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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23RD MAY, 2021: PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **THE SPIRIT RECONCILES**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading Acts 2:1-11**

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31

**LORD, SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**

**Second Reading 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading Jn 20:19-23**

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### REFLECTION

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem. This event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. **May the Spirit reconcile and bring you Peace.**

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021</b> <b>The BVM, Mother of the Church</b> Gen 3:9-15,20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2,3,5,6-7 Jn 19:25-34	<b>Tue 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021</b> <b>St. Bede the Venerable</b> Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6,7-8 14,23 Mk 10:28-31
<b>Wed 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021</b> <b>St. Philip Neri</b> Sir 36:1,4-5,10-17 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Mk 10:32-45	<b>Thu 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021</b> <b>St. Augustine of Canterbury</b> Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9 Mk 10:46-52
<b>Fri 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021</b> Sir 44:1,9-13 Ps 150:1b-2,3-4,5-6a,9b Mk 11:11-26	<b>Sat 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021</b> <b>St. Paul VI, Pope</b> Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8,9,10,11 Mk 11:11-26

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Deut 4:32-34,39-40
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 33:4-6,9,18-20,22
Second Reading	Rom 8:14-17
Gospel	Mt 28:16-20

### 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

### CALL TO FAMILY COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION (PART 2) TRADITION - FAMILY

"The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy." (Pope Francis, On Love in the Family [Amoris Laetitia], no. 290, quoting the Final Report of the Synod of Bishops, 10/24/15)

Economic and social policies as well as organization of the work world should be continually evaluated in light of their impact on the strength and stability of family life. The long-range future of this nation is intimately linked with the well-being of families, for the family is the most basic form of human community. Efficiency and competition in the marketplace must be moderated by greater concern for the way work schedules and compensation support or threaten the bonds between spouses and between parents and children. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Economic Justice for All, no. 93)

The first and fundamental structure for a "human ecology" is the family . . . founded on marriage, in which the mutual gift of self as husband and wife creates an environment in which children can be born and develop their potentialities, become aware of their dignity and prepare to face their unique and individual destiny. (St. John Paul II, On the Hundredth Year [Centesimus Annus], no. 39)

Insofar as it is a "small- scale Church," the Christian family is called upon, like the "large- scale Church," to be a sign of unity for the world and in this way to exercise its prophetic role by bearing witness to the Kingdom and peace of Christ, towards which the whole world is journeying. Christian families can do this through their educational activity—that is to say by presenting to their children a model of life based on the values of truth, freedom, justice and love—both through active and responsible involvement in the authentically human growth of society and its institutions, and by supporting in various ways the associations specifically devoted to international issues. (St. John Paul II, the Family in the Modern World [Familiaris Consortio], no. 48). **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.

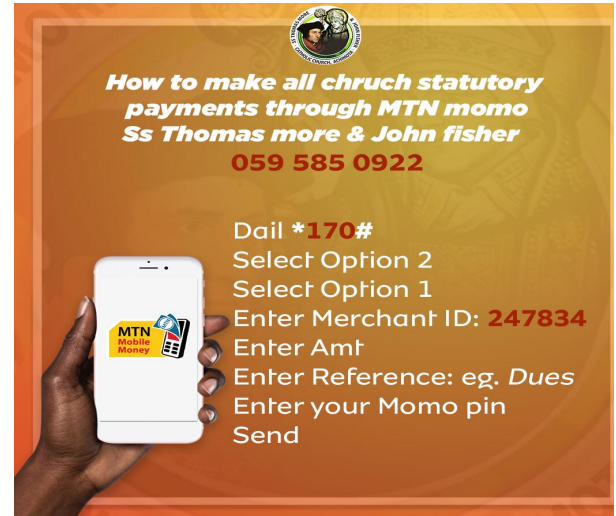
Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

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.

## HAPPY PENTECOST SUNDAY



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

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Select Option 2  
Select Option 1  
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**  
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## MOTIVATION

### DONT SAY SOMETHING YOU REGRET OUT OF ANGER

“There once was a little boy who had a very bad temper. His father decided to hand him a bag of nails and said that every time the boy lost his temper, he had to hammer a nail into the fence.

On the first day, the boy hammered 37 nails into that fence.

The boy gradually began to control his temper over the next few weeks, and the number of nails he was hammering into the fence slowly decreased. He discovered it was easier to control his temper than to hammer those nails into the fence.


Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father the news and the father suggested that the boy should now pull out a nail every day he kept his temper under control.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

‘You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there.’

## YOUTH CORNER

### The Maiden Edition of the Youth Mass



SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish Presents

**28th** May 2021  
**7PM**

Venue: St. Thomas More STM (GA-246-1294)

**YOUTH MASS**

- Relationship Talk
- Social Teachings
- Catholic Doctrines
- Bible Discussions

Catholic Social Teaching

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## 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. **The Maiden edition of the Youth Mass comes off on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at STM at 7:00pm.**

6. A parishioner is looking for a single room self-contained around Kissehman and Pillar2. Please call **0559007325** if you can be of help.

7. The funeral Mass of Anthony Gyedu-Adomako and George Gyedu-Adomako will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 at SJF at 8:00am.

8. The funeral details of Mr. Matthew Ketorwoglo a former parishioner is as follows: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2021: burial mass at St. John of God, Armahia near the Christian University College on the main Dodowa road at 8:00am. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2021: Thanksgiving mass at St. John of God at 9:00am.

9. The death is reported of Mrs. Celestine Boreh, mother of Vida Boreh, a member of the Northern Union. 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: 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	STM MAY WEEK2	STM MAY WEEK3
SUNDAY	433.50	-----	100.00
MONDAY	829.00	560.00	30.00
TUESDAY	1360.80	30.00	5.00
WEDNESDAY	560.20	-----	10.00
THURSDAY	773.00	-----	-----
FRIDAY	390.00	80.00	-----
SATURDAY	878.00	182.00	2.00
MAY. BORN	230.00	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5454.50</b>	<b>852.00</b>	<b>147.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK 3
<b>MAIN COLLECTION</b>	1436.00
<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b>	1023.00
<b>TITHE</b>	510.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2969.80</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.**

## FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1	SJF MAY WEEK2	SJF MAY WEEK3
SUNDAY	1410.20	60.00	240.00
MONDAY	1148.00	1110.00	50.00
TUESDAY	817.10	-----	2000.00
WEDNESDAY	1440.70	5.00	100.00
THURSDAY	1454.00	275.00	-----
FRIDAY	4182.70	90.00	120.00
SATURDAY	1256.00	500.00	-----
MAY. BORN	325.00+\$100	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12033.70+\$100</b>	<b>2040.00</b>	<b>2510.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK 3
MAIN COLLECTION	2435.10
SECOND COLLECTION	1599.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4034.90</b>

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