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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22ND AUGUST, 2021: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME, YEAR B .

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?”**

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 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34; 2-3, 16-23

TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.

Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading: Jn 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

REFLECTION

Dear family of God, this conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

WEEKLY READINGS

MON 23RD AUGUST, 2021 ST. ROSE OF LIMA 1THES 1:1-5,8B-10 PS 149:1B-2,3-4,5-6 MT 23:13-22	TUE 24TH AUGUST, 2021 ST. BATHOLOMEW REV 21:9B-14 PS 145:10-11,12-13,17-18 JN 1:45-51
WED 25TH AUGUST, 2021 STS. LOUIS & JOSEPH CALASANZ 1THES 2:9-13 PS 139:7-8,9-10,11-12AB MT 23:27-32	THU 26TH AUGUST, 2021 1THES 3:7-13 PS 90:3-5A,12-13,14,17 MT 24:42-51
FRI 27TH AUGUST, 2021 ST. MONICA 1THES 4:1-8 PS 97:1,2B,5-6,10,11-12 MT 25:1-13	SAT 28TH AUGUST, 2021 ST. AUGUSTINE 1THES 4:9-11 PS 98:1,7-8,9 MT 25:14-30

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Dt 4:1-2,6-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 15:2-3, 4-5
Second Reading	Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27
Gospel	Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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 SOLIDARITY – PART III

Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all. (St. John Paul II, *On Social Concern* [Sollicitudo rei Socialis],no.38)

Interdependence must be transformed into *solidarity*, based upon the principle that the goods of creation are meant for all. That which human industry produces through the processing of raw materials, with the contribution of work, must serve equally for the good of all. (St. John Paul II, *On Social Concern* [Sollicitudo rei Socialis], no. 39)

We have to move from our devotion to independence, through an understanding of interdependence, to a commitment to human solidarity. That challenge must find its realization in the kind of community we build among us. Love implies concern for all - especially the poor - and a continued search for those social and economic structures that permit everyone to share in a community that is a part of a redeemed creation (Rom 8:21-23). (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Economic Justice for All, no. 365)

The solidarity which binds all men together as members of a common family makes it impossible for wealthy nations to look with indifference upon the hunger, misery and poverty of other nations whose citizens are unable to enjoy even elementary human rights. The nations of the world are becoming more and more dependent on one another and it will not be possible to preserve a lasting peace so long as glaring economic and social imbalances persist. (St. John XXIII, *On Christianity and Social Progress* [Mater et Magistra], no. 157)

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 payer 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
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Enter Reference: eg. Dues
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MOTIVATION

JUST BE

One evening, after spending several days with his new wife, a man leaned over and whispered into her ear, "I love you." She smiled – and the man smiled back – and she said, "When I'm eighty years old and I'm thinking back on my entire life, I know I will remember this moment." A few minutes later, she drifted off to sleep. The man was left with the silence of the room and the soft sound of his wife's breathing. He stayed awake, thinking about everything they had done together, from their first date to their first vacation together and ultimately to their big wedding. These were just some of the life choices that the couple had made together that had led to this very moment of silence in the presence of each other. At one point, the man then realized that it didn't matter what they had done or where they had gone. Nor did it matter where they were going. The only thing that mattered was the serenity of that very moment. Just being together. Breathing together. And resting together.

The Moral: *We can't let the clock, calendar, or pressure from external sources take over our lives and allow us to forget the fact that every moment of our lives is a gift and a miracle – no matter how small or seemingly insignificant it is. Being mindful in the special moments that you spend in the presence of the ones that you love are the moments that truly give your life meaning.*

YOUTH CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

THE PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL IS SETTING UP A MEDIA TEAM AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DEDICATED YOUTH ON BOARD AS WRITERS, EDITORS, COPYWRITERS, GRAPHIC DESIGNERS AND ALL OTHER MEDIA RELATED WORKS. INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD KINDLY CONTACT MARIUS BODAKPUI 0200296574 OR DORCAS ASARE 0573900118.

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. Marriage Banns: **1st Publication** between
1. Samuel Brain Kwame Amuzu & Portia Asare.
2. Kwame Amuzu & Agnes Tofah

5. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has resumed the Community and Society visitations to their wards (Sick & Aged). The month of August's visitation will be done by the Charismatic Renewal and the month of September by the Northern Union.

6. The funeral details of the Mr. A. Y. Abebrese is as follows: Thursday 2nd September, 2021: Laying in state and Pre-Burial Mass at SJF at 9:00am. Saturday 4th September, 2021: Burial Mass at St. Francis of Assisi, Catholic Church, Nkukua Buoho, Ashanti Region. Sunday 5th September, 2021: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Francis of Assisi, Nkukua Buoho, Ashanti Region.

7. The funeral details of Mr. John Baptist Tagtr is as follows: Thursday 2nd September, 2021: Laying in state and Pre-Burial Mass at STM at 9:00am. Friday 3rd September, 2021: Burial Mass at Nandom Kouyugang, near the Government Hospital.

8. The STM & SJF Credit Union wishes to inform all members that, as part of the Bank of Ghana directives, minimum shares for all members has been increased from GHC 100 to GHC 200. Members below the threshold are encouraged to top up in order to continue enjoying interest and dividend. New members are also warmly welcomed to join the family. Kindly contact or visit the office for any clarification.

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 AUG. WEEK1	STM AUG. WEEK2	STM AUG. WEEK3
SUNDAY	377.00	-----	-----
MONDAY	1035.50	40.00	20.00
TUESDAY	397.00	50.00	1400.00
WEDNESDAY	1064.30	20.00	20.00
THURSDAY	1089.90	-----	305.00
FRIDAY	729.40	100.00	10.00
SATURDAY	1238.00	-----	360.00
AUGUST BORN	76.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	6007.10	210.00	2115.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM AUGUST WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	1651.40
SECOND COLLECTION	918.90
TITHE	120.00
TOTAL	2690.30

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF AUG. WEEK1	SJF AUG. WEEK2	SJF AUG. WEEK3
SUNDAY	1862.00+\$200	-----	-----
MONDAY	1355.00	1520.00	-----
TUESDAY	703.00	5070.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	1171.80	1020.00	-----
THURSDAY	1881.00+\$4	450.00	-----
FRIDAY	6344.00	110.00	102.00
SATURDAY	735.00	205.00	5.00
AUGUST BORN	174.00+\$100	-----	-----
TOTAL	14226.50+\$304	8375.00	107.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF AUGUST WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	1984.50
SECOND COLLECTION	1038.40
TITHE	530.00
TOTAL	3552.90

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.