



# SS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACHIMOTA.

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25TH JULY, 2021: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“IN HIS HANDS HE MULTIPLIES”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** 2Kgs 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145:10-11, 15-18

**YOU OPEN YOUR HAND, LORD, AND YOU SATISFY US.**

**Second Reading:** Eph 4:1-6

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

**Gospel Reading:** Jn 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

### REFLECTION

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021</b> <b>Sts. Joachim &amp; Anne</b> <b>Ex 32:15-24, 30-34</b> Ps 106:19-20,21-22,23 Mt 13:31-35	<b>Tue 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021</b> <b>St. Apollinaris</b> Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7,10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wed 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021</b> Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46	<b>Thu 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021</b> <b>St. Martha</b> Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Fri 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021</b> <b>St. Peter Chrysologus</b> Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58	<b>Sat 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2021</b> <b>St. Ignatius of Loyola</b> Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Ex 16:2-4, 12-15</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Eph 4:17, 20-24</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Jn 6:24-35</b>

### Mass Schedule

<b>St. Thomas More</b>	<b>St. John Fisher</b>
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 Part 2

Growth in justice requires more than economic growth, while presupposing such growth: it requires decisions, programs, mechanisms and processes specifically geared to a better distribution of income, the creation of sources of employment and an integral promotion of the poor which goes beyond a simple welfare mentality. I am far from proposing an irresponsible populism, but the economy can no longer turn to remedies that are a new poison, such as attempting to increase profits by reducing the work force and thereby adding to the ranks of the excluded." (Pope Francis, the Joy of the Gospel [Evangelii Gaudium], no. 204)

I would like to remind everyone, especially governments engaged in boosting the world's economic and social assets, that the primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity: "Man is the source, the focus and the aim of all economic and social life." (Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth [Caritas in Veritate], no. 25, quoting Second Vatican Council, The Church in the Modern World [Gaudium et Spes], no. 63)

The economic sphere is neither ethically neutral, or inherently inhuman or opposed to society. It is part and parcel of human activity and precisely because it is human, it must be structured and governed in an ethical manner. (Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth [Caritas in Veritate], no. 36)

In many cases, poverty results from a violation of the dignity of human work, either because work opportunities are limited (through unemployment or underemployment), or "because a low value is put on work and the rights that flow from it, especially the right to a just wage and to the personal security of the worker and his or her family." (Pope Benedict XVI, Charity in Truth [Caritas in Veritate], no. 63)

The obligation to earn one's bread by the sweat of one's brow also presumes the right to do so. A society in which this right is systematically denied, in which economic policies do not allow workers to reach satisfactory levels of employment, cannot be justified from an ethical point of view, nor can that society attain social peace. (St. John Paul II, The Hundredth Year [Centesimus Annus], no. 43)

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



**ADVERT! ADVERT!! ADVERT!!!**

## **LAND FOR SALE**

**A 70×100 PLOT OF LAND FOR SALE**

**AT A SERENE ENVIRONMENT**

**LOCATED ON THE HEBRON**

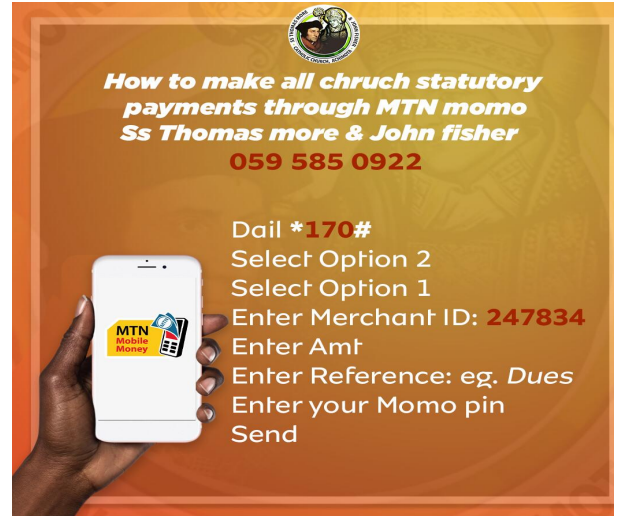
**MOUNTAINS NEAR MEDIE ON THE**

**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**  
Enter Amt  
Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*  
Enter your Momo pin  
Send

## **MOTIVATION**

### **SWEET DREAMS**

The Story:

A young boy and girl were enjoying a pleasant afternoon playing outside in their neighborhood together. The boy showed the girl his collection of beautiful, unique marbles. In turn, the girl showed the boy the handful of candy that she had just gotten for her birthday. The boy proposed that the two of them switch—he would give her all of his marbles if she handed over all of her candy. The girl agreed, as she found the marbles to be beautiful as well. The boy handed over all of his marbles, but kept one—the most exquisite one of them all—in his pocket. The girl kept her promise and gave the boy all of her candy. You have to be a participating factor in your relationship if you want it to be built on trust. That night, the girl was happy with the exchange and peacefully went to sleep. The boy, however, couldn't sleep, as he was up wondering if the girl had secretly kept some of her candy, just like he did with the marble

The Moral: *If you don't give 100% in your relationships, you will always assume your partner isn't giving 100% either. If you want your relationships to be built on trust, you have to be a participating factor in that. Honesty grows your character. By being honest in relationships, you're holding your partner accountable to do the same. It allows both you and your partner to continuously think about your choices and how you can help (or hurt) your partner and your relationship.*

## **YOUTH CORNER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

**THE CHURCH IS IN**

**NEED OF ANIMATORS  
TO HELP THE SUNDAY  
SCHOOL.**

**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. We are encouraged to fulfill our financial obligations of **Church Dues, Welfare Dues, Building Fund and Harvest Levy and pledges**. We are also reminded to collect our cards and receipts where payment was made.

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

6. Marriage Banns: **2<sup>ND</sup> Publication** between Foster Kwame and Thelma Nako Ocansey.

7. **Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of August is the First Sunday of the month. We shall have our Thanksgiving Collection. We are being reminded and encouraged to come and contribute generously.**

## 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	STM JULY WEEK3
SUNDAY	899.00	-----	-----
MONDAY	657.50	-----	-----
TUESDAY	1196.70	125.00	10.00
WEDNESDAY	1302.00	-----	50.00
THURSDAY	1291.40	-----	-----
FRIDAY	931.70	20.00	250.00
SATURDAY	802.70	60.00	-----
JULY BORN	209.20	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7290.20</b>	<b>205.00</b>	<b>310.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	1453.30
SECOND COLLECTION	761.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2215.20</b>

# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK1	SJF JULY WEEK2	SJF JULY WEEK3
SUNDAY	2450.00	160.00	-----
MONDAY	2165.00	100.00	-----
TUESDAY	1059.10	-----	100.00
WEDNESDAY	796.20	50.00	-----
THURSDAY	1422.40	100.00	-----
FRIDAY	1122.80	20.00	100.00
SATURDAY	1391.00	5.00	620.00
JULY BORN	242.20	-----	-----
UNIDENTIFIED DAY			250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10648.50</b>	<b>435.00</b>	<b>1070.00</b>

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2348.50
SECOND COLLECTION	2218.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4566.70</b>

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  
 Acc No. 1117000222801  
 Bank: NIB Branch Abeka  
 Mobile Money: 059 585 0922

