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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11TH APRIL, 2021: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY
OF DIVINE MERCY

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"MISSIONARIES OF FORGIVENESS"**

Rev. Fr. George Obeng - Appah (*Priest Priest*) 020-8592020
Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kwofie (Assistant Priest) 0206355610

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SS Thomas More and John Fisher Catholic Church - 030-3939862

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS
MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.**

Second Reading 1Jn 5:1-6

Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading Jn 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

REFLECTION

In today's gospel we find the first disciples dispirited and terrified after the death of Jesus. They are in a huddle, having locked themselves away in a room. Suddenly Jesus stands among them and says to them, 'Peace be with you' and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. The risen Lord was reconciling his failed disciples to himself; they came to recognize themselves as forgiven, and, so their hearts were filled with joy. Having experienced the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, they are sent out in the power of the Spirit to offer to others the gift of forgiveness they have received. That gift and mission is given to all of us who have been baptized into the risen Jesus. Having been reconciled to the Lord we are all sent out as ministers of reconciliation.

Weekly Readings

Mon 12TH APR, 2021 Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8	Tue 13TH APR, 2021 St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15-18
Wed 14TH MAR, 2021 Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21	Thu 15TH APR, 2021 Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36
Fri 16TH APR, 2021 Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15	Sat 17TH APR, 2021 Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 3:13-15,17-19
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 4:2,4,7-9
Second Reading	1Jn 2:1-5a
Gospel	Lk 24:35-48

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More	St. John Fisher
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

COMPENDIUM OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

GOD'S PLAN OF LOVE FOR HUMANITY

I. GOD'S LIBERATING ACTION IN THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL

a. God's gratuitous presence

20. Every authentic religious experience, in all cultural traditions, leads to an intuition of the Mystery that, not infrequently, is able to recognize some aspect of God's face. On the one hand, God is seen as the origin of what exists, as the presence that guarantees to men and women organized in a society the basic conditions of life, placing at their disposal the goods that are necessary. On the other hand, he appears as the measure of what should be, as the presence that challenges human action — both at the personal and at the social levels — regarding the use of those very goods in relation to other people.

In every religious experience, therefore, importance attaches to the dimension of gift and gratuitousness, which is seen as an underlying element of the experience that the human beings have of their existence together with others in the world, as well as to the repercussions of this dimension on the human conscience, which senses that it is called to manage responsibly and together with others the gift received.

Proof of this is found in the universal recognition of the golden rule, which expresses on the level of human relations the injunction addressed by the Mystery to men and women: "Whatever you wish that men should do to you, do so to them" (Mt 7:12) [23]...**To be Contd**

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.

How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
Ss Thomas more & John fisher
059 585 0922

Dial *170#
 Select Option 2
 Select Option 1
 Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
 Enter Amt
 Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*
 Enter your Momo pin
 Send

MOTIVATION

A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

A Wolf found great difficulty in getting at the sheep owing to the vigilance of the shepherd and his dogs. But one day it found the skin of a sheep that had been flayed and thrown aside, so it put it on over its own pelt and strolled down among the sheep.

The Lamb that belonged to the sheep, whose skin the Wolf was wearing, began to follow the Wolf in the Sheep's clothing; so, leading the Lamb a little apart, he soon made a meal off her, and for some time he succeeded in deceiving the sheep, and enjoying hearty meals.

Appearances are deceptive.

YOUTH CORNER

During the month of March, I was watching once more with excitement, the unofficial labelling of the month as the "Ghana month", by the media and all sundry. I watched and listened to many programs developed to talk about and celebrate the 'culture' of Ghana. To mention just a few, I saw the wearing of traditional clothing, the use of local accessories, the showing of historic footages, and many other symbolic showings that attest to the fact, that the Ghana month agenda was manifestly being projected. However, I was struck with wonder and disappointment that, in the considerations of the many things that reveal our 'Ghanaianess', there was hardly any mention of values and principles that Ghanaians have or must-have.

The discussions of who we are, what we believe in, and where we are going were conspicuously missing in the celebration of Ghana. Undoubtedly, I felt this was a peculiar problem in our country. We have for a long while, blind spotted the importance of values and principles in our nation and national conversations. Curiously, however, we complain about several things bordering from neo-colonization, financial dependence, and the so-called 'Ghanaian attitude'. We worry about why we are not progressing like other peer nations, why there is corruption, and why there is a lack of concerted effort to develop Ghana. **To be contd.**

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 Alter, Lectors and ushers need new members. Interested parishioners should see their presidents or the church secretary to register.

5. Young Christian Workers are reminded of their monthly meeting next Sunday 18th April, 2021 at STM after the 7:00am mass. Side attraction: Brief but insightful talk on an important topic. All young adults are encouraged to attend this meeting for personal development. New members are warmly invited.

6. Marriage Banns 2nd Publication between Elliot Hoya and Marian Carlien Amuah.

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	STM APRIL WK1	SJF APRIL WK1	TOTAL
SUNDAY	745.90	1797.60+£5	2543.50+£5
MONDAY	1034.00	4711.00	5745.00
TUESDAY	704.10	2265.40	2969.50
WEDNESDAY	1812.00	1231.10	3043.10
THURSDAY	1067.70	2170.00	3237.70
FRIDAY	628.70	3972.20	4600.90
SATURDAY	541.00	3482.50+\$100	4023.50+\$100
APR. BORN	36.00	360.00	396.00
TOTAL	6569.40	19989.80 +£5+\$100	26559.20 +£5+\$100

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

	STM APRIL WK 1	SJF APRIL WK1	TOTAL
MAIN COLLECTION	2287.50	3748.50	6036.00
TITHE	200.00	50.00	250.00
TOTAL	2487.50	3798.50	6286.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.