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**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1, 2023**

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Mass Schedule
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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A Thank You from Fr. George Kyeremeh... I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the pastor, Fr. Rees Doughty, for his brotherly care, kindness, and support and to you, the parishioners, for warmly welcoming me into this parish. I have really enjoyed my short stay and I am full of gratitude to all of you. May God continue to build the bond of unity between you and the priests from Ghana.

Fr. George can be reached at: Rev. Fr. George Kyeremeh, St. Ambrose College of Education, PO Box 450, Sunyani, Ghana-West Africa.

Join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Mondays, 7-8 pm, during the Eucharistic Revival, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Benediction. When a priest is available, confessions will be offered.

The parish offers Mass the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 am for the deceased who will be remembered in our **Perpetual Mass**

Enrollment. These Holy Souls will be included in the prayers of the liturgy for a period of one year. The offering is \$30 and includes a leatherette memorial Mass folder. The next Mass to be celebrated will be on Saturday, October 7th at 8:30 am.

New Bible Study to begin October 10th — A Bible Study of the Account of the Creation and Fall. The story of creation found in the first three chapters of the book of Genesis ends in chapter three with the account of the sin of our first parents, which has plagued humanity and the world ever since. Everyone is invited to join us for this study (four meetings), which begins on Tuesday, October 10th in the St. Thomas old school building, 7-8:30 pm. Email Deacon Joe at jlieby522@gmail.com to be added to the list of attendees.

2024 Mass Book: The book for announced Masses for 2024 is now open. Please contact the office staff for available dates/times.

The **Prayer Shawl ministry** will not meet on October 9th due to the Columbus Day holiday. The next meeting will be in November.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Rita #264 news...

~ October is **Respect Life Month**. The Junior CDA will be praying the rosary on October 8th and invite you to join them. The CDA's Spiritual Adoption Program is asking for donations of diapers, wipes, and gift cards for mothers of challenging pregnancies.

~ Sunday, October 15 is **CDA Sunday**. Please pray for the CDA and its members who strive to participate in and support the religious, charitable, and educational ministries of the parish. They invite you to consider joining them in these endeavors.

~ On Saturday, October 28th at 5 pm, the annual **Tricky Tray** event will be held. This is a family fun event with over 100 baskets, food, and desserts. See the CDA Facebook page for details.

~ The CDA is grateful to their members, the parishioners, and community for their continued support of their **10 Month Club Raffle**. Monthly winners will be announced beginning in October.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

COMING SOON: A NEW ORGAN!

SOMETIMES IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, the parish will receive and install a new organ. Our current Rodgers Organ, which I have been told has been here since St. Thomas Church was built fifty years ago, needed to be replaced. Many of its functions, especially the quieter, softer "pipes," no longer work. This has made it nearly impossible to modulate its volume in the church. The last maintenance attempted some years ago advised that it was beyond repair.

The new organ, an Allen GX235, is a digital instrument (the old organ is analog) with 41 stops and two manuals - for those who understand organspeak. Allen is a reputable company, known for its handmade instruments. It will cost the parish \$47,500. Certain purists might be inclined to believe that the Catholic Church recommends an actual pipe organ as providing the kind of music most appropriate to the liturgy. Unfortunately, such a project would be prohibitively expensive, beginning at around \$275,000. We are assured nevertheless that the sound - owing to the superb acoustics in St. Thomas of Canterbury Church - will not be very different from their far more expensive models or perhaps even a pipe organ.

Why is an organ important? One might suggest there are other, more important concerns that a parish needs to take care of. Yet, the celebration of the liturgy is the most important activity a parish engages in. It is the "source and summit" of our Catholic life, and within reason, few expenses should be spared. Saint Francis of Assisi, the greatest exponent of the virtue of the spirit of the poor, said that "poverty stops at the altar". Giving praise, glory, and thanksgiving to God is the heart and soul of all the Holy Catholic Church accomplishes.

