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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1ST AUGUST, 2021: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“JESUS, THE ETERNAL WORD”**

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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

THE LORD GAVE THEM BREAD FROM HEAVEN.

Second Reading: Eph 4:17, 20-24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Jn 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

REFLECTION

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. The Lord assures them that he who eats the bread that he gives will know no hunger as well as he who believes in him will not go thirsty. Dearly beloved, it is in the Lord that we live, we move and have our being. *May he always satisfy us as we take his word and personalize it.*

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 2ND AUGUST, 2021 Sts. Eusebius & Peter Julian Eymard Num 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-13,14-15,16-17 Mt 14:13-21	Tue 3RD AUGUST, 2021 Num 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7,12-13 Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14
Wed 4TH AUGUST, 2021 St. John Vianney Num 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29,34-35 Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23 Mt 15:21-28	Thu 5TH AUGUST, 2021 Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major Num 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Mt 16:13-23
Fri 6TH AUGUST, 2021 Transfiguration of Lord Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10	Sat 7TH AUGUST, 2021 St. Sixtus II & Companions Deut 6:4-13 Ps 17:2-4,47,51 Mt 17:14-20

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	1Kgs 19:4-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9
Second Reading	Eph 4:30-5:2
Gospel	Jn 6:41-51

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

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers Part 3

All people have the right to economic initiative, to productive work, to just wages and benefits, to decent working conditions, as well as to organize and join unions or other associations. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, a Catholic Framework for Economic Life, no. 5)

Work is, as has been said, an obligation, that is to say, a duty, on the part of man. . . Man must work, both because the Creator has commanded it and because of his own humanity, which requires work in order to be maintained and developed. Man must work out of regard for others, especially his own family, but also for the society he belongs to, the country of which he is a child, and the whole human family of which he is a member, since he is the heir to the work of generations and at the same time a sharer in building the future of those who will come after him in the succession of history. (St. John Paul II, On Human Work [Laborem Exercens], no. 16)

Work is a good thing for man—a good thing for his humanity—because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes "more a human being." (St. John Paul II, On Human Work [Laborem Exercens], no. 9)

All these rights, together with the need for the workers themselves to secure them, give rise to yet another right: the right of association that is to form associations for the purpose of defending the vital interests of those employed in the various professions. These associations are called labor or trade unions. (St. John Paul II, On Human Work [Laborem Exercens], no. 20)

As the Church solemnly reaffirmed in the recent Council, "the beginning, the subject and the goal of all social institutions is and must be the human person." All people have the right to work, to a chance to develop their qualities and their personalities in the exercise of their professions, to equitable remuneration which will enable them and their families "to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level" and to assistance in case of need arising from sickness or age. (Blessed Paul VI, A Call to Action [Octogesima Adveniens], no. 14)

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





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



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
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MOTIVATION

THREE FEET FROM GOLD

During the gold rush, a man who had been mining in Colorado for several months quit his job, as he hadn't struck gold yet and the work was becoming tiresome. He sold his equipment to another man who resumed mining where it had been left off. The new miner was advised by his engineer that there was gold only three feet away from where the first miner stopped digging. The engineer was right, which means the first miner was a mere three feet away from striking gold before he quit.

The Moral: *When things start to get hard, try to persevere through the adversity. Many people give up on following their dreams because the work becomes too difficult, tedious, or tiresome—but you may think, and if you push just a little harder, you will succeed.*

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 welcomed.

6. Marriage Banns: **3RD Publication** between Foster Kwame and Thelma Nako Ocansey.

7. The funeral details of Mrs. Philomena Abra Addo-Sunu., a former parishioner is as follows: Saturday 7th August, 2021, Burial Mass at OLA, New Achimota at 7:00am. Sunday 8th August, 2021, Thanksgiving Mass at OLA, New Achimota at 9:30am. Dress code: Black & White.

8. The funeral details of Opanin Kwasi Opoku is as follows: Saturday 14th August, 2021, Burial Service at Mampong Botaase at the 12 Apostle Church, Bobin at 9:00am. Subday 15th August, 2021, Thanksgiving Service at the 12 Apostle Church, Bobin

9. The death is also reported of Mr. John Amankwah, John Baptist Takr and Francis Hagan. Funeral details will be announced later.

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	STM JULY WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	899.00	-----	-----	-----	899.00	5 TH
MONDAY	657.50	-----	-----	105.00	762.50	7 TH
TUESDAY	1196.70	125.00	10.00	-----	1331.70	2 ND
WEDNESDAY	1302.00	-----	50.00	-----	1352.00	1 ST
THURSDAY	1291.40	-----	-----	-----	1291.40	3 RD
FRIDAY	931.70	20.00	250.00	-----	1201.70	4 TH
SATURDAY	802.70	60.00	-----	1.00	863.70	6 TH
JULY BORN	209.20	-----	-----	-----	209.20	
TOTAL	7290.20	205.00	310.00	106.00	7911.20	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JULY WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1422.80
SECOND COLLECTION	1043.90
TOTAL	2466.70

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JULY WEEK1	SJF JULY WEEK2	SJF JULY WEEK3	SJF JULY WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSI- TIONS
SUNDAY	2450.00	160.00	-----	-----	2610.00	1ST
MONDAY	2165.00	100.00	-----	10.00	2275.00	2ND
TUESDAY	1059.10	-----	100.00	20.00	1179.10	6TH
WEDNESDAY	796.20	50.00	-----	-----	846.20	7TH
THURSDAY	1422.40	100.00	-----	120.00	1642.40	5TH
FRIDAY	1122.80	20.00	100.00	800.00	2042.80	3RD
SATURDAY	1391.00	5.00	620.00	5.00	2021.00	4TH
JULY BORN	242.20	-----	-----	-----	242.20	
UNIDENTFY DAY			250.00		250.00	
TOTAL	10648.70	435.00	1070.00	955.00	13108.70	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JULY WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	2181.40
SECOND COLLECTION	1408.30
TITHE	200.00
TOTAL	3789.70

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

