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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16TH MAY, 2021: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"CONSECRATED IN TRUTH"**

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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 1:15-17,20a, 20c-26

Matthias is chosen to take Judas' place among the apostles.

*Responsorial Psalm
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20*

THE LORD HAS FIXED HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN

Second Reading 1Jn 4:11-16

God is seen in our love for one another.

Gospel Reading Jn 17:11b-19

Jesus prays for his disciples.

REFLECTION

Beloved, the Gospel presents us with the last prayer of our Lord Jesus before he will ascend into heaven. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus, and that his name—"God saves"—announces his mission on our behalf. May we all be consecrated in the truth as we await the coming of Christ.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 17TH MAY, 2021 Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33	Tue 18TH MAY, 2021 St. John I, Pope, Martyr. Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wed 19TH MAY, 2021 Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36 Jn 17:11b-19	Thu 20TH MAY, 2021 St. Bernadine of Siena. Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26
Fri 21ST MAY, 2021 St. Christopher Magallanes. Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20 Jn 21:15-19	Sat 22ND MAY, 2021 St. Rita of Cascia. Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:5-6,8 Jn 21:20-25

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 104:1,24,29-31
Second Reading	1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Or Gal 5:16-25
Gospel	Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27

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

CALL TO FAMILY COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Scripture

Genesis 2:18 - It is not good for man to be alone

Genesis 4:8-15 I am my brother's and sister's keeper.

Leviticus 25:23-43 what you own belongs to the Lord and is given for the good of all.

Jeremiah 7:5-7 If you act justly with one another, God will dwell in the land.

Micah 6:6-8 Act justly, love kindness, walk humbly with God.

John 15:12-17 This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Acts 2:43-47 Life among the believers.

Romans 12:4-8 We are one body, individually members one of another.

Hebrews 10:24-25 Rouse one another to love and good works.

James 2:14-17 Our faith is dead if we ignore others in need.

1 Peter 4:8-11 Serve one another with the gifts you have received.

1 John 3:16-18 We ought to lay down our lives for one another.

1 John 4:19-21 Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters.

To be continued

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.

EVENT

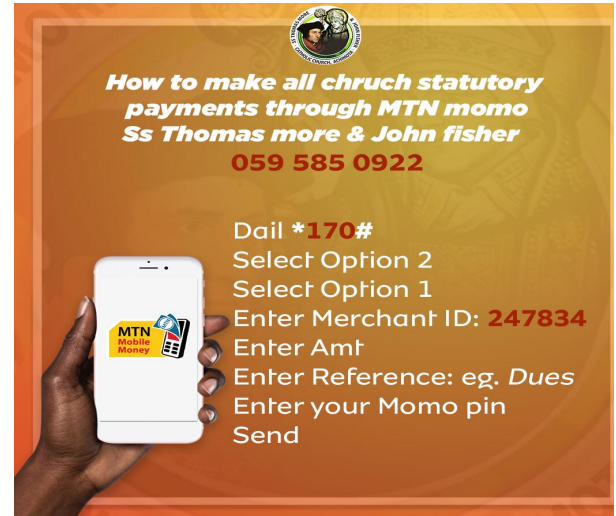


**Pentecost
Novena 2021**

Theme:
THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE...
(John 6: 63)

Date:
13th - 21st May, 2021
7pm each day

Venue:
STM (GA-246-1294)



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MOTIVATION

DON'T LET CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE YOU

“There once was a blind woman who hated herself purely because she could not see. The only person she loved was her boyfriend, as he was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, then she would marry him.

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her – now she could see everything, including her boyfriend. Her loving boyfriend asked her, ‘Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?’

The woman was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind too, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and wrote a short note to her saying: ‘Just take care of my eyes, dear.’

YOUTH CORNER

ORIGINS OF CATHOLICISM

(Excerpts from the Crucified Rabbi, by Taylor Marshall)

Mary as Queen Mother of Jerusalem

We see here that it is quite natural for Catholic Christians to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her son is the true Davidic King and she is rightly enthroned at his right hand as the Gebirah and Queen Mother of the Kingdom of God. The position of Solomon’s mother at his right hand is the reason why Mary is nearly always depicted in religious artwork as seated in heaven at the right hand of Christ. The exalted place of the Virgin Mary in Catholicism did not arise from medieval superstition but from a Jewish understanding of kingship. Just as Bathsheba served as the flesh and blood link between her son Solomon and King David, so also the Blessed Virgin Mary is the flesh and blood link uniting Jesus to the Messianic privileges of the Davidic Kingdom. Christians honor and revere the Blessed Virgin Mary because her lineage confirms that Jesus is the rightful heir of God’s promises. Mary is the final link in a thousand-year-old chain of Messianic prophecy.

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: 3rd 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. John Yao Agbovi, a member of the Kissehman Community and St. Vincent de Paul Ward. Funeral details will be announced later.

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: Besohwxi!
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	STM MAY WEEK2
SUNDAY	433.50	
MONDAY	829.00	560.00
TUESDAY	1360.80	30.00
WEDNESDAY	560.20	-----
THURSDAY	773.00	-----
FRIDAY	390.00	80.00
SATURDAY	878.00	182.00
MAY. BORN	230.00	-----
TOTAL	5454.50	852.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK 2
MAIN COLLECTION	1612.20
SECOND COLLECTION	917.90
TITHE	300.00
TOTAL	2835.80

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1	SJF MAY WEEK2
SUNDAY	1410.20	60.00
MONDAY	1148.00	1110.00
TUESDAY	817.10	-----
WEDNESDAY	1440.70	5.00
THURSDAY	1454.00	275.00
FRIDAY	4182.70	90.00
SATURDAY	1256.00	500.00
MAY. BORN	325.00+\$100	-----
TOTAL	12033.70+\$100	2040.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK 2
MAIN COLLECTION	3824.70
SECOND COLLECTION	2298.20
TITHE	130.00
TOTAL	6252.90

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