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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27TH JUNE, 2021: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"FAITH HEALS."**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

**I WILL EXTOL YOU, LORD, FOR YOU HAVE
RAISED ME UP.**

Second Reading 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

Gospel Reading Mk 5:21-43

Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

REFLECTION

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed with a demon. A woman with the issue of blood and Jarius daughter are healed when Jesus comes close and takes her by the hand respectively. Faith is a necessary requirement for miracles to thrive here. **May your faith save and bring you divine healing.**

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 28TH JUNE, 2021 St. Iranaeus, Bishop, Martyr Gen 18:16-33 Ps 103:1-4,8-11 Mt 8:18-22	Tue 29TH JUNE, 2021 Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostle Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19
Wed 30TH JUNE, 2021 Gen 21:5,8-20 Ps 34:7-8,10-13 Mt 8:28-34	Thu 1ST JULY, 2021 Gen 22:1-19 Ps 115:1-6,8-9 Mt 9:1-8
Fri 2ND JULY, 2021 Gen 23:1-4, 19;24:1-8,62-67 Ps 106:1-5 Mt 9:9-13	Sat 3RD JULY, 2021 St Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 20:24-29

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Ez 2:2-5
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 123:1-4
Second Reading	2Cor 12:7-10
Gospel	Mk 6:1-6

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 DOCTRINE

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

Scripture

Exodus 22:20-26 - You shall not oppress the poor or vulnerable. God will hear their cry.

Leviticus 19:9-10 - A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger.

Job 34:20-28 - The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Proverbs 31:8-9 - Speak out in defense of the poor.

Sirach 4:1-10 - Don't delay giving to those in need.

Isaiah 25:4-5 - God is a refuge for the poor.

Isaiah 58:5-7 - True worship is to work for justice and care for the poor and oppressed.

Matthew 25:34-40 - What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus.

Luke 4:16-21 - Jesus proclaims his mission: to bring good news to the poor and oppressed.

Luke 6:20-23 - Blessed are the poor, theirs is the kingdom of God.
1 John 3:17-18 - How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's good and sees one in need and refuses to help?
God's word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us: "As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). The way we treat others has a transcendent dimension: "The measure you give will be the measure you get" (Mt 7:2). It corresponds to the mercy which God has shown us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you . . . For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (Lk 6:36-38). What these passages make clear is the absolute priority of "going forth from ourselves toward our brothers and sisters" as one of the two great commandments which ground every moral norm and as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift. (Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* [Evangelii Gaudium], no. 179) **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

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- 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



TO GOD BE THE GLORY



How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
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MOTIVATION

BREATHING WITH NO AIR

A boy once asked a wise old man what the secret to success is. After listening to the boy's question, the wise man told the boy to meet him at the river in the morning and he would be given the answer there.

In the morning, the wise man and the boy began walking toward the river. They continued on into the river, past the point of the water covering their nose and mouth. At this time, the wise man ducked the boy into the water.

As he struggled to get out, the wise man continued to push him further down. The boy felt a fish slip by his leg and squirmed to get up even harder. The man eventually pulled the boy's head up so he could get air. The boy gasped as he inhaled a deep breath of air.

The wise man said, "What were you fighting for when you were under water?" The boy replied, "Air!" The man said, "There you have the secret to success. When you want to gain success as much as you wanted air when you were under water, you will obtain it. That's the only secret."

The Moral: *Success starts with the desire to achieve something. If your motivation is weak, your results will follow suit. Think about what you desire the most in life and work towards getting it. Don't allow your environment or other people to influence the things that you truly want. Just because the fish swimming by is comfortable with being under water doesn't mean that you are.*

YOUTH CORNER

THE BEAUTY MYTH (PART IV)

