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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4TH APRIL, 2021: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“EASTER; OUR JOY AND HOPE.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE IN IT AND BE GLAD.

Second Reading Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8 Sequence

Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel Reading Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

REFLECTION

The resurrection is deeply mysterious and we can't quite experience its original impact in the hearts of his followers. This gospel, this great news, spans the centuries and is still a living force for here and now. In a sense, you and I are reflected in elements of that story, and may place ourselves within the account given by Saint John today. Am I like Magdalene, announcing the news of resurrection? Or like the apostles who respond immediately by running off to the tomb to see for themselves. May the resurrected Jesus bring us to the joys and hope of the season. Happy Easter to you all.

Weekly Readings

Mon 5TH APR, 2021 Octave of Easter Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15	Tue 6TH APR, 2021 Octave of Easter Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18
Wed 7TH MAR, 2021 Octave of Easter Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35	Thu 8TH APR, 2021 Octave of Easter Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Fri 9TH APR, 2021 Octave of Easter Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27 Jn 21:1-14	Sat 10TH APR, 2021 Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-21 Mk 16:9-15

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 4:32-35
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
Second Reading	1Jn 5:1-6
Gospel	Jn 20:19-31

Mass Schedule

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
First Mass: 7:00 am	First Mass: 6:30 am
Second Mass: 9:00 am	Second Mass: 8:30 am
	Third Mass: 10:30 am



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

On **Holy Thursday** at the evening Mass the remembrance of the supper preceding Christ's departure casts its own special light because of the Lord's example in washing the feet of his disciples and Paul's account of the institution of the Christian Passover in the Eucharist.

On **Good Friday** the liturgical service has as its center John's narrative of the passion of him who was portrayed in Isaiah as the Servant of Yahweh and who became the one High Priest by offering himself to the Father.

On the **holy night of the Easter Vigil** there are seven Old Testament readings, recalling the wonderful works of God in the history of salvation. There are two New Testament readings, the announcement of the resurrection according to one of the Synoptic Gospels and a reading from St. Paul on Christian baptism as the sacrament of Christ's resurrection.

The gospel reading for the Mass on Easter day is from John on the finding of the empty tomb. There is also, however, the option to use the gospel texts from the Easter Vigil or, when there is an evening Mass on Easter Sunday, to use the account in Luke of the Lord's appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The first reading is from Acts, which throughout the Easter season replaces the Old Testament reading. The reading from St. Paul concerns the living out of the paschal mystery in the Church.

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.

St. Thomas More..... Pray for us
St. John Fisher..... Pray for us
All you Angels and Saints Pray for us

PRAYER FOR AN END OF THE CORONA VIRUS – COVID 19

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

ADVERT! ADVERT!! ADVERT!!!

BAWULEY VENTURES, DEALS IN PAPER TISSUES, KITCHEN NAPKINS, POCKET TISSUES, BOX TISSUES FOR DELIVERS or CAR USERS, TABLE NAPKINS and in all TISSUES PRODUCTS. Location:

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MOTIVATION

THE BAR

A tale is told about a small town that had historically been “dry,” (no alcohol sold) but then a local businessman decided to build a tavern. A group of Christians from a local church were concerned and planned an all-night prayer meeting to ask God to intervene. It just so happened that shortly thereafter lightning struck the bar and it burned to the ground.

The owner of the bar sued the church, claiming that the prayers of the congregation were responsible, but the church hired a lawyer to argue in court that they were not responsible.

The presiding judge, after his initial review of the case, stated that “No matter how this case comes out, one thing is clear. The tavern owner believes in prayer and the Christians do not.”

Prayers do work!!

YOUTH CORNER

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

There is nothing quite like,
The power of forgiveness
Nothing is so freeing
As letting go of bitterness
There is nothing quite like,
Forgiving and forgetting
Undoing the damage done
Without doubt or regretting
There is nothing quite like,
A heart willing to believe
The words – I am sorry
So, peace it can receive
There is nothing quite like,
Mending hurt feelings
Resolving lifelong issues
To bring inner healing
There is nothing quite like,
The attitude of humility
Letting go, and letting God
Turn discord into tranquility
There is nothing quite like,
The power of God’s grace
The pure joy of release

When forgiveness we embrace!

By: Deborah Ann Belka

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parishioners who wish to redeem their harvest pledges, pay their church dues and other statutory payments can use the Church's Mobile Money Number 0595850922. Receipts for such payments will be issued later for collection.

2. Due to the directive to register worshippers we encourage parishioners to follow the link to register for Mass
<http://thomasmorejohnfisher.com/#ChurchAttendance>.
 You can also call the priests or send an SMS or WhatsApp with your details to be registered.

3. We are encouraged to adhere to all the covid protocols and directives namely: The Online or Manual Registrations, hand washing, checking of temperature, using of hand sanitizer and socially distancing during mass. Let us kindly cooperate with the ushers in keeping our church safe.

4. The Knights and Ladies of the Altar, Lectors and ushers need new members. Interested parishioners should see their presidents or the church secretary to register.

5. **The Archbishop will be in our deanery for Confirmation in May. Those who wish to receive the Sacrament should register. The Catechism classes start today 4th April.**

6. Marriage Banns 3rd Publication between Vincent Yao Azorli and Joyce Baffour.

PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

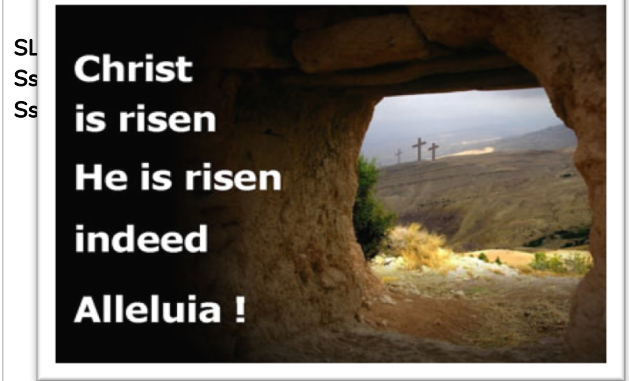
Sacrament of Baptism of Infants: *First Saturday of every month. Please call at the Church's office for a baptismal form. Instructions: Thursday preceding the date for baptism @ 5pm*

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



FINANCE CORNER

WEEKDAYS	MAR. WEEK1	MAR. WEEK2	MAR. WEEK3	MAR. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1303.00	380.00	-----	-----	1683.00	6 TH
MONDAY	2219.00+\$100	-----	20.00	1100.00	3339.00+\$100	2 RD
TUESDAY	1515.80	615.00	150.00	1000.00	3280.80	3 TH
WEDNESDAY	1847.30	50.00	55.00	-----	1952.30	4 TH
THURSDAY	1743.00	70.00	-----	30.00	1843.00	5 TH
FRIDAY	4738.00	50.00	-----	50.00	4838.00	1 ST
SATURDAY	1517.50	-----	-----	60.00	1577.50	7 TH
MAR. BORN	314.00	-----	-----	-----	314.00	
TOTAL	15197.60+\$100	1165.00	225.00	2240.00	18827.60+\$100	

Details of Last Sunday's Collection

MAR. WEEK 4	TOTAL
MAIN COLLECTION	4639.50
SECOND COLLECTION	2458.70
TITHE	1380.00
TOTAL	8478.20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.