worry.

Moral: Worrying is a waste of time and energy.



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YOUTH CORNER



**ACCRA ARCHDIOCESAN
CATHOLIC YOUTH COUNCIL
(AADCYC)**



Under the auspices of the Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra,
Most. Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie CSSp. Invites all **Catholic JHS & SHS**
Graduates to this all important gathering dubbed

**Kaseli Naanyoboo
ye Kristo mli 2K23**
"Students' Communion in Christ"

Activities

- ✓ Holy Mass
- ✓ Talk / Interaction
- ✓ Fun Fair

📅 21st October 2023

🕒 8:00am to 5:00pm

📍 St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy,
University of Ghana, Legon.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are reminded of our **Annual Harvest which comes off on the 5th of November 2023 at the 7:00am Mass at STM, and at the 6:30am & 10:00am Masses 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).
2. **The quarterly Daily Devotional booklets for all children are in. A copy goes for GHC15. Parents are entreated to purchase them for their kids.**
3. Join us this Wednesday 18th October, 2023 at SJF at 7:00pm, as we continue the Wisdom and Teachings of the Bible from the Letter of James Chapter 3.
4. **Marriage Banns: 2nd** Publication between Joseph Kojo Yovo, son of Mr. Philip Yovo & Mrs. Vincentia Yovo And Immaculate Ruth Mbor, daughter of Mr. Joshua Nyunfa & Judith Amenovi.
5. St. Vincent de Paul Society would the Ave Maria Society of their visitation in the month of November. Parishioners are to check the SSVP Gallery notice boards to see pictures of visits.
5. **Funeral Arrangement** of Mad. Patience Akweley Foli a member of the Alogboshie Community is as follows:
 - Saturday 28th October, 2023: Burial Mass at SJF at 8:00am.
 - Sunday 29th October, 2023: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 9:30am.

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	STM OCT. WEEK2
SUNDAY	570.00	190.00
MONDAY	1248.00	20.00
TUESDAY	2099.00	500.00
WEDNESDAY	2106.00	15.00
THURSDAY	972.50	1270.00
FRIDAY	890.00	20.00
SATURDAY	634.00	-----
OCT. BORNS	172.00	-----
TOTAL	8691.50	2015.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	1991.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1167.40
TITHE	480.00
TOTAL	3639.30

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1	SJF OCT. WEEK2
SUNDAY	2160.50	-----
MONDAY	2686.00+£100	-----
TUESDAY	586.20	100.00
WEDNESDAY	819.00+\$100	5.00
THURSDAY	2209.00	300.00
FRIDAY	1181.00+\$400	250.00
SATURDAY	1715.00	20.00
OCT. BORNES	473.00	-----
TOTAL	18869.70	675.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	4341.60
SECOND COLLECTION	2710.00
TITHE	300.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	555.00
TOTAL	7906.60

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



Harvest 2023



TARGET

GH¢ 500,000.00

DATE

SUNDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 2023.

VENUE

STM: 7:00^{AM} MASS
SJF: 6:30^{AM} MASS & 10:00^{AM} MASS

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1117000222801
BANK: NIB BANK, ABEKA BRANCH.

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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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