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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4TH JULY, 2021: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“AVOID PREJUDICES.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Ez 2:2-5

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 123:1-4

**OUR EYES ARE ON THE LORD OUR GOD, TILL
HE SHOWS US HIS MERCY.**

Second Reading 2Cor 12:7-10

Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel Reading Mk 6:1-6

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

REFLECTION

Today's gospel suggests we need to confront any tendency to judge others, take hurt and offence from them, reject them, and make them scapegoats of our own unrecognised aversions and resentments. We need to become more aware of how we spread negativity at home, among our friends at work—or wherever—lest we become like Pharisees or Herodians, or those of Jesus' own people who so readily rejected him. We need to realise how easy it is to confuse reality with our own ingrained prejudices and preferred viewpoints. We need to see that every story has another side, every person has his or her own reasons for what they do.

WEEKLY READINGS

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| Mon 5TH JULY, 2021 Sts. Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth of Portugal Gen 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-4, 14-15 Mt 9:18-26 | Tue 6TH JULY, 2021 St. Maria Goretti Gen 32:23-33 Ps 17:1-3, 6-8, 15 Mt 9:32-38 |
| Wed 7TH JULY, 2021 Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 Mt 10:1-7 | Thu 8TH JULY, 2021 Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21 Mt 10:7-15 |
| Fri 9TH JULY, 2021 St. Augustine Zhao Rong Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 36:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mt 10:16-23 | Sat 10TH JULY, 2021 Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33 |

Readings for Next Sunday

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| First Reading | Am 7:12-15 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 85:9-14 |
| Second Reading | Eph 1:3-14 |
| Gospel | Mk 6:7-13 |

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. Part 2

"The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. . . . "Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2444, 2448, quoting Centesimus annus, no. 57, and Libertatis conscientia, no. 68)

Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice. (St. John Paul II, On the Hundredth Year [Centesimus Annus], no. 58)

The obligation to provide justice for all means that the poor have the single most urgent economic claim on the conscience of the nation. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Economic Justice for All, no. 86)

The primary purpose of this special commitment to the poor is to enable them to become active participants in the life of society. It is to enable all persons to share in and contribute to the common good. The "option for the poor," therefore, is not an adversarial slogan that pits one group or class against another. Rather it states that the deprivation and powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community. The extent of their suffering is a measure of how far we are from being a true community of persons. These wounds will be healed only by greater solidarity with the poor and among the poor themselves. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Economic Justice for All, no. 88)

The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximization of profits; the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion; the production to meet social needs over production for military purposes. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Economic Justice for All, no. 94)

In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others. (Blessed Paul VI, A Call to Action. [Octogesima Adveniens], no. 23)

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



ADVERT! ADVERT!! ADVERT!!!

LAND FOR SALE

A 70×100 PLOT OF LAND FOR SALE

AT A SERENE ENVIRONMENT

LOCATED ON THE HEBRON

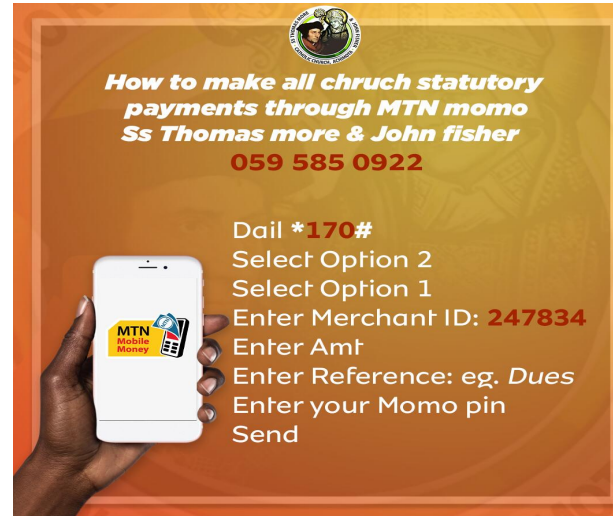
MOUNTAINS NEAR MEDIE ON THE

ACCRA-NSAWAM ROAD.

INTERESTED PERSONS

SHOULD CONTACT

PIUS ON 055 544 2687



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MOTIVATION

ROCKS, PEBBLES AND SAND

A philosophy professor once stood up before his class with a large empty mayonnaise jar. He filled the jar to the top with large rocks and asked his students if the jar was full. His students all agreed the jar was full. He then added small pebbles to the jar, and gave the jar a bit of a shake so the pebbles could disperse themselves among the larger rocks. Then he asked again, "Is the jar full now?" The students agreed that the jar was still full. The professor then poured sand into the jar to fill up all the remaining empty space. The students then agreed again that the jar was full.

The Metaphor:

In this story, the jar represents your life and the rocks, pebbles, and sand are the things that fill up your life. The rocks represent the most important projects and things you have going on, such as spending time with your family and maintaining proper health. This means that if the pebbles and the sand were lost, the jar would still be full and your life would still have meaning.

The pebbles represent the things in your life that matter, but that you could live without. The pebbles are certainly things that give your life meaning (such as your job, house, hobbies, and friendships), but they are not critical for you to have a meaningful life. These things often come and go, and are not permanent or essential to your overall well-being. Finally, the sand represents the remaining filler things in your life, and material possessions. This could be small things such as watching television, browsing through your favorite social media site, or running errands. These things don't mean much to your life as a whole, and are likely only done to waste time or get small tasks accomplished.

