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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20TH JUNE, 2021: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“BRING IT TO HIM; HE CALMS
THE STORMS OF LIFE.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Job 38:1, 8-11

The Lord answers Job's complaints.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 107:23-31

**O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS
GOOD; FOR HIS MERCY ENDURES FOR EVER!**

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:14-17

Those in Christ are a new creation.

Gospel Reading Mk 4:35-41

Jesus calms the storm.

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as He calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or “sleeping.” We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 21ST JUNE, 2021 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Gen 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22 Mt 7:1-5	Tue 22ND JUNE, 2021 Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More Gen 13:2,5-18 Ps 15:2-5 Mt 7:6,12-14
Wed 23RD JUNE, 2021 Gen 15:1-12,17-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Mt 7:15-20	Thu 24TH JUNE, 2021 Nativity of John the Baptist Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66,80
Fri 25TH JUNE, 2021 Gen 17:1,9-10,15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 8:1-4	Sat 26TH JUNE, 2021 Gen 18:1-15 Ps Lk 1:46-50,53-55 Mk 8:5-17

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13
Second Reading	2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15
Gospel	Mk 5:21-43

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

TRADITION PART III

We must speak of man's rights. Man has the right to live. He has the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and, finally, the necessary social services. In consequence, he has the right to be looked after in the event of ill health; disability stemming from his work; widowhood; old age; enforced unemployment; or whenever through no fault of his own he is deprived of the means of livelihood. (St. John XXIII, *Peace on Earth* [[Pacem in Terris](#)], no. 11)

In human society one man's natural right gives rise to a corresponding duty in other men; the duty, that is, of recognizing and respecting that right. Every basic human right draws its authoritative force from the natural law, which confers it and attaches to it its respective duty. Hence, to claim one's rights and ignore one's duties, or only half fulfill them, is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with the other. (St. John XXIII, *Peace on Earth* [[Pacem in Terris](#)], no. 30)

As for the State . . . It has also the duty to protect the rights of all its people, and particularly of its weaker members, the workers, women and children. It can never be right for the State to shirk its obligation of working actively for the betterment of the condition of the workingman. (St. John XXIII, *Christianity and Social Progress* [[Mater et Magistra](#)], no. 20) **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

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time

- Liturgical Color
 - Green
 - Growth, hope, and life
- Occurs twice in the year
 - Between Christmas and Lent
 - Between summer and the fall
 - Pentecost-Feast of Christ the King
- Purpose
 - To recall the life of Jesus
 - Reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians



EVENT



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

The Ultimate Test

One night, four college students stayed up late partying, even though they knew they had a test the next day. The next morning, they came up with a plan to get out of having to take their test. Each student rolled around in dirt and then went to the teacher's office. They told the teacher that they had gotten a flat tire the night before, and they spent the entire night pushing their car back to campus. The teacher listened, and to the students' delight, he offered a retest three days later. On the day of the test, the students went to their teacher's office. The teacher put all four of the students in separate rooms to take the test. The students were okay with that because they had been given a chance to study.

The test had 2 questions:

- 1) Your Name _____ (1 Points)
- 2) Which tire was flat? _____ (99 Points)

The answers were;

1. Front Right
2. Front Left
3. Back Right
4. Back Left

The Moral: *You always need to take responsibility for your actions aside from making wise decisions. Aside from making wise decisions, you always need to take responsibility for your actions. This means not blaming other people for your mistakes, not complaining about the reality of the present moment, and not giving in to other people's pressure.*

YOUTH CORNER

THE BEAUTY MYTH (PART III)

That is our hair. So when a black woman tells me she is not her hair, I think, well actually you are. And this is the second way I want to reflect on this issue. Of course a black woman is her hair. Just as her teeth, blood, sweat, bones, etc., are part of her, so is her hair. A black woman's hair is part of her DNA. Hair has been used to identify people. For example, hair found at a crime scene can be traced back to the perpetrator who has committed the crime. So how anyone can say they are not their hair mystifies me. The hairstyle a person chooses to wear says a lot about them. For example, a conservative person would never wear a Mohican, whilst a person with a flamboyant personality may not only wear a Mohican but dye it an outrageous colour. Just by seeing this, you decipher something about the person. So, again, people who state, "I am not my hair" really mystify me. But try as I might to get this point over to black women who weave, they just never seem to get it. Then there is the issue of choice. Yes, I totally agree that as human beings, we have the right to make our own choices in life. However, I also believe sometimes, the choices we as individuals make, have to take into account the effect our choices have on others. And I wish women who weave would bear in mind how their choice affects all black women. You see, we live in a world in which we are bombarded with the image of a beautiful woman being one who is European with long hair. For the black woman to be considered beautiful she too must look like her European version. Hence the weaving of false hair. And the bleaching of the skin. Aside from the beauty aspect, there is also this notion that for a black woman to be accepted, both in the workplace and socially she must conform to this look. **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. The Domie family thanks all parishioners for our prayers and support during the funeral and burial of their late father.

5. The Young Christian Workers are inviting you to their monthly meeting today after 7:00 Mass. Side Attraction: Brief but insightful talk titled "Food & Nutrition: we are what we consume". All young adults are encouraged to attend this meeting for Spiritual and Personal Development.

6. 90th Feast Day celebration climax.

We shall have Blood Donation exercise on the 27th June at STM after the 7:00am Mass & at SJF after the 10:00am Mass. Let's donate to save a life.

7. The funeral arrangement of Mary Gyasi a.k.a Obaa Yaa Amosa, mother of Joanna Nyarko is as follows: Friday 25th June: Wake Keeping at 8:00pm. Saturday 26th June: Funeral Service at Ajumako-Baa Methodist Primary School Park by Salvation Army Church at 8:00am. Dress code: Black & Red. Sunday 27th June: Thanksgiving Service at Ajumako-Baa Salvation Army Church at 8:00am. Dress Code: Black & White.

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 JUNE WEEK1	STM JUNE WEEK2
SUNDAY	273.00	-----
MONDAY	1079.00	-----
TUESDAY	790.90	-----
WEDNESDAY	535.50	705.00
THURSDAY	338.00	-----
FRIDAY	869.00	130.00
SATURDAY	924.00	540.00
JUNE BORN	145.00	-----
TOTAL	4954.40	1375.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JUNE WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2005.30
SECOND COLLETION	1276.70
TITHE	230.00
TOTAL	3512.00

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JUNE WEEK1	SJF JUNE WEEK2
SUNDAY	1785.00	60.00
MONDAY	1919.00	500.00
TUESDAY	2343.00	5.00
WEDNESDAY	710.00	50.00
THURSDAY	990.00	100.00
FRIDAY	4563.00	27.00
SATURDAY	981.00	220.00
JUNE BORN	229.00	-----
TOTAL	13520.00	962.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JUNE WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2168.80
SECOND COLLECTION	1144.40
TITHE	180.00
TOTAL	3493.20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

DAY/ACTIVITY	THOMAS MORE	TIME	JOHN FISHER	TIME
Monday				
Tuesday	Morning Mass	6:15am		
Wednesday	Morning Mass	6:15am	Evening Mass/ Bible sharing	7:00pm
Thursday	Morning Mass	6:15am		
Friday			Morning Mass	6:15am
Friday	Community Mass	7:00pm	Community Mass	7:00pm
First Thursday of the month	Exposition/ Benediction	7:00pm		
First Friday of the month	Morning Mass	6:15am	Exposition/ Benediction	7:00pm
Last Friday of the month	Youth Mass	7:00pm		
First Saturday of	Infant Baptism	7:00am	Grotto	4:00pm

