



# SS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACHIMOTA.

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30TH MAY, 2021: MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“TRINITY; A COMMUNICATION  
OF LOVE AND UNITY”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

**BLESSED THE PEOPLE, THE LORD HAS FOR HIS  
HERITAGE.**

**Second Reading** Rom 8:14-17

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

**Gospel Reading** Mt 28:16-20

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

### REFLECTION

Today is Trinity Sunday. Our faith tells us there is but one God, and in the one God, there are three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three persons are really distinct: the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father, and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son. The Trinity says that God is relationship, and so we search. The Trinity says that God is community, and so we seek. The Trinity says that God is love, and so we love, we cannot help ourselves. We are made to that image and likeness, we mirror our origins. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and God is communion, is relationship, and therefore so are we. Humans strive for union with God and with each other. We reach out for companionship. **May we seek to be as united as the Trinity.**

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Mon 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2021**

**The Visitation of the BVM to Elizabeth**  
Zeph 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16  
Ps Is 12:2-6  
Lk 1:39-56

**Tue 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2021**

**St. Justin, Martyrs**  
Tob 2:9-14  
Ps 112:1-2,7-9  
Mk 12:13-17

**Wed 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2021**

**St. Marcellinus and Peter**  
Tob 3:1-11a,16-17a  
Ps 25:2-9  
Mk 12:18-27

**Thu 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2021**

**St. Charles Lwanga & his Companion**  
Tob 6:10-11;77:1,9-17;8:4-9a  
Ps 128:1-5  
Mk 12:28-34

**Fri 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021**

Tob 11:5-17  
Ps 146:2,7-10  
Mk 12:35-37

**Sat 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021**

**St. Boniface**  
Tob 12:1,5-15,20  
Ps Tob 13:2,6-8  
Mk 12:38-44

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	EX 24:3-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 116:12-13,16-18
Second Reading	Heb 9:11-15
Gospel	Mk 14:12-16,22-26

### 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

#### Part III

#### COMMUNITY/PARTICIPATION

Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. . . . Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds. (Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home [Laudato Si'], nos. 179, 219)

People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as committed and responsible citizens, not as a mob swayed by the powers that be. Let us not forget that "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel [Evangelii Gaudium], no. 220, quoting United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Nov. 2007, no. 13)

Subsidiarity respects personal dignity by recognizing in the person a subject who is always capable of giving something to others. (Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth [Caritas in Veritate], no. 57)

The primary norm for determining the scope and limits of governmental intervention is the "principle of subsidiarity" cited above. This principle states that, in order to protect basic justice, government should undertake only those initiatives which exceed the capacities of individuals or private groups acting independently. Government should not replace or destroy smaller communities and individual initiative. Rather it should help them contribute more effectively to social well-being and supplement their activity when the demands of justice exceed their capacities. These does not mean, however, that the government that governs least, governs best. Rather it defines good government intervention as that which truly "helps" other social groups contribute to the common good by directing, urging, restraining, and regulating economic activity as "the occasion requires and necessity demands". (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Economic Justice for All, no. 124)

In order that the right to development may be fulfilled by action: (a) people should not be hindered from attaining development in accordance with their own culture; (b) through mutual cooperation, all peoples should be able to become the principal architects of their own economic and social development. (World Synod of Catholic Bishops, Justice in the World [Justicia in Mundo], no. 71)

But God did not create man as a solitary, for from the beginning "male and female he created them" (Gen. 1:27). Their companionship produces the primary form of interpersonal communion. For by his innermost nature man is a social being, and unless he relates himself to others he can neither live nor develop his potential. (Second Vatican Council, the Church in the Modern World [Gaudium et Spes], no. 12). **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.

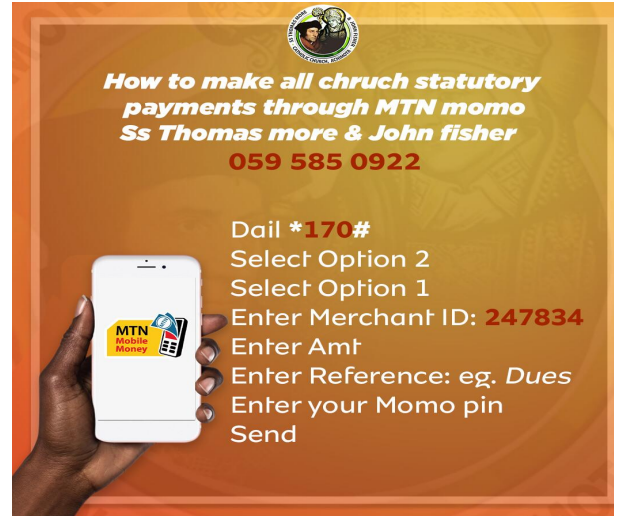
Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

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.

