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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25TH APRIL, 2021: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER OR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"THE GOOD SHEPHERD LOVES"**

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

**THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE.**

Second Reading 1Jn 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Gospel Reading Jn 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

REFLECTION

In today's gospel Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. Jesus out of love always has an eye on his flock in order that they may not go astray. Remain in the Love of the Good Shepherd.

Weekly Readings

Mon 26TH APR, 2021 Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10	Tue 27TH APR, 2021 Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wed 28TH MAR, 2021 St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Maria Grignon de Montfort Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Jn 12:44-50	Thu 29TH APR, 2021 St. Catherine of Siena Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 Jn 13:16-20
Fri 30TH APR, 2021 St. Pius V, Pope Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6	Sat 1ST MAY, 2021 St. Joseph the worker Gen 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15,17,23-24 Ps 90:2-4,12-14,16 Mt 13:54-58

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 22:26-28,30-32
Second Reading	1Jn 3:18-24
Gospel	Jn 15:1-8

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

TYPES OF VOCATIONS

The word vocation is from the Latin, vocare which means to call or summon. There are four types of vocations people follow in their lives. The four vocations is Vowed Religious Life, Single Life, Married Life, and Ordained Life. All four of these vocation types will get you into heaven. Think of each vocation like a road, each road leads to getting into heaven, the married life is getting quite congested, the single life is getting more and more congested every year, the Vowed Religious life and Ordained Life are getting people slowly every year. This should give a gauge on what most people vocations are and what they are drawn to do.

VOWED RELIGIOUS LIFE:

People are slowly being drawn to a religious life for their vocation. This includes vowing your life to God, they make vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to live like Jesus. They dedicate themselves to calling others to join their cause.

MARRIED LIFE:

Most people are drawn to this vocation in life. They choose to live their life with another person that they love and choose to spend the rest of their lives with.

SINGLE LIFE:

More and more people are choosing this life, this sort of life requires people to be committed to being single and are required to help the community and serve others.

ORDAINED LIFE:

Ordained life is when a man is felt or compelled to serve God, the church and to serve God's people. They preach the gospel, celebrate mass, and provide advice for others. They develop their friendship with Jesus and can eventually be made a Deacon or Priest.

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.

UP COMING EVENT

PENTECOST NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



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

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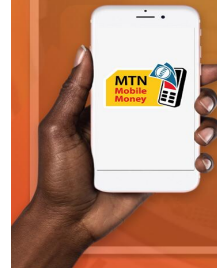
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MOTIVATION

STOP WASTING YOUR TIME COMPLAINING

“PEOPLE VISIT A WISE MAN
COMPLAINING ABOUT THE SAME
PROBLEMS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. ONE
DAY, HE DECIDED TO TELL THEM A
JOKE AND THEY ALL ROARED WITH
LAUGHTER.

AFTER A FEW MINUTES, HE TOLD THEM
THE SAME JOKE AND ONLY A FEW OF
THEM SMILED.

THEN HE TOLD THE SAME JOKE FOR A
THIRD TIME, BUT NO ONE LAUGHED OR
SMILED ANYMORE.

THE WISE MAN SMILED AND SAID: ‘YOU
CAN’T LAUGH AT THE SAME JOKE OVER
AND OVER. SO WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS
CRYING ABOUT THE SAME PROBLEM?’”

YOUTH CORNER

ORIGINS OF CATHOLICISM

(Excerpts from the Crucified Rabbi, by Taylor Marshall)

Mary as Queen Mother of Jerusalem

When most non-Catholic Christians look at the Catholic Church, they often question the authoritative role of the Pope and what appears to them as “Mary worship.” Many Christians misunderstand the significance of the Pope and the Blessed Virgin Mary precisely because these Christians are not familiar with the way in which the Davidic Covenant structured the Messianic kingdom. In other words, non-Catholics are not aware of the profoundly Jewish significance of the papacy and the Virgin Mary.

The royal and messianic Kingdom of David held its capital in Jerusalem, beginning with King David ca. 1004 B.C. and was eclipsed in 586 B.C. with the capture of King Zedekiah and the forced exile of those Jews who were still alive. Prior to the tragic Babylonian exile, the true King of Judah and heir of David sat enthroned in Jerusalem. Moreover, there were two other important political figures alongside the Davidic king in the messianic court of Jerusalem. Next to the king, the second most important person in the Kingdom of Judah was the *Gebirah*. This Hebrew title translates literally “Mighty Woman” and refers to the mother of the Jewish king. Most translators render *Gebirah* as “Queen Mother.”

To be continued...

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. Marriage Banns 2nd Publication between Victor Annor-Blay and Hannah Donkor.

5. Saturday 1st May is the First Saturday of the month. There will be Grotto devotion at SJF at 4:00PM. Let's all come and pray together for the intercession of our Mother for the new month. **(The Rosary Month).**

6. **Next Sunday 2nd May is the First Sunday of the month. We shall have our Thanksgiving. CWe are being reminded and encouraged to come and contribute generously.**

7. The funeral details of Mr. Clement Ato Gordon, a member of the Knights and Ladies of Marshal and the Amalgamated Community is as follows:
Saturday 8th May 2021: Pre-burial service at SFJ at 8.00am. The burial mass will be at 9.00am. Dress Code: Black.
Sunday 9th May 2021: Thanksgiving mass at SJF at 10.30am. Dress Code: Black & White.

8. The funeral Mass for Mr. George Gyedu-Adomako will be held on Saturday 29th May 2021 at St. John Fisher at 8.00am

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

SLOGAN: Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Besohwɛ!
Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Justice and Truth!!
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FINANCE CORNER – ST. THOMAS MORE

WEEKDAYS	STM APRIL WK1	STM APRIL WK2	STM APRIL WK3
SUNDAY	745.90	-----	-----
MONDAY	1034.00	90.00	-----
TUESDAY	704.10	600.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	1812.00	10.00	55.00
THURSDAY	1067.70	80.00	-----
FRIDAY	628.70	1.00	-----
SATURDAY	541.00	-----	-----
APR. BORN	36.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	6569.40	781.00	55.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM APRIL WK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	1676.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1045.10
TITHE	100.00
TOTAL	2821.30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF APRIL WK1	SJF APRIL WK2	SJF APRIL WK3
SUNDAY	1797.60+£5	-----	-----
MONDAY	4711.00	200.00	-----
TUESDAY	2265.40	-----	5.00
WEDNESDAY	1231.10	-----	-----
THURSDAY	2170.00	100.00	-----
FRIDAY	3972.20	100.00	195.00
SATURDAY	3482.50+\$100	23.00	-----
APR. BORN	360.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	19989.80 +£5+\$100	423.00	200.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF APRIL WK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	2304.70
SECOND COLLECTION	1394.60
TITHE	210.00
TOTAL	3909.30

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