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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16TH JANUARY, 2022: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"BE A SIGN TO OTHERS IN
NEED."**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 62:1-5

God delights in Israel and will rejoice over her as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-3, 7-10

**TELL AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES THE WONDERS
OF THE LORD.**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Jn 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

REFLECTION

Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity. John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate. In view of this, Jesus' first sign (miracle) challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts and grant us enough.

WEEKLY READINGS

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| Mon 17TH JANUARY, 2022 St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Sam 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21-23 Mk 2:18-22 | Tue 18TH JANUARY, 2022 1 Sam 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28 |
| Wed 19TH JANUARY, 2022 1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6 | Thu 20TH JANUARY, 2022 Sts. Fabian & Sebastian 1 Sam 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13 Mk 3:7-12 |
| Fri 21ST JANUARY, 2022 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr 1 Sam 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19 | Sat 22ND JANUARY, 2022 2 Sam 1:1-4,12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21 |

Readings for Next Sunday

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| First Reading | Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 19:8-10,15 |
| Second Reading | 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,27 |
| Gospel | Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21 |

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

HOW OLD IS YOUR CHURCH?

- If you are a Lutheran, your religion was founded by Martin Luther, an ex- monk of the Catholic Church, in the year 1517.
- If you belong to the Church of England, your religion was founded by King Henry VIII in the year 1534 because the Pope would not grant him a divorce with the right to remarry.
- If you are a Presbyterian, your religion was founded by John Knox in Scotland in the year 1560.
- If you are a Protestant Episcopalian, your religion was an offshoot of the Church of England founded by Samuel Seabury in the American colonies in the 17th century.
- If you are a Congregationalist, your religion was originated by Robert Brown in Holland in 1582.
- If you are a Methodist, your religion was launched by John and Charles Wesley in England in 1744.
- If you are a Unitarian, Theophilus Lindley founded your church in London in 1774.
- If you are a Mormon (Latter Day Saints), Joseph Smith started your religion in Palmyra, N.Y., in 1829.
- If you are a Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1605.
- If you are of the Dutch Reformed church, you recognize Michaelis Jones as founder, because he originated your religion in New York in 1628.
- If you worship with the Salvation Army, your sect began with William Booth in London in 1865.
- If you are a Christian Scientist, you look to 1879 as the year in which your religion was born and to Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy as its founder.
- If you belong to one of the religious organizations known as 'Church of the Nazarene,' "Pentecostal Gospel," "Holiness Church," "Pilgrim Holiness Church," "Jehovah's Witnesses," your religion is one of the hundreds of new sects founded by men within the past century.
- If you are Catholic, you know that your religion was founded in the year 33 by Jesus Christ the Son of God, and it is still the same Church.

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


KEEP CALM AND GROW. IT IS ORDINARY TIME 1

ORDINARY TIME

-During the Church Year, there are two seasons called Ordinary Time

-The first begins on the Monday **after** the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, and ends on the day **before** Ash Wednesday

-Vestments are **GREEN** during Ordinary Time





ST THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy


 Payments can be made through **059 585 0922**

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|-------|---|----------------------|
| Adult | - | 100.00 |
| Youth | - | 50.00 |
| Kids | - | 20.00 or more |



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How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo Ss Thomas more & John fisher

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Dail ***170#**
 Select Option 2
 Select Option 1
 Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
 Enter Amt
 Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*
 Enter your Momo pin
 Send



MOTIVATION

A boy and a girl were playing together in the garden. The boy told the girl that he has a collection of marbles. The girl told him she has some homemade sweets with her.

Hearing this, the boy told the girl that he will give her all his marbles in exchange for her sweets and the girl agreed.

The girl went and packed all the sweets she had in a box and came. Meanwhile, the boy kept some of the beautiful and bigger marbles in his home and bought the remaining marbles for her. Then both exchanged and went to their home.

That night the girl slept peacefully without any thinking. But the boy couldn't sleep. He kept on thinking about the exchange he had with the girl. He was thinking whether the girl might have hidden some sweets like he had hidden some marbles from her. And the whole night he was thinking the same and couldn't sleep.

Moral of the story: *Always give 100% to your relationship like your office colleague, friendship, life partner, etc., and enjoy the relationship with them. If you don't give that, you will always doubt whether another person has given his 100% to you. This will help you to have peace of mind.*

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 of GH¢2 per month, Welfare Dues of GH¢3 per a month, and Building Fund of GH¢5 per a month.
4. The Charismatic Renewal is invite you to a Night of Songs and Eulogies in honour of the late Mr. EK Peter Dzagbo on the 23rd January, 2022 at SJF at 3:30pm, there will be room for parishioners who will like to give testimony about their encounter with him. Attire: All White.
5. Due to some pastoral exigencies, the pastoral visit of the Archbishop to our parish community will not come on as announced earlier. The new date will be communicated later.
6. The funeral details of Mr. EK Peter Dzagbo Is as follows:
 - Friday 28th January, 2022: Family Gathering at his residence at Achimota at 7:00pm.
 - Saturday 29th January, 2022: Pre-burial rites at SJF at 8:00am and Burial Mass at 9:00am. Attire: Black.
 - Sunday 30th January, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 10:30am. Attire: Black & White.

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 JAN. WEEK1 | STM JAN. WEEK2 |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| SUNDAY | 906.20 | ----- |
| MONDAY | 1834.20 | ----- |
| TUESDAY | 1049.00 | 625.00 |
| WEDNESDAY | 828.00 | ----- |
| THURSDAY | 1689.00 | 120.00 |
| FRIDAY | 640.00 | ----- |
| SATURDAY | 905.50 | ----- |
| JAN. BORN | 157.20 | ----- |
| TOTAL | 8009.10 | 745.00 |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | STM JAN. WEEK2 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 1794.20 |
| SECOND COLLECTION | 1074.40 |
| TITHE | 497.00 |
| TOTAL | 3365.60 |

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| WEEKDAYS | SJF JAN. WEEK1 | SJF JAN. WEEK2 |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| SUNDAY | 3225.00 | ----- |
| MONDAY | 2098.00 | 900.00 |
| TUESDAY | 993.00 | 10.00 |
| WEDNESDAY | 1405.00 | 60.00 |
| THURSDAY | 1349.20 | 1115.00 |
| FRIDAY | 3156.60 | 770.00 |
| SATURDAY | 1063.00 | ----- |
| JAN. BORN | 320.00 | ----- |
| TOTAL | 13609.80 | 2855.00 |

| SUNDAY | SJF JAN. WEEK2 |
|-------------------|----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 3112.50 |
| SECOND COLLECTION | 1964.20 |
| TOTAL | 5076.70 |

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



Help Us Build

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

St. Thomas More Catholic Church
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 Bank: NIB Branch Abeka
 Mobile Money: 059 585 0922