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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11TH JULY, 2021: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“YOU ARE SENT.”**

Rev. Fr. George Obeng - Appah (*Parish Priest*) 020-8592020
Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kwofie (Assistant Priest) 0206355610

St Thomas More Catholic Church - 030-3931800
SS Thomas More and John Fisher Catholic Church - 030-3939862

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Am 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:9-14

**LET US SEE, O LORD, YOUR MERCY, AND
GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.**

Second Reading Eph 1:3-14

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

Gospel Reading: Mk 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

REFLECTION

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs. Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 12TH JULY, 2021 Ex 1:8-14,22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34-11:1	Tue 13TH JULY, 2021 St. Henry Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34 Mt 11:20-24
Wed 14TH JULY, 2021 St. Kateri Tekakwitha Ex 3:1-6,9-12 Ps 103:1-4,6-7 Mt 11:25-27	Thu 15TH JULY, 2021 St. Bonaventure Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27 Mt 11:28-30
Fri 16TH JULY, 2021 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ex 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 Mt 12:1-8	Sat 17TH JULY, 2021 Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1,10-15,23-24 Mt 12:14-21

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Jer 23:1-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 23:1-6
Second Reading	Eph 2:13-18
Gospel	Mk 6:38-42

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 3

"He who has the goods of this world and sees his brother in need and closes his heart to him, how does the love of God abide in him?" Everyone knows that the Fathers of the Church laid down the duty of the rich toward the poor in no uncertain terms. As St. Ambrose put it: "You are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor man, but you are giving him back what is his. You have been appropriating things that are meant to be for the common use of everyone. The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich." (Blessed Paul VI, On the Development of Peoples [Populorum Progressio], no. 23)

Therefore everyone has the right to possess a sufficient amount of the earth's goods for themselves and their family. This has been the opinion of the Fathers and Doctors of the church, who taught that people are bound to come to the aid of the poor and to do so not merely out of their superfluous goods. Persons in extreme necessity are entitled to take what they need from the riches of others.

Faced with a world today where so many people are suffering from want, the council asks individuals and governments to remember the saying of the Fathers: "Feed the people dying of hunger, because if you do not feed them you are killing them," and it urges them according to their ability to share and dispose of their goods to help others, above all by giving them aid which will enable them to help and develop themselves. (Second Vatican Council, the Church in the Modern World [Gaudium et Spes], no. 69)

Still, when there is a question of defending the rights of individuals, the poor and badly off have a claim to especial consideration. The richer class have many ways of shielding themselves, and stand less in need of help from the State; whereas the mass of the poor have no resources of their own to fall back upon, and must chiefly depend upon the assistance of the State. (Pope Leo XIII, On the Condition of Labor [Rerum Novarum], no. 37).

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



ADVERT! ADVERT!! ADVERT!!!

LAND FOR SALE

A 70×100 PLOT OF LAND FOR SALE

AT A SERENE ENVIRONMENT

LOCATED ON THE HEBRON

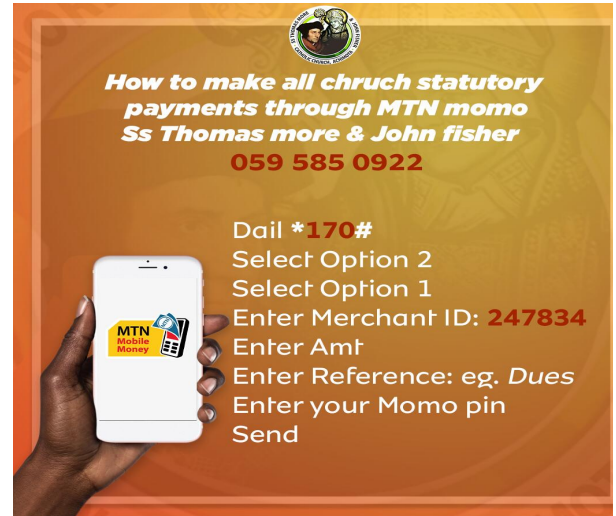
MOUNTAINS NEAR MEDIE ON THE

ACCRA-NSAWAM ROAD.

