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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21ST NOVEMBER, 2021: THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE. (THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY & THE LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“CLING TO JESUS THE UNIVERSAL KING AND TRUTH.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Dan 7:13-14

Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 93:1-2, 5

THE LORD IS KING, WITH MAJESTY ENROBED.

Second Reading: Rev 1:5-8

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

Gospel Reading: Jn 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is “King of the Jews.”

REFLECTION

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. Jesus Christ the Universal King. Truth is an important theme in John’s Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Jesus, the truth, born to witness to the truth calls on us to cling to him. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. **Today’s Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.**

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 22ND NOVEMBER, 2021 St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr Dn 1:1-6,8-20 Ps Dn 3:52,53,54,55,56 Lk 21:1-4	Tue 23RD NOVEMBER, 2021 Dn 2:31-45 Ps Dn 3:57,58,59,60,61 Lk 21:5-11
Wed 24TH NOVEMBER, 2021 St. Andrew Dung-Lac Priest & M. Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 Ps Dn 3:62,63,64,65,66,67 Lk 21:12-19	Thu 25TH NOVEMBER, 2021 Dn 6:12-28 Ps Dn 3:68,69,70,71,72,73,74 Lk 21:20-28
Fri 26TH NOVEMBER, 2021 Dn 7:2-14 Ps Dn 3:75,76,77,78,79,80,81 Lk 21:29-33	Sat 27TH NOVEMBER, 2021 Dn 7:15-27 Ps Dn 3:82,83,84,85,86,87 Lk 21:34-36

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Jer 33:14-16
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14
Second Reading	1 Thes 3:12--4:2
Gospel	Lk 21:25-28,34-36

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

ORIGIN OF THE SOLEMNITY CHRIST THE KING

Pope Pius XI, in 1925, instituted this feast because the world at the time was in turmoil. In many regions, people were facing the spread of dictatorships. These dictators had a stronghold on their countries and many people following them, regarded them as mighty, almost idol-like beings. In addition, the threat of secularism, atheism, and agnosticism was running rampant throughout parts of Europe, Russia, and Mexico. Pope Pius XI witnessed with great heartbreak a lack of reverence and belief in Christ. He felt a strong need to put a stop to the anti-Catholic sentiment that was becoming a crisis during the first part of the 20th century. On December 11, 1925, the pontiff presented an encyclical, Quas Primas, establishing the Feast of Christ the King. He stressed that

“The manifold evils in the world are due to the fact that the majority of men have thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics...” He went on to explain the importance of recognizing Christ as King:

He [Jesus] is the author of happiness and true prosperity for every man and for every nation. A nation is happy when its citizens are happy. What else is a nation but a number of men living in concord? If therefore, the rulers of nations wish to preserve their authority, to promote and increase the prosperity of their countries, they will not neglect the public duty of reverence and obedience to the rule of Christ... With authority derived not from God but from man, the very basis of that authority has been taken away, because the chief reason of the distinction between ruler and subject has been eliminated. The result is that human society is tottering to its fall, because it has no longer a sense and solid foundation.”

When Pope Pius XI speaks of Christ as King, he isn't speaking about authority or domination, but service. Jesus' kingship is one that represents salvation, one that annihilates hatred and evil. He doesn't want to control us, He wants to save us. He speaks of a spiritual kingdom. “My kingdom is not of this world... But now my kingdom is from another place.” (John 18:36)

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.

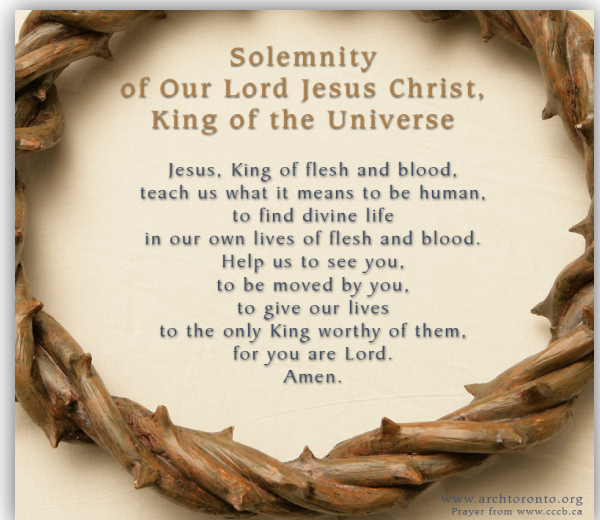
May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

