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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12TH NOVEMBER, 2023: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"SEEK WISDOM AND BE WISE."**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16: Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63:2-8

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

Second Reading: 1Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14: God will raise all those who have died.

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:1-13: Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

REFLECTION

In our first reading from the Book of Wisdom (6:12-16), we discover the fervent desire for wisdom—a treasure we are called to actively seek.

This pursuit sets the stage for the Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13), where all were invited to perform a specific task of lighting up the way for the bridegroom.. The parable illustrates that while the invitation and worthiness were equal, some proved wiser. The wise virgins didn't merely carry lamps; they prepared for the unexpected by bringing extra oil.

Our lives mirror this parable. We're all invited to faith, yet wisdom calls us to be proactive. It's not just acknowledging faith but actively living it—anticipating the unexpected turns in our journey.

May we, like the wise virgins, carry the extra oil of love and readiness, guided by the transformative wisdom that shapes our actions. As we await the Lord, may our hearts be illuminated with the light of faith.

WEEKLY READINGS

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| Mon 13TH NOVEMBER, 2023 Wis 1:1-7 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 17:1-6 | Tue 14TH NOVEMBER, 2023 Wis 2:23-3:9 Ps 33:2-3,16-19 Lk 17:7-10 |
| Wed 15TH NOVEMBER, 2023 Wis 6:1-11 Ps 34:2-3,16-19 Lk 17:11-19 | Thurs 16TH NOVEMBER, 2023 Wis 7:22-8:1 Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175 Lk 17:20-25 |
| Fri 17TH NOVEMBER, 2023 St. Elizabeth of Hungary Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 17:26-37 | Sat 18TH NOVEMBER, 2023 Wis 18:14-16 Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43 Lk 18:1-8 |

Readings for Next Sunday

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| First Reading | Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 128:1-5 |
| Second Reading | 1Thes 5:1-6 |
| Gospel | Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21 |

Mass Schedule

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



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

PROFESSION OF FAITH – I BELIEVE

You may have prayed this prayer for so long that you can say it without reflecting on its meaning. What does it mean to say “believe”?

What “believe” means in this instance is that we put all our trust, indeed our very lives, in God. It might be said that anytime we get on a bus that someone is driving, we are saying (without saying it) that we “believe” in the driver. If we thought that the driver was less than trustworthy, we would probably get off the bus.

Think about this as you say the creed at Mass: “I believe in (put all my trust, indeed I’m betting my entire life on) one God ...”. The creed celebrates our belief and absolute trust in God.

“To believe in the one and only God involves coming to know His greatness and majesty. It involves living in thanksgiving and trusting always in him, even in adversity. It involves knowing the unity and true dignity of all human beings, created in his image. It involves making good use of the things which He has created.” (CCC no. 43)

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.

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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

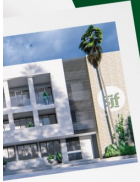




On behalf of the Parish Priest and the Harvest Committee, we wish to express our profound gratitude to all Parishioners for your financial support and time which led to a successful Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving for 2023.

God Richly Bless Us All.

Signed;
Harvest Committee Chairman



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Ss Thomas more & John Fisher
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MOTIVATION

THE ABSURD DONKEY

A salt seller used to carry the salt bag on his donkey to the market every day.

On the way, they had to cross a stream. One day the donkey suddenly tumbled down the stream and the salt bag also fell into the water. The salt dissolved in the water and hence the bag became very light to carry. The donkey was happy.

Then the donkey started to play the same trick every day. The salt seller came to understand the trick and decided to teach a lesson to it. The next day he loaded a cotton bag on the donkey.

Again, it played the same trick hoping that the cotton bag would still become lighter.

But the dampened cotton became very heavy to carry and the donkey suffered. It learned a lesson. It didn't play the trick anymore after that day, and the seller was happy.

Moral: *Luck won't favor always.*

YOUTH CORNER

BESOHWE DRAMA GROUP

**CURTAIN
CALL FOR
MEMBERS**

ACTORS | WRITERS | PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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 to Christian Village this month. Parishioners are to check the SSVP Gallery notice boards to see pictures of visits.
3. **Marriage Banns:** 1st Publication between Francis Anorchie Oppong, son of Mr. Francis Oppong & Akosua Achiaa. And Ellen Adutwumwaa, daughter of Mr. Kwasi Asare & Agnes Frimpomaa.
4. **Meetings:**
 - YCW and Christians Mothers Association will have their monthly meeting next Sunday 19th November after the 7:00am & 9:30am Masses respectively. Members are reminded to bring offertory items.
 - The St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society & New Achimota Kopevi Akweteyman Achimota Town Community will have their monthly meeting next Sunday 19th November here at SJF after the 9:30am Mass. The St. Theresa members are reminded to bring offertory.

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 NOV. WEEK1 |
|--------------|----------------|
| SUNDAY | 720.00 |
| MONDAY | 1353.50 |
| TUESDAY | 2314.00 |
| WEDNESDAY | 1628.00 |
| THURSDAY | 1052.50 |
| FRIDAY | 1243.70 |
| SATURDAY | 639.00 |
| NOV. BORNS | 176.00 |
| TOTAL | 9126.70 |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | STM NOV. WEEK1 |
|---------------------|----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 2354.10 |
| MEN | 1298.00 |
| WOMEN | 920.00 |
| TITHE | 2530.00 |
| OFFERTORY ENVELOPES | 1930.00 |
| TOTAL | 9032.10 |

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

| WEEKDAYS | SJF NOV. WEEK1 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 528.90 |
| MONDAY | 5116.00 |
| TUESDAY | 1331.00 |
| WEDNESDAY | 1118.00 |
| THURSDAY | 4040.00 |
| FRIDAY | 8133.00 |
| SATURDAY | 2820.75 |
| NOV. BORNES | 247.00 |
| TOTAL | 23694.65 |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | SJF NOV. WEEK1 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 3886.00 |
| MEN | 28239.00 |
| WOMEN | 2095.00 |
| TITHE | 300.00 |
| OFFERTORY ENVELOPES | 1030.00 |
| TOTAL | 35550.00 |

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy?

Adult - 100.00
Youth - 50.00
Kids - 20.00 or more



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