The Moral: *The metaphor here is that if you start with putting sand into the jar, you will not have room for rocks or pebbles. This holds true with the things you let into your life. If you spend all of your time on the small and insignificant things, you will run out of room for the things that are actually important. In order to have a more effective and efficient life, pay attention to the "rocks," because they are critical to your long-term well-being.*

YOUTH CORNER

THE BEAUTY MYTH FINAL PART

Just recently, on 3 September, Sheryl Underwood, an African-American TV presenter, faced a backlash when she showed disgust at the idea of afro-hair. The topic was former model Heidi Klum keeping her son's hair as a keepsake. Amidst laughter, Underwood said: "Why would you save afro-hair?"

You can't weave that afro hair. You never see us at the hair place saying 'Look here, what I need is this curly nappy weave'. That just seems nasty." When her white co-host turned around and said she also kept her son's hair, Sheryl Underwood, still laughing, replied "which is probably some long silky stuff". This followed by a flick of her long wavy weave. You see, this is a typical example of a black woman who has been so brainwashed that she does not even know what she is saying.

For a black woman, a well-known TV presenter at that, to sit on her own show, with her white co-hosts and disrespect her own hair like that is deep. If this is not hatred of your own hair, then what is? And to hate your own hair is I think a serious disease. Because deep down inside there must be something wrong with the woman that looks in the mirror and hates what stares back at her. Just like the anorexic person hates their body, so too is the hatred of one's own hair and skin an illness. And maybe it's time we started talking about it as such.

Maybe then black women will wake up and ask themselves, what really is going on? But hey, these are just the reflections of an ordinary African woman.

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. Legion of Mary will now hold its weekly meeting every Thursday at STM at 6:00pm. New members are warmly welcome.

5. Young Christian Workers invite you to join them for their upcoming retreat. Theme: **"Overcome your FEARS – Face Everything And Rise."** (Is 41:10-13)

Date: 10th July, 2021. Speaker: Rev. Fr. Daniel Attipoe.
Venue: SJF. Time: 8:00am.

"Come and place your Endeavors, Burdens and Worries at His feet". **Come with a candle to be lighted at the Grotto.**

6. The Funeral details of Mr. Donatus Aparek Apapa is as follows:
Saturday 10th July, Burial Mass at STM at 8:30am
Sunday 11th July, Thanksgiving Mass at STM at 9:00am. Dress code: Black & Red.

7. Marriage Banns: 1st Publication between

1. Edward Sunday Apaafie and Valentina yaboot Konlan
2. Frank Kwakye K. Opoku-Minta and Benedicta Elorm Seade
3. Ouattara Bouakali and Jamila Salifu
4. Rosemary Mensah Kwaku and Stephen Kofi Adams

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 | STM JUNE WEEK3 | STM JUNE WEEK4 | GRAND TOTAL | POSITIONS |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 273.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 273.00 | 7 TH |
| MONDAY | 1079.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1079.00 | 4 TH |
| TUESDAY | 790.90 | ----- | 610.00 | ----- | 1400.90 | 2 ND |
| WEDNESDAY | 535.50 | 705.00 | 50.00 | ----- | 1290.50 | 3 RD |
| THURSDAY | 338.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 338.00 | 6 TH |
| FRIDAY | 869.00 | 130.00 | 50.00 | ----- | 1049.00 | 5 TH |
| SATURDAY | 924.00 | 540.00 | 200.00 | ----- | 1664.00 | 1 ST |
| JUNE BORN | 145.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 145.00 | |
| TOTAL | 4954.40 | 1375.00 | 910.00 | 0.00 | 7239.40 | |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | STM JUNE WEEK4 |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 1327.40 |
| SECOND COLLETION | 674.40 |
| TITHE | 320.00 |
| TOTAL | 2321.80 |

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

| WEEKDAYS | SJF JUNE WEEK1 | SJF JUNE WEEK2 | SJF JUNE WEEK3 | SJF JUNE WEEK4 | GRAND TOTAL | POSITIONS |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 1785.00 | 60.00 | 10.00 | 20.00 | 1875.00 | 4 TH |
| MONDAY | 1919.00 | 500.00 | ----- | 1000.00 | 3419.00 | 3 RD |
| TUESDAY | 2343.00 | 5.00 | 6,050.00 | ----- | 8398.00 | 1 ST |
| WEDNESDAY | 710.00 | 50.00 | 5.00 | ----- | 765.00 | 7 TH |
| THURSDAY | 990.00 | 100.00 | 5.00 | ----- | 1095.00 | 6 TH |
| FRIDAY | 4563.00 | 27.00 | 60.00 | ----- | 4650.00 | 2 ND |
| SATURDAY | 981.00 | 220.00 | 500.00 | 120.00 | 1821.00 | 5 TH |
| JUNE BORN | 229.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 229.00 | |
| TOTAL | 13520.00 | 962.00 | 6630.00 | 1140.00 | 22252.00 | |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | SJF JUNE WEEK4 |
|------------------|----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 2380.90 |
| SECOND COLLETION | 1662.40 |
| TOTAL | 4043.30 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.

SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish



90th
ANNIVERSARY
Celebrations
1931 - 2021

Thank you for making this year's Feast Celebration a success.

May God richly bless you as we rise and build.



Help Us Build

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

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