## UP COMING EVENT

# STM/SJF MONTH LONG FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS FROM 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021 CHEEEEEERS.



**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**  
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Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*  
Enter your Momo pin  
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The advertisement features a hand holding a white smartphone with the MTN Mobile Money logo on the screen. The background is a textured orange and brown gradient.

## MOTIVATION

### NEVER LET ONE FAILURE FROM THE PAST HOLD YOU BACK IN THE FUTURE

“As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away.

‘Well,’ trainer said, ‘when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.’

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn’t, they were stuck right where they were.”

## YOUTH CORNER

### THOUGHTS ON THE FIX DEBATE

Human beings are intrinsically self centered. Don’t get me wrong, they have the propensity to do immense good, however, they have an even greater desire to seek out for their own good. That’s a human fact, simple.

Now to the debate about whether we ought to fix ourselves or the country.

I can relate with the calls to fix ourselves, in any situation change must start from the inside. Michael Jackson famously puts it in his song, “if you want to make the world a better place, then take a look at yourself and make a change (Man in the Mirror). That being said, we can’t fix ourselves and expect the effects to be ripple. We can do our best, and I’ am an ardent advocate of personal change. But the will to do good in most circumstances is curtailed by the desire to seek out my own survival. That’s why we are weak. Both naturally and spiritually. That’s why the christians talk about submitting to a higher authority and living by grace. This situation permeates to the law. The law is as much a moral agent as the conscience of a human being. It holds the responsibility of keeping citizens in line because, the will or conscience of a man can fail or may not be strong enough to overcome the desire to do evil. That’s why it’s important the state fixes its moral conscience and be resolute on doing what’s right. Change in deed must start from us, and like I said earlier, I’m an advocate of it. But I get upset by the rhetoric that seeks to downplay the importance of a working state. The insinuation that our problems are only ourselves and not the systems we run. The bold and misguided comments targeted at crushing an uprising that could potentially benefit generations’ unborn beats my mind. Like my good friend would say, you can’t decouple fixing yourself from fixing the country. I agree, the latter entails the second. Let’s focus on that and not these needles counter accusations.

God save us.

God bless our homeland Ghana.

## 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. We shall resume our Wednesday Evening Mass and Bible Sharing at SJF beginning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2021.

5. We shall also start Morning Mass this and every Friday at SJF at 6:15am, beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021.

6. **Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June is the First Sunday of the month. We shall have our Thanksgiving Collection. We are being reminded and encouraged to come and contribute generously.**

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

8. Marriage Banns: (2<sup>nd</sup> Publication) Between Lissah Emmanuel and Sylvia Atsure-Efodzi.

## 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 – ST. THOMAS MORE

WEEKDAYS	STM MAY WEEK1	STM MAY WEEK2	STM MAY WEEK3	STM MAY WEEK4
SUNDAY	433.50	-----	100.00	-----
MONDAY	829.00	560.00	30.00	-----
TUESDAY	1360.80	30.00	5.00	1000.00
WEDNESDAY	560.20	-----	10.00	5.00
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>	<b>1005.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK 4
<b>MAIN COLLECTION</b>	1723.50
<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b>	916.20
<b>TITHE</b>	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2739.70</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.**

## FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1	SJF MAY WEEK2	SJF MAY WEEK3	SJF MAY WEEK4
SUNDAY	1410.20	60.00	240.00	-----
MONDAY	1148.00	1110.00	50.00	-----
TUESDAY	817.10	-----	2000.00	5000.00
WEDNESDAY	1440.70	5.00	100.00	5.00
THURSDAY	1454.00	275.00	-----	50.00
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>	<b>5055.00</b>

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK 4
<b>MAIN COLLECTION</b>	2341.20
<b>SECOND COLLECTION</b>	1283.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3625.10</b>

### SS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER PARISH, ACHOMOTA WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY/ACTIVITY	THOMAS MORE	JOHN FISHER
Monday		
Tuesday	Morning Mass	
Wednesday	Morning Mass	Evening Mass/Bible sharing
Thursday	Morning Mass	
Friday		Morning Mass
Friday	Community Mass	Community Mass
First Thursday of the month	Exposition/Benediction	
First Friday of month		Exposition/Benediction
Last Friday of the month	Youth Mass	
First Saturday of the month	Infant Baptism	Grotto Devotion/Mass

**NB: Effective date: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021**