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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18TH JULY, 2021: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“THE SHEPHERD GIVES
RFST”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jer 23:1-6

The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

**THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS
NOTHING I SHALL WANT**

Second Reading: Eph 2:13-18

Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

Gospel Reading: Mk 6:30-42

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. We who are Jesus' disciples today have been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. However he will give us rest. Beloved, Jesus again affirms the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 19TH JULY, 2021 Ex 14:5-18 Ps Ex 15:1-6 Mt 12:38-42	Tue 20TH JULY, 2021 St. Apollinaris Ex 14:21-15:1 Ps Ex 15:8-10,12,17 Mt 12:46-50
Wed 21ST JULY, 2021 St. Lawrence of Brindisi Ex 16:1-5,9-15 Ps 78:18-19,23-28 Mt 13:1-9	Thu 22ND JULY, 2021 St. Mary Magdalene Song 3:1-17 or Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2-6,8-9 Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Fri 23RD JULY, 2021 St. Bridget of Sweden Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23	Sat 24TH JULY, 2021 St. Sharbel Makhluf Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15 Mt 13:24-30

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	2Kgs 4:42-44
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 145:10-11,15-18
Second Reading	Eph 4:1-6
Gospel	Jn 6:1-15

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

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

Scripture

Genesis 2:1-3 God rests on the seventh day.

Genesis 2:15 God settles man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and care for it.

Deuteronomy 5:13-15 The Sabbath is for everyone all are allowed to rest from their work.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29 The Lord blesses our work so that we may share its fruits with others.

Deuteronomy 24:14-15 Do not withhold wages from your workers, for their livelihood depends on them.

Sirach 34:26-27 To deprive an employee of wages is to commit murder.

Isaiah 58:3-7 To observe religious practices, but oppress your workers is false worship.

Jeremiah 22:13 Woe to him who treats his workers unjustly.

Matthew 20:1-16 All workers should be paid a just and living wage.

Mark 2:27 The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath.

Luke 3:10-14 Practice integrity in your work.

Luke 12:13-21 One's worth is not determined by an abundance of possessions.

James 5:1-6 Those who become rich by abusing their workers have sinned against God.

Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God. It follows that, in the reality of today's global society, it is essential that "we continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone," no matter the limited interests of business and dubious economic reasoning. We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfillment. Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work. (Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home [Laudato Si'], nos. 127-28)

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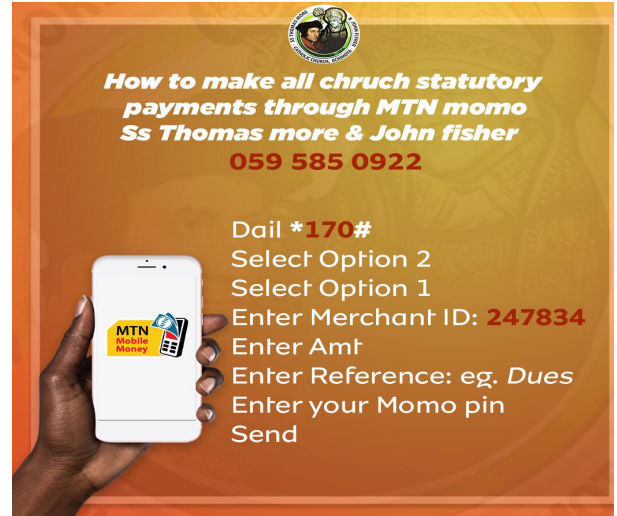
- Liturgical Color
 - Green
 - Growth, hope, and life
- Occurs twice in the year
 - Between Christmas and Lent
 - Between summer and the fall
 - Pentecost-Feast of Christ the King
- Purpose
 - To recall the life of Jesus
 - Reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians



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**



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Select Option 1
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
Enter Amt
Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*
Enter your Momo pin
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MOTIVATION

CHERISH YOUR STRUGGLES

The Story:

One day, a girl came upon a cocoon, and she could tell that a butterfly was trying to hatch. She waited and watched the butterfly struggle for hours to release itself from the tiny hole. All of a sudden, the butterfly stopped moving—it seemed to be stuck. The girl then decided to help get the butterfly out. She went home to get a pair of scissors to cut open the cocoon. The butterfly was then easily able to escape, however, its body was swollen and its wings were underdeveloped.

The girl still thought she had done the butterfly a favor as she sat there waiting for its wings to grow in order to support its body. However, that wasn't happening. The butterfly was unable to fly, and for the rest of its life, it could only move by crawling around with little wings and a large body.

Despite the girl's good intentions, she didn't understand that the restriction of the butterfly's cocoon and the struggle the butterfly had to go through in order to escape served an important purpose. As butterflies emerge from tight cocoons, it forces fluid from their body into their wings to prepare them to be able to fly.

The Moral: *The struggles that you face in life help you grow and get stronger. There is often a reason behind the requirement of doing hard work and being persistent. When enduring difficult times, you will develop the necessary strength that you'll need in the future. Without having any struggles, you won't grow—which means it's very important to take on personal challenges for yourself rather than relying on other people to always help you.*

YOUTH CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

**THERE WILL BE A
MEETING FOR SUNDAY
SCHOOL ANIMATORS
TODAY 18TH OF JULY,
2021 AT SJF AFTER THE
10:30AM MASS**

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN
BEING AN ANIMATOR
SHOULD KINDLY GET IN
TOUCH WITH DORCAS
ON 0573900118**

(WHATSAPP & CALLS)

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 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 today 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. The death is reported of Mrs. Faustina Amuah, a member of the Akan Society. The funeral details will be announced later.

7. The death is also reported of Mad. Felicia Kuro, mother of Mad. Bascilia Soteng, a member of the Christian Mothers and Northern Union. Funeral details will be announced later.

8. The death is also reported of Opanin Kwasi Opoku, father of Comfort Adutwuma, a member of Akan Kuo Society and Singing Group. Funeral details will be announced later.

8. Marriage Banns: **1st Publication** between Foster Kwame and Thelma Nako Ocansey and **3RD Publication** between Edward Sunday Apaafie and Valentina yaboot Konlan. Frank Kwakye K. Opoku-Minta and Benedicta Elorm Seade, Ouattara Bouakali and Jamila Salifu. 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	STM JULY WEEK2
SUNDAY	899.00	-----
MONDAY	657.50	-----
TUESDAY	1196.70	125.00
WEDNESDAY	1302.00	-----
THURSDAY	1291.40	-----
FRIDAY	931.70	20.00
SATURDAY	802.70	60.00
JULY BORN	209.20	-----
TOTAL	7290.20	205.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	1681.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1207.80
TOTAL	2889.00

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK1	SJF JULY WEEK2
SUNDAY	2450.00	160.00
MONDAY	2165.00	100.00
TUESDAY	1059.10	-----
WEDNESDAY	796.20	50.00
THURSDAY	1422.40	100.00
FRIDAY	1122.80	20.00
SATURDAY	1391.00	5.00
JULY BORN	242.20	-----
TOTAL	10648.50	435.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2204.70
SECOND COLLECTION	1221.85
TITHE	230.00
TOTAL	3656.55

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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