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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30TH JANUARY, 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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THEME FOR THE WEEK: "REJECTION "

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-6, 15-17

MY MOUTH WILL TELL OF YOUR SALVATION, LORD.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13

Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

Gospel Reading: Lk 4:21-30

Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

REFLECTION

The people are surprised by Jesus. They thought they knew him. He was a local boy. They had seen him grow up. They knew his parents. We can also have our own impressions of people which are difficult to change. And that can make it difficult to see them in a new light, as instruments of God in our world.

Jesus is a prophet in this gospel. He is pointing to rejection in history and to the future when he will also be rejected. By pointing out that God has aided foreigners in the past, he also foreshadows that he will bring salvation not only to the Jewish people but to the Gentiles also.

Jesus is challenging them to open their minds and hearts and see the generosity of the Father. But they grow angry and seek to hurl him off of a cliff. Their harsh rejection can serve as a reminder that Jesus knows our pain. When we feel the pain of rejection, we can turn to him and he understands. It is also a call to reach out to others who are rejected or on the outside.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 31ST JANUARY, 2022

St. John Bosco, *Presbyter,
Religious founder, Educator*

2 Sam 15:13-14,30;16:5-13

Ps 4:2-7

Mk 5:1-20

Tue 1ST FEBRUARY, 2022

2 Sam 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3

Ps 86:1-6

Mk 5:21-43

Wed 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Ps 24:7-10

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thu 3RD FEBRUARY, 2022

St. Blase, *Bishop & Martyr*

1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12

1 Chron 29:10-12

Mk 6:7-13

Fri 4TH FEBRUARY, 2022

Sir 47:2-11

Ps 18:31,47,50-51

Mk 6:14-29

Sat 5TH FEBRUARY, 2022

St. Agatha, *Virgin & Martyr*

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Ps 119:9-14

Mk 6:30-34

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 6:1-2a,3-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 138:1-5,7-8
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11
Gospel	Lk 5:1-11

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More	St. John Fisher
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

THE FOUR MARKS OF THE CHURCH

Author: Kenneth D. Whitehead – part 2

THE CHURCH IS APOSTOLIC

The third great historic mark or note of the one true Church was that this Church was Catholic. "Catholic" means "universal." It refers as much to the fullness of the faith which it possesses as it does to the undeniable extension in both time and space which has characterized it virtually from the beginning. At the very beginning, of course, it was no doubt difficult to see how the "little flock" (Luke 12:32) of which the Church then consisted could by any stretch of the imagination qualify as "universal." Still, just as the embryo contains in germ the whole human being, so the Church already contained the universality that would quickly begin to manifest itself.

It is not without significance that the Holy Spirit came down upon the Church at Pentecost at a time when "there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5). It was to them that the Holy Spirit temporarily enabled the apostles to speak in the languages of all these various nations--a powerful sign that the Church was destined for all men everywhere, represented at that first Pentecost in Jerusalem by those of many nations who had come there from afar. Many accepted the faith then and there and presumably began forthwith carrying "the Catholic Church" back to the four corners of the earth.

The Catholicity of the Church in any case resides as much in the fact that the Church is for everybody at all times as it does in the fact that it was indeed destined to spread everywhere throughout the whole world. Within a few years of the foundation of the Church, Paul was writing that "the word of truth . . . in the whole world . . . is bearing fruit and growing" (Col. 1:5-6).

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Finally, the Church that issued from the commission of Christ to the apostles was necessarily apostolic. Christ founded the Church upon the apostles and in no other way: "Did I not choose you, the twelve?" he asked them (John 6:70). The apostles of all people understood perfectly well that they did not set themselves up in their own little community, as we sometimes today see "gospel churches" set up in store fronts or in the suburbs. The New Testament teaches, "One does not take the honor upon himself" (Heb. 5:4).

Nothing is clearer, then, that the Church started out as "apostolic." The question is whether the apostles had the power and authority to pass on to others what they had received from Christ. We have already seen that they very definitely did have this power and authority; the New Testament evidence is clear about that. The subsequent historical evidence is equally clear that they did pass it on to successors (the bishops). Indeed there are already references in the New Testament itself to the appointment of bishops by the apostles, as well as to the appointment of further bishops by them (Titus 1:5-9).

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

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



WE ARE REMINDED AND ENCOURAGED TO REDEEM OUR PLEDGES AND PAY OUR HARVEST LEVY OF GH¢100 PER ADULT, GH¢50 PER WORKING YOUTH AND GH¢20 OR MORE PER CHILD.