St. Thomas More..... Pray for us

St. John Fisher..... Pray for us

All you Angels and Saints Pray for us

HAPPY FEAST DAY

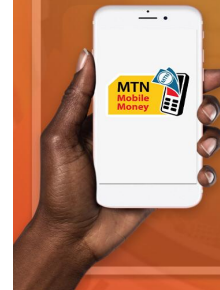


**SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2021**

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE	TIME
Sat. 27 th Nov.	First Advent Vespers	STM	6:00pm
Wed. 8 th - Fri. 10 th Dec.	Advent Retreat	STM	6:30pm
Sun. 19 th Dec.	Carol Service	SJF	5:00pm
Fri. 24 th Dec.	Christmas Vigil	STM	8:00pm
		SJF	8:00pm
Sat. 25 th Dec.	Christmas Day	STM	7:30am
		SJF	8:30am
Sun. 26 th Dec.	Holy Family	STM	7:00am 9:00am
		SJF	6:30am 8:30am 10:30am
		SJF	4:00pm
Sun. 26 th Dec.	Christmas Concert	SJF	4:00pm
Mon. 27 th Dec.	Mass for the Sick & Aged	STM	9:00am
Fri. 31 st Dec.	New Year Virgil	STM	9:00pm
		SJF	9:00pm
Sat. 1 st Jan.	New Year	STM	8:30am
		SJF	9:30am



**How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
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059 585 0922**



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

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES

- "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - **Walt Disney**
- "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." - **Mark Twain**
- "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed." - **Michael Jordan**
- "Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve." - **Mary Kay Ash**
- "The best time to plant a tree was 20years ago. The second best time is now." - **Chinese Proverb**
- "Only the paranoid survive." - **Andy Grove**
- "It's hard to beat a person who never gives up." - **Babe Ruth**
- "I wake up every morning and think to myself, 'how far can I push this company in the next 24 hours.'" - **Leah Busque**
- "If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can't hear them anymore." - **Michele Ruiz**
- "We need to accept that we won't always make the right decisions, that we'll screw up royally sometimes - understanding that failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success." - **Arianna Huffington**

YOUTH CORNER



SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN
FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH



PROGRAMS LINEUP

- Launching - **31st, Oct** - Rep your Tradition
- Adoration Night - **4th, Nov**
- Cooking without fire/Fun Activities
- **14th, Nov** - Rep your jersey
- Donation to Weija Leprosarium - **20th, Nov**
- Clean-up at Fisher - **27th, Nov**
- Climax and Thanksgiving - **28th, Nov** Rep. white

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 **059 585 0922**. Receipts for such payments will be issued later for collection.
2. Children Service has resumed and all parents and guardians are reminded to bring their children to church.
3. We are reminded and encouraged to redeem our pledges and pay our harvest levy of GHC100 per adult, GHC50 per working youth and GHC20 or more per child and other financial obligations of Church Dues, Welfare Dues, and Building Fund.
4. The Young Christian Workers are pleased to invite you today to their 16th Anniversary celebration at STM at the 7:00am Mass. As part of its activities, there will be Liturgical functionaries at Mass and a donation towards the Children's Service Project at STM. All parishioners are invited to celebrate 16yrs of vibrant, impactful YCW service in our noble Parish.
5. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal wishes to bring to your notice the upcoming Conference dubbed "New Evangelization Conference". This is a revival, teaching and empowerment Conference that seeks to inform, train and renew charism in participants in order to live our calling as Catholics who exist to evangelize.
 - Date: Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th November, 2021.
 - Venue: Holy Spirit Centre, Kuntunse. Amount: GH¢190.00
6. **Marriage Banns: 2nd Publication between:**
 - Jacob Dominic Dodzi Attiogbe & Eliane Holemion Eдорh.
 - Lawrence Annan Kermah & Yvette Balado

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 NOV. WEEK1	STM NOV. WEEK2
SUNDAY	615.00	-----
MONDAY	695.30	20.00
TUESDAY	2097.50	5.00
WEDNESDAY	1589.10	5.00
THURSDAY	1072.00	50.00
FRIDAY	861.00	75.00
SATURDAY	621.90	20.00
NOV. BORN	70.00	-----
TOTAL	7621.80	175.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM NOV. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	1584.00
SECOND COLLECTION	923.70
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TOTAL	3277.70

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF NOV. WEEK1	SJF NOV. WEEK2
SUNDAY	1386.00	40.00
MONDAY	3923.00	50.00
TUESDAY	1575.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	938.20	20.00
THURSDAY	1144.00	10.00
FRIDAY	923.50	150.00
SATURDAY	1081.00	500.00
NOV. BORN	341.00	-----
TOTAL	11311.70	770.00

SUNDAY	SJF NOV. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2426.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1244.00
TOTAL	3670.20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish, Achimota

Help Us Build

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

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT HINDER THEM FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE "

Matthew 19: 14

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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