Of the use of the organ in the liturgy, the Second Vatican Council's instruction on music noted: "The pipe organ is to be held in high esteem in the Latin Church, since it is its traditional instrument, the sound

of which can add a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lift up men's minds to God and higher things." (*Musicam Sacram*, 62). While the use of other instrumentation is permitted by a bishop, such instruments must be suitable for sacred use, and are in keeping with the dignity of the temple, and truly contribute to the edification of the faithful. (*Musicam Sacram*, 62)

The Catholic Encyclopedia dates the invention of the organ to around 300BC in Egypt when an Alexandrian named Ctesibius devised an ingenious instrument for pumping air through a mechanism using water pressure. It was called a *hydraulus*, or *organum hydraulicum*, and enjoyed great popularity. The Roman statesman Cicero (d. 43BC) gave high praise to its sound; emperors apparently played it; theaters and circuses employed it to heighten the drama of their productions. They were even represented on the coinage of the ancient world. A record of an organ given to King Pepin by the Emperor Constantine V in 757 testifies to its prominence in Europe.

In 826AD, a Venetian priest Georgius constructed an organ possibly based on the instructions of first century AD account of Ctesibius' organ. Subsequently, organ building flourished in Germany, though the instruments no longer relied on water to create the pressure that would blow wind through pipes but on men working bellows. (In the northern climate of Europe, the water would often freeze!) Pope John VIII (872-80) asked one bishop to send him a good organ and an organist. An organ in Winchester Cathedral, c. 951, with 400 pipes and 26 bellows, required 70 men to work the bellows. As organs took on more and more improvements, like pedals and stops for example, especially after the twelfth century, and it exhibited the quality of more delicate sounds, it became (in the words of the Catholic Encyclopedia) "a privileged instrument" in the liturgy.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

III John is our 71st book of the Bible. It is the third of three letters in the New Testament attributed to John, and is another which is only one chapter long.

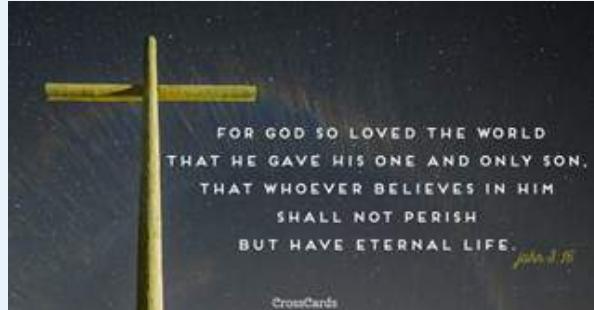
In this third Johannine letter, John's joy continues as he points to the example of one named Gaius who welcomes missionaries into his house. This is as opposed to another named Diotrephe who is not so hospitably oriented. While John is concerned that Gaius not be negatively

influenced by Diotrephe, he is also confident that when he himself (John) is on the scene, even Diotrephe's approach can be addressed.

John does vouch for one named Demetrius, though, as a missionary who can be trusted.

When you finish this book, you will have read 71 (97.3%) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 1,310 (98.3%) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

Permission granted by Rev. Robert J. Schrader (based on Timothy Schehr's book, *The Bible Made Easy: A Book-by-Book Introduction*).



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Oct 2: *The Holy Guardian Angels*

8:30 +Philip Adams by Liz Adams

Tues, Oct 3

8:30 +Fr Bernard Heter by Dcn and Mrs John Pelella

Wed, Oct 4: *St Francis of Assisi*

8:30 +Timothy Hickey by Marge and Kevin Allen

Thurs, Oct 5: *St Faustina Kowalska*

8:30 +Irene Lovelace Leto by her husband Frank

Fri, Oct 6: *St Bruno*

8:30 +Siner and Mamawal families by Linda Siner

Sat, Oct 7: *Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:30 +Perpetual Mass Enrollments by the Parish

4:30 +Amoretti family by Sal and Raffaella Gallo;

+Gerry Brennan by Sherry family

Sun, Oct 8: *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 +Leonardo Modugno by Susan Barrett

10:00 +Anna, Simon, and Samuel Thomas by

Josephine Thomas

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass: \$15.

READINGS FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I — Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Past sins will not condemn a person who repents. "That one shall live; he shall not die," says Ezekiel. The Lord is always ready to forgive.

Reading II — Philippians 2:1-11, or 2:1-5

Paul invokes a series of essential qualities for a Christian lifestyle. Christian love, for example, flows from renouncing myself as my only concern to making concern for others the top priority.

Gospel — Matthew 21:28-32

Obedient faith is always the final test. The paradox that tax collectors and prostitutes will enter heaven ahead of some others is at the heart of the gospel.

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