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059 585 0922

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MOTIVATION

Socrates' 'triple-filter' test – KINDNESS

In ancient Greece the famous philosopher, Socrates, was visited by an acquaintance of his. Eager to share some gossip the acquaintance asked Socrates, 'Would you like to know what I just heard about your friend?' Socrates replied that before the man spoke, he must first pass the 'Triple-Filter' test. 'The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?'

'Well, no,' the man said, 'actually I just heard about it and...'

'Alright,' said Socrates. 'So you don't really know if it's true or not. Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?'

'Uh, no, on the contrary...'

'So,' Socrates continued, 'you want to tell me something bad about my friend, but you're not certain it's true. You may still pass the test though, because there's one more filter. Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?'

'No, not really.'

'Well,' concluded Socrates, 'if what you want to tell me is

YOUTH CORNER

Love Is Knocking At Your Door...

Feb 13.
 Anticipate

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THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES (PMS) GHANA
2022 MISSION CELEBRATIONS
6TH -13TH FEBRUARY, 2022
Celebrating
PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF HOLY/MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD (POSH):
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PONTIFICAL DESIGNATION

THEME:
"YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES"
"ERITIS MIHI TESTES"
(ACTS 1:8)

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1785 – 1844

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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. We are reminded and encouraged to fulfil our 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.

3. The funeral arrangement of Mr. Joseph B. Coffie Asantey, father of Rev. Fr. Joseph Asantey is as follows:

- ❖ Saturday 5th February, 2022: Burial Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Abrepo Kumasi at 9:00am. Funeral rites will continue after burial at St. Anthony Homeopathic Hospital Park from 1.00pm-6.00pm.
- ❖ Sunday 6th February, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church premises at 7:00am.
- ❖ Attire: Black & White.

4. The Thanksgiving Mass of Mrs. Jacqueline Elo, sister of Mr. Joseph Elo will be held on Sunday 13th February, 2022 at Blessed Clementina Parish – Middle East Ashaiman. The Final Funeral Rites will continue after mass at her residence - Ashaiman Official Town.

PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday from 5.00pm at SJF and from 6.30pm at STM.

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 @ STM.*

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: Besohwɔ!
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	STM JAN. WEEK3	STM JAN. WEEK4
SUNDAY	906.20	-----	-----	-----
MONDAY	1834.20	-----	-----	-----
TUESDAY	1049.00	625.00	1000.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	828.00	-----	5.00	76.00
THURSDAY	1689.00	120.00	200.00	-----
FRIDAY	640.00	-----	10.00	70.00
SATURDAY	905.50	-----	200.00	200.00
JAN. BORN	157.20	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	8009.10	745.00	1415.00	346.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JAN. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1768.10
SECOND COLLECTION	1056.00
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TOTAL	2844.10

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JAN. WEEK1	SJF JAN. WEEK2	SJF JAN. WEEK3	SJF JAN. WEEK4
SUNDAY	3225.00	-----	-----	10.00
MONDAY	2098.00	900.00	50.00	500.00
TUESDAY	993.00	10.00	-----	-----
WEDNESDAY	1405.00	60.00	-----	20.00
THURSDAY	1349.20	1115.00	5.00	10.00
FRIDAY	3156.60	770.00	140.00	100.00
SATURDAY	1063.00	-----	-----	30.00
JAN. BORN	320.00	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	13609.80	2855.00	195.00	670.00

SUNDAY	SJF JAN. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	3061.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1813.60
TOTAL	4874.80

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

SS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER PARISH, ACHIMOTA WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY/ACTIVITY	THOMAS MORE	TIME	JOHN FISHER	TIME
Tuesday	Morning Mass	6:15am		
Wednesday	Morning Mass	6:15am	Evening Mass/ Bible sharing	7:00pm
Thursday	Morning Mass	6:15am		
Friday			Morning Mass	6:15am
Friday	Community Mass	7:00pm	Community Mass	7:00pm
First Thursday of the Month	Exposition/Benediction	7:00pm		
First Friday of the Month	Morning Mass	6:15am	Exposition/Benediction	7:00pm
Last Friday of the Month	Youth Mass	7:00pm		
First Saturday of the Month	Infant Baptism	7:00am	Grotto Devotion/Mass	4:00pm