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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9TH MAY, 2021: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

**THE LORD HAS SHOWN HIS DELIVRANCE TO
THE NATIONS.**

Second Reading 1Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

Gospel Reading Jn 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

REFLECTION

We read today's Gospel, Jesus affirming that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Again, today's reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 10TH MAY, 2021 Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a,9b Jn 15:26-16:4a	Tue 11TH MAY, 2021 Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7-8 Jn 16:5-11
Wed 12TH MAY, 2021 Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 149:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15	Thu 13TH MAY, 2021 The Ascension of the Lord. Our Lady of Fatima. Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 Mk 16:15-20
Fri 14TH MAY, 2021 St. Matthias, Apostle. Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17	Sat 15TH MAY, 2021 St. Isidore the Farmer. Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3,8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20
Second Reading	1Jn 4:11-16
Gospel	Jn 17:11b-19

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING Life and Dignity of the Human Person (Part II)

Scriptures

Rom 12: 9-18 - Love one another, contribute to the needs of others, live peaceably with all.

1Cor 3:16 - You are holy, for you are God's temple and God dwells in you.

Gal 3:27-28 - All Christians are one in Christ Jesus.

James 2:1-8 - Honor the poor.

1Jn 3: 1-2 - See what love the Father has for us, that we should be called Children of God.

1Jn 4:7-12 - Let us love one another because love is from God.

Tradition

When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. (Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home [Laudato Si'], no. 117)

Just as the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality.

Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion. Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case of inequality.

Today everything comes under the laws of competition and the survival of the fittest, where the powerful feed upon the powerless. As a consequence, masses of people find themselves excluded and marginalized: without work, without possibilities, without any means of escape. Human beings are themselves considered consumer goods to be used and then discarded. We have created a "throw away" culture which is now spreading. It is no longer simply about exploitation and oppression, but something new. Exclusion ultimately has to do with what it means to be a part of the society in which we live; those excluded are no longer society's underside or its fringes or its disenfranchised – they are no longer even a part of it. The excluded are not the "exploited" but the outcast, the "leftovers".

(Pope Francis, the Joy of the Gospel [Evangelii Gaudium], no. 153)

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

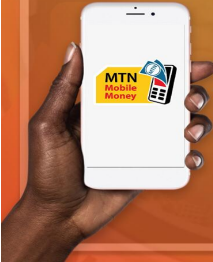
PRAYER FOR AN END OF THE CORONA VIRUS – COVID 19

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.

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY



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

LOVE MATTERS MORE THAN MATERIAL

“Some time ago, a man punished his young daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became angry when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the girl brought the gift to her father on Christmas day and said, ‘This is for you, daddy.’

The man became embarrassed by his overreaction a few days before, but his rage continued when he saw that the box was empty. He yelled at her, ‘Don’t you know, when you give someone a gift, there’s supposed to be something inside?’

The little girl looked up at her dad with tears in her eyes and cried; ‘Oh, daddy, it’s not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They’re all for you, daddy.’

The father was devastated. He put his arms around his daughter, and begged for her forgiveness.

A little while later, the girl died in an accident. Her father kept the gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was feeling down, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.”

YOUTH CORNER

ORIGINS OF CATHOLICISM

(Excerpts from the Crucified Rabbi, by Taylor Marshall)

Mary as Queen Mother of Jerusalem

King Solomon rose to greet his mother and bowed down before her—not because he worshipped her as a goddess, but rather because he as King understood the honor due to Queen Mother. Her presence in the court signified that Solomon was the legitimate heir of King David because she literally served as the flesh and blood link between father and son.

Given the importance of genealogical dynasties, the office and role of the Queen Mother existed in many other cultures, as well. A similar office of a Gebirah was also honored in the northern kingdom of Israel. “We are going down to visit the princes and the family of the queen mother” (2 Kings 10:13).

Jeremiah highlighted the place of preeminence held by the Queen Mother by the end of the Davidic Kingdom when he wrote: “Say to the king and to the queen mother: Come down from your throne” (Jer 13:18). The end of the Davidic reign from Jerusalem is signaled by the dethronement of the Davidic king and his mother. The Queen Mother was so important that the end of the kingdom meant that she must also be deposed.

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. May is the month of Rosary. We are being reminded and encouraged to pray the rosary at home.

5. Marriage Banns: 2nd Publication between Michael Omari and Gloria Tandor.

7. The funeral Mass of Mr. George Gyedu-Adomako will be held on Saturday 29th May, 2021 at SJF at 8:00am.

8. The death is reported of Mr. Edward Yaw Domie, father of Ernestina, Fidelia and Eunice, members of the Young Christian Workers and Knights & Ladies of St. John International. Funeral details will be announced later.

9. Young Christian Workers are reminded of their monthly meeting next Sunday 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.

10. There will be a free eye screening examination by **MK EYE CLINIC** on the 16th of May, 2021 here at STM after the 9:00am mass and on the 23rd of May, 2021 at SJF after the 10:30am mass.

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!!
Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher: Pray for us!

THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING
 WITH US.
 HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

FINANCE CORNER – ST. THOMAS MORE

WEEKDAYS	STM MAY WEEK1
SUNDAY	433.50
MONDAY	829.00
TUESDAY	1360.80
WEDNESDAY	560.20
THURSDAY	773.00
FRIDAY	390.00
SATURDAY	878.00
MAY. BORN	230.00
TOTAL	5454.50

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	1296.10
TITHE	660.00
TOTAL	1956.10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1
SUNDAY	1410.20
MONDAY	1148.00
TUESDAY	817.10
WEDNESDAY	1440.70
THURSDAY	1454.00
FRIDAY	4182.70
SATURDAY	1256.00
MAY. BORN	325.00+\$100
TOTAL	12033.70+\$100

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK 1
MAIN COLLECTION	2601.80
TITHE	200.00
TOTAL	2801.80

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