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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5TH NOVEMBER, 2023: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“A TRUE CHRISTIAN DOES NOT LIVE A DOUBLE LIFE”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10: Through the prophet Malachi, God judges the priests of Israel and calls them to be more faithful to the Covenant.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 131:1-3

**KEEP MY SOUL IN PEACE AT YOUR SIDE, O LORD.**

**Second Reading:** 1Thes 2:7b-9, 13: Paul gives thanks to God for the way in which the Thessalonians received the word of God.

**Gospel Reading:** Mt 23:1-12: Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants.

### REFLECTION

Beloved in Christ, in our quest to build our spiritual life as Christians, we may come across people who will definitely portray themselves as very good spiritual leaders. We should not be quick to acclaim, accept, or follow anyone who tends to portray himself as a spiritual leader or director, a Christian or spiritual father, or a teacher of faith. Some are often deceptive and tend to live double lives because they do not practice what they teach. This is a similar admonishment Jesus Christ gave to the crowds in the gospel of today (Matthew 23:1-12), in relation to the Pharisees. He tells them to focus on obeying and practicing the laws taught by the Pharisees; however, they should be careful not to follow in their footsteps. Sometimes it seems obvious that the deeds of these teachers of faith in the law, spiritual leaders, and spiritual fathers are accepted by God. It is not always the case, and if care is not taken, we may end up losing our faith by following their deeds. Remember, they may exercise the offices, but they do not possess this authority; God, our Father, and His Son Jesus hold this sole authority; hence, we should always look up to them.

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023</b> Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36-37 Lk 14:12-14	<b>Tue 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023</b> Rom 12:5-16b Ps 67:2,4,6-7,20-21 Lk 14:15-24
<b>Wed 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023</b> Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1-2,4-5,9 Lk 14:15-24	<b>Thurs 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023</b> <b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</b> Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22
<b>Fri 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023</b> <b>St. Leo the Great</b> Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8	<b>Sat 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023</b> <b>St. Martin of Tours</b> Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27 Ps 145:2-5,10-11 Lk 16:9-15

### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Wis 6:12-16</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 63:2-8</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>1Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mt 25:1-13</b>

### Mass Schedule

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



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – Lord hear our prayer

The response to the prayers of the faithful usually is “lord, hear our prayers,” although other responses may be used at times. When we address the “Lord,” it is God we are summoning. Another way of phrasing “Lord, hear our prayer” is “God, listen to what we are asking.”

We address God out of the belief that He cares about us. Christians believe that God is intensely interested in their lives. The God we believe in acts in the events of our lives, and desires that we be in relationship with Him. We have only to remember our lord Jesus Christ’s example. He has perfectly revealed God to us. Anything we believe about God is revealed perfectly by Jesus because Jesus is God. This is why the liturgy of the Word is so important. The scriptures that are read during Mass remind us again of how Jesus has revealed what God is really like.

People constantly came to Jesus requesting help during His earthly life. He ascended into heaven they continued to come to his disciples (Acts of the Apostles), who continued to do the same works that Jesus had done because He was now living in each of them.

Through our baptism, Jesus lives in us. But we must die to ourselves so that His power may operate in our lives. As you hear the Prayers of the Faithful, make them yours by responding with a sense of urgency and faith that the Lord will hear our prayer. We address these prayers through our Lord Jesus Christ, confident that He will present them to the Father.

## 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.

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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



# Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy?



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## MOTIVATION

### HAVING A BEST FRIEND

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. At some point in the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand; *"Today my best friend slapped me in the face."* They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone; *"Today my best friend saved my life."*

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him; *"After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?"* The other friend replied; *"When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."*

*Moral: Don't value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life.*

## YOUTH CORNER

THE PYC WOULD  
LIKE TO CALL  
FOR WRITERS  
FOR THE  
YOUTH CORNER.  
INTERESTED  
PERSONS  
SHOULD  
CONTACT AMA  
ON *0578041989*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our **ANNUAL HARVEST** comes off **TODAY** at **STM** at **7:00am Mass, and at SJF at 6:30am & 10:00am Masses**. 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. St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Ave Maria Society of their visitation this month. Parishioners are to check the SSVP Gallery notice boards to see pictures of visits.
3. The death is reported of **Mr. Emmanuel Owusu**, a member of the Amalgamated Community. His Funeral Arrangements will be announced later.
4. **Funeral Arrangement:**
  1. **Mr. Eric Osei-Owusu** a member of the Knights & Ladies of Marshall is as follows:
    - **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Filing Past and reading of tributes at 8.00 am,
    - Requiem mass at St. John Fisher at 9.00 am.
    - **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Lying in state at 7.00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sunyani.
    - Burial Mass at 9.00 am at the same venue.
    - Final Funeral Rites at St. Mary's Catholic School Park at 1.00 p.m.
  2. **Mr. James Kwakye** a member of the Holy Family Akan Kuo is as follows:
    - **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Lying in state at Darbaa near Akropong. Final Funeral Rites at Darbaa at 8:00am and Burial at Darbaa Cemetery.
    - **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Thanksgiving Service at the St. Andrews Catholic Church, Darbaa at 8:00am.

## 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	STM OCT. WEEK3	STM OCT. WEEK4	STM OCT. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITION S
SUNDAY	570.00	190.00	22.00	700.00	20.00	1502.00	4 <sup>TH</sup>
MONDAY	1248.00	20.00	-----	-----	-----	1268.00	5 <sup>TH</sup>
TUESDAY	2099.00	500.00	800.00	-----	-----	3399.00	1 <sup>ST</sup>
WEDNESDAY	2106.00	15.00	-----	-----	25.00	2146.00	3 <sup>RD</sup>
THURSDAY	972.50	1270.00	330.00	-----	-----	2572.50	2 <sup>ND</sup>
FRIDAY	890.00	20.00	-----	-----	220.00	1130.00	6 <sup>TH</sup>
SATURDAY	634.00	-----	-----	20.00	51.00	705.00	7 <sup>TH</sup>
OCT. BORNS	172.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	172.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8691.50</b>	<b>2015.00</b>	<b>1152.00</b>	<b>720.00</b>	<b>316.00</b>	<b>12894.50</b>	

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	2236.10
SECOND COLLECTION	1483.40
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	550.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4269.50</b>

# FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1	SJF OCT. WEEK2	SJF OCT. WEEK3	SJF OCT. WEEK4	SJF OCT. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITION
SUNDAY	2160.50	-----	1.00	20.00	5.00	2186.50	6 <sup>TH</sup>
MONDAY	2686.00+£100	-----	-----	-----	100.00	4007.00	3 <sup>RD</sup>
TUESDAY	586.20	100.00	-----	100.00	-----	786.20	7 <sup>TH</sup>
WEDNESDAY	819.00+\$100	5.00	205.00	220.00	-----	2412.00	5 <sup>TH</sup>
THURSDAY	2209.00	300.00	194.80	-----	100.00	2803.80	4 <sup>TH</sup>
FRIDAY	1181.00+\$400	250.00	100.00	-----	-----	6183.00	1 <sup>ST</sup>
SATURDAY	1715.00	20.00	-----	4045.00	200.00	5980.00	2 <sup>ND</sup>
OCT. BORN	473.00	-----	-----	-----	100.00	573.00	
TOTAL	18865.70	675.00	500.80	4385.00	505.00	24931.50	

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	3971.40
SECOND COLLECTION	2610.70
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	140.00
TOTAL	6722.10

*All Foreign Currencies have been converted into cedis.*

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.



# Harvest 2023



### 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 -

### TARGET

## GH¢ 500,000.00

### DATE

SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023.

### VENUE

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



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