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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6TH FEBRUARY, 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "LAUNCH INTO THE DEEP"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138:1-5, 7-8

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ANGELS I PRAISE YOU, O LORD.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them.

Gospel Reading: Lk 5:1-11

The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests initially but decides to give it a try. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago. Beloved, Jesus calls on us to cast our nets (cares and burdens) into the deep waters. May we launch into the deep for a catch of wellness and miracles in our lives.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 7TH FEBRUARY, 2022 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56	Tue 8TH FEBRUARY, 2022 St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 Ps 84:3-5,10-11 Mk 7:1-13
Wed 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40 Mk 7:14-23	Thu 10TH FEBRUARY, 2022 St. Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40 Mk 7:24-30
Fri 11TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Our Lady of Lourdes 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37	Sat 12TH FEBRUARY, 2022 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7,19-22 Mk 8:1-10

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Jer 17:5-8
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 1:1-6
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Gospel	Lk 6:17,20-26

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

THE FOUR MARKS OF THE CHURCH Author: Kenneth D. Whitehead – part 3

When we ask where, if anywhere, is to be found the same Church which the New Testament tells us Christ founded, we have to reformulate the question to ask: What Church, if any, descends in an unbroken line from the apostles of Jesus Christ (and also, not incidentally, possesses the other essential notes of the true Church of which the creed speaks)?

Further, to introduce a point we have not dwelt upon at all up to now, What Church, if any, is headed by a single recognized designated leader, just as the apostles of Jesus plainly functioned, on the evidence of the New Testament, under the headship of Peter?

To ask these questions is to answer them: Any entity or body claiming to be the Church of Christ would have to be able to demonstrate its apostolicity by demonstrating an organic link with the original apostles on whom Christ manifestly established his Church. Nothing less than this could qualify as the "apostolic" Church which Jesus founded.

As much for our instruction as for the assurance he intended to give to the apostles to whom he was actually speaking, Jesus said, "He who hears you, hears me" (Luke 10:16). Do we take these words seriously today? Do we listen to the teachings of the successors of the apostles of Jesus, the bishops, in union with and under the successor of the apostle Peter, the pope, as if these teachings were the words of Christ himself?

If we do, we are properly members of the Church which Jesus Christ founded on the apostles and which has come down to us from them. If we do not, how can we pretend that we take anything seriously that Christ said and taught?

He said nothing more solemnly and categorically than these words, in which he declared that the apostles and their successors would speak for him in the serious business of gathering in and sanctifying his people and leading them toward the salvation he offers. Jesus intended that the fullness of his grace should come to his people in a Church that, from the beginning, was what the creed still calls it today: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

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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Ss Thomas more & John fisher
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MOTIVATION

THE PASTOR'S DUTY

A church was located in a remote place where people nearby used to come up for services on Sunday. One Sunday it was snowing heavily and no one turned up for the services. After some time, a herder, who was managing a herd of cows far away on a farm, reached the church in the freezing snow.

The pastor waited for some more time and no one turned up. The pastor went to the herder and said, "We have waited for some time now and only we two are there. I am not sure if it's okay to proceed with the services. Let's have some hot drink before you start to your home". Herder said, "Pastor, I am a simple man. Thanks for offering a drink. But I have one point to say!"

Pastor, "Go ahead".

Herder, "When I go and feed my herd of Cows, I used to whistle it out for them to come for the food. Most of the time, all the cows turn up. But sometimes, only one turn up and that time I will make sure that I don't leave that cow hungry". The pastor realized his mistake and started to deliver the services. The services went for close to two hours before the pastor finished.

The pastor felt very happy and thanked the herder for teaching him a valuable lesson, "It's our duty to finish it, no matter how big or small the need is". Then he asked Herder "Was everything okay? Hope you had good two hours".

Herder replied, "Well when I go to feed my herd and If only one turns up for the food. I will make sure that I don't force it to eat all the food I bought for the whole herd". Then he thanked the pastor and went. The pastor could not say anything.

YOUTH CORNER

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

COME TO JESUS CHRIST
"WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"

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

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Tales of Valentine
Stories behind the sheets

Feb. 13
Sunday 5:00pm
Venue: Fisher Gardens
 (GA-301-1234)

Activities:
 Singing Telegram | Find your partner
 | Love Toast | Charades | Photoshoots |
 | Socialization & Many more!

Free chocolates for first 50 people

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. We are also encouraged to check this Weekly Bulletin on our various church platforms.
4. The Dzagbo and Kudoto family are thanking all the Priests, Counsellors, Choir, Charismatic Renewal, Credit Union and Parishioners for their support and other various roles they played during the funeral and burial of our dear brother, father, uncle and husband, Mr. Peter Dzagbo.
5. A very spacious Chamber and Hall self-contained at Achimota Golf Hill for rent at a cool prize. Kindly contact Aseye on **0547380349** if you are Interested.
6. 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: 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	STM JAN. WEEK3	STM JAN. WEEK4	STM JAN. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITION
SUNDAY	906.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	906.20	6 TH
MONDAY	1834.20	-----	-----	-----	60.00	1894.20	3 RD
TUESDAY	1049.00	625.00	1000.00	-----	55.00	2729.00	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	828.00	-----	5.00	76.00	-----	909.00	5 TH
THURSDAY	1689.00	120.00	200.00	-----	10.00	2019.00	2 ND
FRIDAY	640.00	-----	10.00	70.00	-----	720.00	7 TH
SATURDAY	905.50	-----	200.00	200.00	20.00	1325.50	4 TH
JAN. BORN	157.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	157.20	
TOTAL	8009.10	745.00	1415.00	346.00	145.00	10660.10	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JAN. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	1606.90
SECOND COLLECTION	982.00
TITHE	570.00
TOTAL	3158.90

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JAN. WEEK1	SJF JAN. WEEK2	SJF JAN. WEEK3	SJF JAN. WEEK4	SJF JAN. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITION	SUNDAY	SJF JAN. WEEK5
SUNDAY	3225.00	-----	-----	10.00	150.00	3385.00	3 RD		
MONDAY	2098.00	900.00	50.00	500.00	-----	3548.00	2 ND	MAIN COLLECTION	2894.00
TUESDAY	993.00	10.00	-----	-----	20+\$200	2243.00	5 TH	SECOND COLLECTION	2088.90
WEDNESDAY	1405.00	60.00	-----	20.00	55.00	1540.00	6 TH	TITHE	200.00
THURSDAY	1349.20	1115.00	5.00	10.00	-----	2479.20	4 TH	TOTAL	5182.90
FRIDAY	3156.60	770.00	140.00	100.00	-----	4166.60	1 ST		
SATURDAY	1063.00	-----	-----	30.00	-----	1093.00	7 TH		
JAN. BORN	320.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	320.00			
TOTAL	13609.80	2855.00	195.00	670.00	1445.00	18774.80			

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

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