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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2ND JANUARY, 2022: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "MAKE THAT JOURNEY TO
THE LORD."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

**ALL NATIONS ON EARTH SHALL FALL
PROSTRATE BEFORE YOU, O LORD.**

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mt 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

REFLECTION

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth". The Magi embarked on a journey to a place unknown to them. Like the Magi, we too must allow ourselves to learn from the journey of life, marked by the inevitable inconveniences of travel. We cannot let our weariness, our falls and our failings discourage us. Instead, by humbly acknowledging them, we should make them opportunities to progress towards the Lord Jesus. Life is not about showing off our abilities, but a journey towards the One who loves us. By keeping our gaze fixed on the Lord, we will find the strength needed to persevere with renewed joy.

May Christ be revealed through us to others to bring hope.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 3RD JANUARY, 2022 The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8,10-11 Mt 4:12-17,23-25	Tue 4TH JANUARY, 2022 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44
Wed 5TH JANUARY, 2022 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10-13 Mk 6:45-52	Thu 6TH JANUARY, 2022 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17 Lk 4:14-22a
Fri 7TH JANUARY, 2022 1Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16	Sat 8TH JANUARY, 2022 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6,9 Jn 3:22-30

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 104:1-4,24-25,27-30
Second Reading	Tit 2:11-14;3:4-7
Gospel	Lk 3:15-16,21-22

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

APOSTOLIC LETTER **ADMIRABLE SIGNUM** OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS** ON THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

The *Franciscan Sources* describe in detail what then took place in Greccio. Fifteen days before Christmas, Francis asked a local man named John to help him realize his desire “to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay”.^[1] At this, his faithful friend went immediately to prepare all that the Saint had asked.

On 25 December, friars came to Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farmsteads in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio there were no statues; the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present.^[2]

This is how our tradition began: with everyone gathered in joy around the cave, with no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery. Thomas of Celano, the first biographer of Saint Francis, notes that this simple and moving scene was accompanied by the gift of a marvelous vision: one of those present saw the Baby Jesus himself lying in the manger. From the nativity scene of that Christmas in 1223, “everyone went home with joy”.^[3]

3. With the simplicity of that sign, Saint Francis carried out a great work of evangelization. His teaching touched the hearts of Christians and continues today to offer a simple yet authentic means of portraying the beauty of our faith. Indeed, the place where this first nativity scene was enacted expresses and evokes these sentiments. Greccio has become a refuge for the soul, a mountain fastness wrapped in silence. Why does the Christmas crèche arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First, because it shows God’s tender love: the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness.

The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realize that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life. In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes

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.

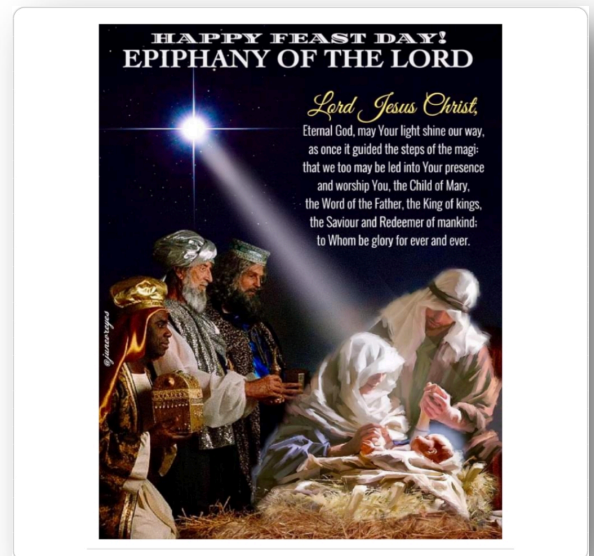
We humbly beseech you to help us win back our Land in this dispute. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and the evil plans of our adversaries.

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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

HAVING A BEST FRIEND

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand; *"Today my best friend slapped me in the face."*

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone; *"Today my best friend saved my life."*

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him; *"After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?"*

The other friend replied; *"When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."*