And that is what is happening. Black women have been so brainwashed, they have accepted and conformed to this image imposed on them. Today, for a black woman to wear natural hair, she is considered Afrocentric, radical, a rebel, or controversial. Wearing false hair is now normal for the black woman, whilst wearing her own natural hair is not the accepted norm. Does this make any sense? I (perhaps) might not be so anti-weave if this were not the case. But to tell me, as a black woman, that for me to get ahead, to be accepted and to be considered beautiful I have to weave the hair of other races is something I will never buy into. And each time a black woman weaves, she makes it harder for those who choose to be natural. That is how their choice affects others. You see, by conforming, the black woman is agreeing that "yes indeed, her hair is ugly". She is agreeing that with natural hair she will not fit into society. Yet this is a fallacy. A black woman with natural hair can still teach. She can still drive a bus. She can be a doctor, a dancer, a friend, a mother, a wife, etc. Everything the black woman is doing now, she can still do with her natural hair. But because we do not see this, black women no longer believe it. The black woman now believes she looks much better with her "ugly" hair hidden under a weave from the head of a Brazilian, Peruvian, Indian or Russian woman. I wonder if black women ask themselves how real this human hair is? Because if you calculate the amount of hair black women buy, you have to ask if there are enough women with hair to cater for these numbers. **To be continued**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Thursday 1st July is the First Thursday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning mass at STM and Adoration at 7:00pm.
- Friday 2nd July is the First Friday of the month. We shall have morning mass both at STM & SJF. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning mass at SJF and Adoration at 7:00pm.
- There will be infant baptism on Saturday 3rd July at STM at 7:00am. Parents who wish to have their children baptized should pick up forms at the church office and attend instructions with their Godparents on Thursday 1st July at STM at 5:00pm.
- Saturday 3rd July is the First Saturday of the month. There will be Grotto devotion at SJF at 4:00pm. Let's all come and pray together for the intercession of our Lady of Grace for the new month.
- Next Sunday 4th July is the First Sunday of the month. We shall have our Thanksgiving Collection. We are being reminded and encouraged to come and contribute generously.
- Young Christian Workers invite you to join them for their upcoming retreat. Theme: **"Overcome your FEARS – Face Everything And Rise."**
(Is 41:10-13)
Speaker: Rev. Fr. Daniel Attipoe.
Date: 10th July, 2021. Venue: SJF. Time: 8:00am.
"Come and place your Endeavors, Burdens and Worries at His feet".
- The death is reported of Mr. Isaac Kofi Barik Yaro, brother of Robert Barik a member of the Northern Union and Urshers. Funeral arrangement is as follows:
Saturday 3rd July, Burial Mass at STM at 8:30am
Sunday 4th July, Thanksgiving Mass at STM at 9:00am.

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 JUNE WEEK1	STM JUNE WEEK2	STM JUNE WEEK3
SUNDAY	273.00	-----	-----
MONDAY	1079.00	-----	-----
TUESDAY	790.90	-----	610.00
WEDNESDAY	535.50	705.00	50.00
THURSDAY	338.00	-----	-----
FRIDAY	869.00	130.00	50.00
SATURDAY	924.00	540.00	200.00
JUNE BORN	145.00	-----	
TOTAL	4954.40	1375.00	910.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections


SUNDAY	STM JUNE WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	1678.00
SECOND COLLETION	1206.40
TOTAL	2884.40

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JUNE WEEK1	SJF JUNE WEEK2	SJF JUNE WEEK3
SUNDAY	1785.00	60.00	10.00
MONDAY	1919.00	500.00	-----
TUESDAY	2343.00	5.00	6,050.00
WEDNESDAY	710.00	50.00	5.00
THURSDAY	990.00	100.00	5.00
FRIDAY	4563.00	27.00	60.00
SATURDAY	981.00	220.00	500.00
JUNE BORN	229.00	-----	
TOTAL	13520.00	962.00	6630.00

SUNDAY	SJF JUNE WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2552.20+\$5
SECOND COLLECTION	1327.00
TITHE	140.00
TOTAL	4019.20+\$5

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish, Achimeta

Help Us Build

A new Children Service Block @ SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT HINDER THEM FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE "

Matthew 19: 14

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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