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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19TH NOVEMBER, 2023: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“YOUR TALENT IS A GIFT FROM GOD; MAKE GOOD USE OF IT.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-5:128:1-5

BLESSED ARE ALL WHO FEAR THE LORD.

Second Reading: 1Thes 5:1-6: Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21: Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

REFLECTION

Beloved, God calls upon us to actively utilize the gifts He bestows upon us. It's important to recognize that these gifts are not our possessions but rather entrusted to us by God for the greater good of all. It is our responsibility to ensure that these gifts, in accordance with our abilities, are diligently employed in due time. This principle is exemplified in the parable found in Matthew 25:14-30, where a man entrusts his talents to his servants. Our efforts to make the most of our talents, not only for our benefit but for the benefit of all, demonstrate our faithfulness and diligence as servants of God. In line with the commendation received by the first two servants in the parable, God will honour our efforts with His grace and entrust us with greater responsibility for being trustworthy servants. It's crucial to remember that no gift is insignificant in the eyes of God and, as such, it is incumbent upon us to utilize our gifts and not allow them to go to waste. Failing to do so would be an expression of ingratitude towards God, as demonstrated by the servant with one talent in the parable.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 20TH NOVEMBER, 2023
1Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64
Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158
Lk 18:35-43

Tue 21ST NOVEMBER, 2023
The Presentation of the BVM
2Mac 6:18-31
Ps 3:2-7
Lk 19:1-10

Wed 22ND NOVEMBER, 2023
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
2Mac 7:1,20-31
Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15
Lk 18:11-28

Thurs 23RD NOVEMBER, 2023
1Mac 2:15-29
Ps 50:1-2,5-6,8,15
Lk 19:41-44

Fri 24TH NOVEMBER, 2023
St. Andrew Dung-Lac & his Companions, Martyrs
1Mac 4:36-37,52-59
Ps Chron 29:10-12
Lk 19:45-48

Sat 25TH NOVEMBER, 2023
St. Catherine of Alexandria
1Mac 6:1-13
Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19
Lk 20:27-40

Readings for Next Sunday - CHRIST THE KING

First Reading	Ez 34:11-12,15-17
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 23:1-6
Second Reading	1Cor 15:20-26,28
Gospel	Mt 25:31-46

Mass Schedule

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



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

PROFESSION OF FAITH

In One God: There is only one God. Christians hold the belief in one God, along with Jews and Muslims. It is important to note that our statement of belief does not say we believe in three Gods. Many good Christians misunderstand the Church's belief in the Trinity (stating belief in one God, but often acting like there are three).

When Philip asked Jesus to show the Father to the apostles, Jesus responded that anyone who had seen Him had seen the Father. It is important to remember that and to understand that Jesus has revealed God perfectly to us.

In Jesus Christ: Belief in Jesus is still belief in one God. The Lord became one of us, taking on human flesh and becoming fully human but still fully God as well. This is a mystery, and attempts to simplify its teaching are often heretical.

The creed reaches its zenith when we state that, for our salvation, God became one of us and was made man. We make a profound bow to honor the supreme mystery of God becoming one of us at the words "By the Holy Spirit, he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man". This is still done during the praying of the creed on the solemnity of the Annunciation and at Christmas. Both are feasts of the Church that celebrate the mystery of God becoming one of us, one at His conception and the other at His birth. During the rest of the Church year, we make a solemn bow. This mystery is called the Incarnation, a word that means "taking on human flesh"; in this case, God taking on our human flesh in Jesus Christ.

Because everything depends upon this act of our Lord and makes our salvation possible, the final part of the creed celebrates the grace that we received from our Lord's death and Resurrection.

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

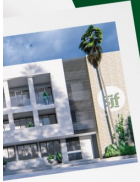




On behalf of the Parish Priest and the Harvest Committee, we wish to express our profound gratitude to all Parishioners for your financial support and time which led to a successful Annual Harvest and Thanksgiving for 2023.

God Richly Bless Us All.

Signed;
Harvest Committee Chairman



How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
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Select Option 1
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
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MOTIVATION

THE GROUP OF FROGS (ENCOURAGEMENT)

As a group of frogs was traveling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them. However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to **try and jump out of the pit**. Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up. That they would never make it out.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "**Did you not hear us?**" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

Moral: *People's words can have a big effect on other's lives. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death.*

YOUTH CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The PYC would like to remind all youth of the upcoming **Youth Mass** next Sunday 26th November, 2023 at SJF at the 9:30am Mass. Theme for the Sunday is "**Service to Man is Service to God & Side Attractions**": Games on Grass with interesting side attractions like eating competition. Everyone should make sure to be there.

BESOHWE DRAMA GROUP

**CURTAIN
CALL FOR
MEMBERS**

ACTORS|| WRITERS|| PRODUCTION ASSISTS

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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:** 2ND Publication between Francis Anorchie Oppong, son of Mr. Francis Oppong & Akosua Achiaa. And Ellen Adutwumwaa, daughter of Mr. Kwasi Asare & Agnes Frimpomaa.
4. The **One Week Celebration** of The **Late Mr. Emmanuel Kingsley Owusu** a member of the Amalgamated Community comes off this Saturday 25th November, 2023 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church at 6:30am. Family & friends Gathering at the Owusu's residence, Dome, CFC (8:00am - 6:00pm) - GPS: GE-343-3895
5. **Death Reports:**
 - **Mad. Mansa Elo**, mother of Mr. Joseph Elo, our Caretaker at STM. Her Funeral Arrangements will be announced later.
 - **Mr. Michael Quarshie**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Quarshie of the Kissehman Community and Ave Maria Society. His Funeral Arrangements will also be announced later.
6. **Funeral Arrangements of Mad. Juliana Akweley Kwame**, a member of the SSVP Ward and Ave Maria Society is as follows:
 - **Friday 24th November, 2023:** Wake keeping at the Family residence, Alogboshie at 7:00pm - 11:00pm.
 - **Saturday 25th November, 2023:** Receiving of body Filling Past at 7:00am and Burial Mass at SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church at 8:00am. Attire: Black & White.
 - **Sunday 26th November, 2023:** Memorial & Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30am SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church. Attire: White or Black/White

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	STM NOV. WEEK2
SUNDAY	720.00	-----
MONDAY	1353.50	1.00
TUESDAY	2314.00	100.00
WEDNESDAY	1628.00	5.00
THURSDAY	1052.50	-----
FRIDAY	1243.70	1200.00
SATURDAY	639.00	20.00
NOV. BORNS	176.00	-----
TOTAL	9126.70	1326.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM NOV. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2557.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1539.50
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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	100.00
TOTAL	4957.40

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF NOV. WEEK1	SJF NOV. WEEK2
SUNDAY	528.90	300.20
MONDAY	5116.00	100.00
TUESDAY	1331.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	1118.00	-----
THURSDAY	4040.00	227.00
FRIDAY	8133.00	100.00
SATURDAY	2820.75	120.00
NOV. BORNS	247.00	-----
TOTAL	23694.65	847.20

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF NOV. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	3975.10
SECOND COLLECTION	2238.10
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	110.00
TOTAL	6323.20

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



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Payments can be made through **059 585 0922**

Adult	-	100.00
Youth	-	50.00
Kids	-	20.00 or more



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