YOUTH CORNER

**ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED
LOOKING TO GET A SKILL**

**THE YOUTH
SKILL UP
PROJECT**

- SOAP MAKING
- BEAD MAKING
- FASCINATORS
- FASHION DESIGNING
- MUSHROOM FARMING

INTERESTED YOUTH TO PICK UP APPLICATION FORMS FROM
STM OR SJF CHURCH OFFICES AFTER MASS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
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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 and take them to the Children Service Classes.
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. Thursday 6th January, 2022 is the First Thursday of the month. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Morning Mass at STM and Adoration at 7:00pm.
5. Friday 7th January, 2022 is the First Friday of the month. There will be Morning Mass both at STM & SJF, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Morning Mass at SJF and Adoration at 7:00pm.
6. **Marriage Banns: 2nd Publication between:**
 - ❖ Kwabena Frimpong Mensah & Ruby Bour-Donkor**3rd Publication between:**
 - ❖ Patrick Asante Opare & Esther Amma Benewaa
 - ❖ Eric Amankwah Otu & Naada Yaba Someah-Kwaw
7. The funeral details of Mr. Lucien Agbo is as follows:
 - Friday 7th January, 2022: Wake-Keeping at Crane Lane, Christian Village at 5:00pm.
 - Saturday 8th January, 2022: Burial Mass at STM at 8:00am, and Internment at Royal Cemetery, Haatso.
 - Sunday 9th January, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at STM at 9:00am.

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 DEC. WEEK1	STM DEC. WEEK2	STM DEC. WEEK3	STM DEC. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	340.00	170.00	-----	200.00	710.00	6 TH
MONDAY	615.20	10.00	20.00	-----	645.20	7 TH
TUESDAY	1292.00	110.00	-----	555.00	1957.00	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	1225.00	300.00	5.00	50.00	1580.00	2 ND
THURSDAY	875.00	10.00	-----	-----	885.00	5 TH
FRIDAY	1016.00	140.00	100.00	-----	1256.00	3 RD
SATURDAY	954.00	110.00	-----	-----	1064.00	4 TH
DEC. BORN	128.00	-----	-----	-----	128.00	
TOTAL	6445.20	850.00	125.00	805.00	8225.20	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM DEC. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	2546.80
SECOND COLLECTION	1592.30
TITHE	598.00
TOTAL	4737.10

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF DEC. WEEK1	SJF DEC. WEEK2	SJF DEC. WEEK3	SJF DEC. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1404.00	2.00	755.00	25.00	2186.00	3 RD
MONDAY	1505.00	-----	-----	-----	1505.00	5 TH
TUESDAY	554.00	100.00	5005.00	20.00	5679.00	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	630.00	50.00	10.00	20.00	710.00	6 TH
THURSDAY	1431.00	120.00	50.00	70.00	1671.00	4 TH
FRIDAY	2953.50	2.00	50.00	200.00	3205.50	2 ND
SATURDAY	500.00	20.00	-----	-----	520.00	7 TH
DEC. BORN	242.90	-----	-----	-----	242.90	
TOTAL	9220.40	294.00	5870.00	335.00	15719.40	

SUNDAY	SJF DEC. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	2627.00
SECOND COLLECTION	1747.70
TOTAL	4374.70

STS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	BIRTHDAY	TOTAL
JANUARY	3197.20	5397.50	5418.40	2272.00	2402.20	7602.20	3984.50	850.00	31724.00
FEBRUARY	1196.90	2837.60	1133.80	1562.90	2123.50	4444.07	1703.10	663.85	15665.72
MARCH	1683.00	3912.00	3280.80	1952.30	1843.00	4838.00	1577.50	314.00	19400.60
APRIL	2571.50	6036.00	3574.50	3609.10	3417.70	8226.60	4546.50	396.00	32377.90
MAY	2253.70	3727.00	10332.90	2180.90	2652.00	4862.70	2818.00	1134.15	29961.35
JUNE	2148.00	4498.00	9798.90	2055.50	1433.00	5699.00	3485.00	374.00	29491.40
JULY	3509.50	3037.50	2510.80	2198.20	2933.80	3244.50	2884.70	451.40	20770.40
AUGUST	4024.00	3970.50	8027.00	3406.10	3789.70	7585.40	2693.00	845.00	34340.70
SEPTEMBER	4894.45	4853.40	10049.90	2523.90	3180.00	5168.10	4248.20	426.00	35343.95
OCTOBER	5432.90	3699.90	2358.90	2262.40	2986.00	6530.00	2732.90	729.20	26732.20
NOVEMBER	2741.00	4850.30	11802.50	2592.30	2686.00	2700.80	2392.90	411.00	30176.80
DECEMBER	2896.00	2150.20	7636.00	2290.00	2556.00	4461.50	1584.00	370.90	23944.60
TOTAL	36548.15	48969.90	75924.40	28905.60	32002.90	65362.87	34650.30	6965.50	329929.62
POSITIONS	4 TH	3 RD	1 ST	7 TH	6 TH	2 ND	5 TH		

UNIDENTIFIED DAY OF GH¢600 ADDED IN JANUARY

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021.