INTERESTED PERSONS

SHOULD CONTACT

PIUS ON 055 544 2687



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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MOTIVATION

WHAT A WASTE

A mother camel and her baby were lying down, soaking up the sun. The baby camel asked his mom, "Why do we have these big bumps on our back?" The mom stopped to think and then said, "We live in the desert where there is not much water available. Our humps store water to help us survive on long journeys. The baby camel then stopped to think and said, "Well, why do we have long legs with rounded feet?" His mother replied, "They are meant to help us walk through sand." The baby asked a third question, "Why are my eyelashes so long?" The mother replied, "Your long eyelashes offer you protection from sand when it blows in the wind."

Finally, the baby said, "If we have all of these natural abilities given to us to walk through the desert, what's the use for camels in the Zoo?"

The Moral: *The skills and abilities that you possess won't be useful if you're not in the right environment. You've probably heard of a professional who ditched his or her career to follow their dreams or the person who remains unfulfilled in their job, but doesn't try to make a change. If you're stuck in a career that isn't the right fit, you have to do some self-reflection to realize where your strengths lie that are going to waste. Turn to people that you know the best as well as professionals in any given market so you can start thinking about what may be better for you. Think big and remain open to new ideas.*

YOUTH CORNER

SO WHAT CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

Hello there, and welcome to another edition of change 4 Ghana's Climate blog. Today, we are all about what causes climate change. Ignorance is no longer an excuse, so sit tight and learn more to help save the planet.

So we learnt the last time from the climate blog titled "What is Climate Change?" that climate change refers to the alterations in the long-observed weather patterns over geographical areas. We understood that these changes adversely affect the earth's ecosystem, as well as plants and animals. These changes are a threat to humanity and life as a whole. But then what causes climate change?

There are both natural and human-centered causes. Naturally, the earth performs some activities that cause some alterations in the climate. These include the natural concentration of greenhouse gases, volcanic eruptions, sun intensity, and many more. However, these naturally occurring activities are not as destructive as human activities have been in the last century. So what are humans doing to cause the change? Much of the climate alterations result from Global warming induced by human activities. The most significant of these activities is the Burning of fossils like coal and oil and Deforestation. How? The more fossils we burn, the more we emit greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane. These gases produce the greenhouse effect that makes the earth warmer. Moreover, we know trees absorb carbon dioxide in the air, so when we cut down the trees, we increase the concentration of the gases in the atmosphere. Other activities include agriculture, construction, illegal mining, fires and others. So remember, the next time you cut down a tree, engage in illegal mining or burn fossils for whatever reason, you are contributing to climate change and killing the earth.

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. The Young Christian Workers are inviting you to their monthly meeting next Sunday 18th July, 2021 at STM after the 7:00 am Mass. Side attraction: Brief but insightful talk titled "**Savings & Investment towards Financial Independence**". All young adults are encouraged to attend this meeting for financial and personal development.
6. Marriage Banns: 2ND Publication between
 1. Edward Sunday Apaafile and Valentina yaboot Konlan
 2. Frank Kwakye K. Opoku-Minta and Benedicta Elorm Seade
 3. Ouattara Bouakali and Jamila Salifu
 4. Stephen Kofi Adams and Rosemary Mensah Kwaku

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 JULY WEEK1
SUNDAY	899.00
MONDAY	657.50
TUESDAY	1196.70
WEDNESDAY	1302.00
THURSDAY	1291.40
FRIDAY	931.70
SATURDAY	802.70
JULY BORN	209.20
TOTAL	7290.20

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1562.00
TITHE	2720.00
TOTAL	4282.00

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK1
SUNDAY	2450.00
MONDAY	2165.00
TUESDAY	1059.10
WEDNESDAY	796.20
THURSDAY	1422.40
FRIDAY	1122.80
SATURDAY	1391.00
JULY BORN	242.20
TOTAL	10648.50

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2367.20
TITHE	195.00
TOTAL	2562.20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



Help Us Build

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

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
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