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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26TH NOVEMBER, 2023: THE SOLMENITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME), YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“LET US ALWAYS ADORE THE LORD, CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17: God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

Second Reading: 1Cor 15:20-26, 28: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:31-46: Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

REFLECTION

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to celebrate the Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ, the sovereign ruler of the universe. In the first reading we are reminded that our King actively seeks our welfare, declaring, "I myself will search for my sheep and seek them out." Our King is tireless and unwavering in His commitment to rescuing us from challenging circumstances. Unlike earthly rulers who may remain aloof, Christ is intimately involved in our lives, aware of our struggles and challenges. His kingship is not a distant authority; rather, He is engaged in the realities of our existence. His throne does not shield Him from understanding our experiences. While earthly kings may mete out punishment for wrongdoing, Christ, the King of the universe, extends compassion. He reaches out to those who have lost their way, drawing them back from the attraction of worldly pleasures. Through His word and sacraments, He nourishes us, empowering us to overcome the evils and difficulties we encounter in life. Let us find inspiration in the words of Christ the King: "I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice." May we draw strength from our compassionate King, who actively tends to His flock and provides justice and nourishment to all in need.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 27TH NOVEMBER, 2023 Dan 1:1-6,8-20 Ps Dan 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4	Tue 28TH NOVEMBER, 2023 Dan 2:31-45 Ps Dan 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11
Wed 29TH NOVEMBER, 2023 Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 Ps Dan 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19	Thurs 30TH NOVEMBER, 2023 St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 4:18-22
Fri 1ST DECEMBER, 2023 Dan 7:2-14 Ps Dan 3:75,77,78,79,80,81 Lk 21:29-33	Sat 2ND DECEMBER, 2023 Dan 7:15-27 Ps Dan 3:82,83,84,85,86,87 Lk 21:34-36

Readings for Next Sunday - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading	Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 81:2-3,15-16,18-19 (4)
Second Reading	1Cor 1:3-9
Gospel	Mk 13:33-37

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 AM	Second Mass: 9:30 AM



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

PROFESSION OF FAITH - Contd. from last week

IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the third part of the creed, we declare our belief in the Holy Spirit, who animated the Church. The Holy Spirit is described as the “Lord and Giver of Life.” God’s spirit is given to us at our baptism.

We say that we believe in “one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.” Our faith is that the Lord has founded a universal Church, built up on the foundation of the apostles (Ephesians 2:20), made up of believers from every part of the world. No one is excluded from the Lord’s invitation: The doors have been opened to all who answer the call of Jesus. Saint Paul proclaims, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28).

It is important that we mean what we say when we profess our faith. Any church that calls itself Catholic but closes the door to people who are not of the same ethnic group as the majority is not living up to its name.

There is no such animal as the Fante Catholic Church, Asante Catholic Church or Ewe Catholic Church. The Catholic Church is a universal Church recognizing that Christ has called all people to share in His sacrifice and banquet.

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 |

UPCOMING SEASON



Happy feast day



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MOTIVATION

THE BLIND GIRL (CHANGE)

There was a blind girl who hated herself purely for the fact she was blind. The only person she didn't hate was her loving boyfriend, as he was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry him.

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her – **now she could see everything**, including her boyfriend. Her boyfriend asked her, "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?"

The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind too, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her saying: "**Just take care of my eyes dear.**"

Moral of the story: *When our circumstances change, so does our mind. Some people may not be able to see the way things were before, and might not be able to appreciate them.*

YOUTH CORNER

BESOHWE DRAMA GROUP

**CURTAIN
CALL FOR
MEMBERS**

ACTORS || WRITERS || PRODUCTION ASSISTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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).
- Marriage Banns:**
 - 1ST Publication** between James Kabir & Janet Maasang.
 - 3RD Publication** between Francis Anorchie Oppong, son of Mr. Francis Oppong & Akosua Achiaa. And Ellen Adutwumwaa, daughter of Mr. Kwasi Asare & Agnes Frimpomaa.
- Saturday 2nd December, 2023 is the First Saturday of the month. There will be Grotto devotion at SJF at 4:00 pm followed by the first advent vespers. We are encouraged to come and seek the maternal intercession of our Lady of Grace for a fruitful Advent Season.
- The members of the Co-operative Credit Union of St. Thomas More & St. John Fisher are to take note of the following:
 - Up-dating of Personal Records.
 - Information on Ghana Card to tally with Personal Records.
 - 3rd Quarter Interest on Savings is ready. Members should submit their Passbooks for entries to be made.
- Funeral Arrangements:**
 - Mr. Edmund Kwaku Atiogbe** a member of the Alogboshie Community Is as follows:
 - > **Friday 1st December 2023:** Wake keeping at the Family residence, Alogboshie at 8:00 pm.
 - > **Saturday 2nd December 2023:** Receiving of body and Filling Past at 7:00 am and Burial Mass at SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church at 8:00 am. Attire: Black or Brown.
 - > **Sunday 3rd December 2023:** Memorial & Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30 am SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church. Attire: Brown.
 - The **death is reported** of **Mr. Francis Omo Anipah** a parishioner. His Funeral Arrangements is as follows:
 - > **Saturday 2nd December 2023:** Burial Mass and Final Funeral Rites at Lume Ge, near Ho in the Volta Region at 8:00am.
 - > **Sunday 3rd December 2023:** Thanksgiving Service at Lume Ge, near Ho in the Volta Region 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 NOV. WEEK1	STM NOV. WEEK2	STM NOV. WEEK3
SUNDAY	720.00	-----	25.00
MONDAY	1353.50	1.00	0.80
TUESDAY	2314.00	100.00	50.00
WEDNESDAY	1628.00	5.00	20.00
THURSDAY	1052.50	-----	-----
FRIDAY	1243.70	1200.00	-----
SATURDAY	639.00	20.00	-----
NOV. BORNS	176.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	9126.70	1326.00	95.80

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM NOV. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2405.80
SECOND COLLECTION	1486.50
TITHE	160.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	870.00
TOTAL	4922.30

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF NOV. WEEK1	SJF NOV. WEEK2	SJF NOV. WEEK3
SUNDAY	528.90	300.20	100.00
MONDAY	5116.00	100.00	-----
TUESDAY	1331.00	-----	320.00
WEDNESDAY	1118.00	-----	-----
THURSDAY	4040.00	227.00	10.00
FRIDAY	8133.00	100.00	1000.00
SATURDAY	2820.75	120.00	200.00
NOV. BORNS	247.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	23694.65	847.20	1630.00

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SUNDAY	SJF NOV. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3429.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1906.00
TOTAL	5335.20

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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