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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13TH FEBRUARY, 2022: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "BEATITUDES: FRAMEWORK
FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8

Put your trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-6

BLESSED THE MAN WHO HAS PLACED HIS TRUST IN THE LORD

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Reading: Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

REFLECTION

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7, 11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. They are often called Beatitudes. These Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate destination, the Kingdom of God.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 14TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Sts. Cyril & Methodius Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76 Mk 8:11-13	Tue 15TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wed 16TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26	Thu 17TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33
Fri 18TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Our Lady of Lourdes Jas 2:14-24,26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34--9:1	Sat 19TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-5,7-8 Mk 9:2-13

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
Second Reading	1 Cor 15:45-49
Gospel	Lk 6:27-38

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

ESCHATOLOGY (ON THE LAST THINGS)

Eschatology is the division of theology concerning the final destiny of individuals and the culminating events of history. Broadly understood it includes the Church and the Sacraments, in so far as they contain the seeds of eternal life, realized already in time through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Narrowly understood, it concerns the culmination of the historical working out of the divine plan in the Second Coming, the General Resurrection, the Last Judgment, and the Consummation and Restoration of All Things.

RELATED Q AND A

The term "end times" applies both to the era of Christ's first coming (Heb. 1:2, 1 Cor. 10:11, Heb. 9:26) and to the events immediately before his return and the end of the ages (Mt 24:13, 2 Tim 2:1, 2 Peter 3:3). The definitive Catholic teaching on this is contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* under the discussion of the article of the Creed, "From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead." [CCC 668-682]

As the Creed infallibly teaches, the Second Coming is associated with the end of the world and the Last Judgment. Therefore, it is NOT associated with any earlier time - such as to establish a "Millennium." The Catholic Church specifically condemns "millenarianism," according to which Jesus will establish a throne in this world and reign here for a thousand years [CCC 676].

Rather, the Church teaches that Jesus already reigns in eternity (1 Cor. 15:24-27, Rev. 4 & 5) and that in this world His reign, established as a seed, is found in the Church [CCC 668-669]. This is the 1000 years, a Hebrew way of indicating an indefinitely long time—in this case, the time between the first and second comings, a time whose length is not given to us to know. This period is the era of the Church, in which the Holy Spirit operating through the Mystical Body, Head and members, continues Christ's earthly mission of redemption. The Book of Revelation situates this era between the persecutions of the Roman antichrists of the first century and the final unleashing of evil at the end.

Naturally, if a Christian cannot accept that the Catholic Church represents Christ in this world, it is necessary to look for a personal earthly reign somewhere out in the future. The notion that Jesus will come, reign, and then depart, so that the devil can trick the world again, is incompatible with the incomprehensible dignity of the Lord and His love for His people. Jesus' Coming will be definitive, triumphant and ever-lasting, NOT temporal and limited.

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

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MOTIVATION

MASTER AND THE COWARD STUDENT

Once there was a man in a village. He was called by villagers a "Coward" because he always lacks the courage to do even the simplest of things. The man then decided to change himself. So, he visited a spiritual master in his village to teach him about courage and bravery. The Master said, "I am ready to teach you but on one condition. You need to go and live in a big city for one month. And during the stay, tell every person you meet there, "You are a coward". When you tell, you have to say it loudly, openly, and look straight into the person's eyes. After that come back here". The man returned home and was thinking about the task, the master has given him. He was scared to do the task. He kept on thinking about it for some days. Then he decided to travel to the city, instead of living his entire life as a Coward, which is unbearable. In the initial days in the city, he could not talk to anyone. Whenever he tried to talk, he was not able to see the person's face or he will lose his speech. He felt like, he is going to die out of fear.

As the days passed, he pushed himself to finish the Master's task. He started telling people that he is a coward. As every passing day, his voice sounded louder, his eye contact with the person improved and his body was responding without any shivering. One day, came a moment, the man felt he is not scared anymore to talk to anyone. He continued doing master's task till the time of one month, set by the master. The man returned to his village and went to the master and said "Master, I finished the task. Now I do not have fear and I feel I can do any task with courage. But I have one question, what made you think that this task will help me to overcome cowardice? Master replied, "You see cowardice is a habit. If you want to come out of this habit, you have to do things that scare you. That's what you did and as a result, you have replaced cowardice with the habit of courage. So, similarly, if you have any bad habit that you want to change. Simply replace them with a good habit!"

Moral of the story: To overcome cowardice and fear, we should move out of our comfort zone and face it upfront. To get rid of any bad habits we should replace them with good habits. And any change may not happen immediately, take your time and work on it. Once you have courage, you can accomplish anything in life.

YOUTH CORNER

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)

BISHOP DE FORBIN JANSON
PROTECTOR OF THE POOR & OPPRESSED (1785 - 1844)

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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!

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 Thanksgiving Mass of Mrs. Jacqueline Elo, sister of Mr. Joseph Elo will be held today 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.
4. We regret to announce the death of the following parishioners:
 - Mr. Robert Kojo Atali, a member of the Christian Village Community and husband of Mrs. Adelaide Akokor Atali in Ave Maria Singing Group, Funeral details will be announced later.
 - Mad. Paulina Attiogbe, a member of the Christian Village Community. Funeral details will be announced later.
6. House help and Cleaners are needed for immediate employment. Interested persons should see the Church Secretary.

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 FEB. WEEK1
SUNDAY	556.20
MONDAY	1053.30
TUESDAY	1038.00
WEDNESDAY	1317.00
THURSDAY	769.10
FRIDAY	739.00
SATURDAY	989.00
FEB. BORN	118.00
TOTAL	6570.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM FEB. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1906.20
TITHE	130.00
TOTAL	2036.20

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF FEB. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1049.00
MONDAY	2054.00
TUESDAY	6632.00
WEDNESDAY	691.90
THURSDAY	1738.20
FRIDAY	3936.70
SATURDAY	1053.00
FEB. BORN	1108.90
TOTAL	18263.70

SUNDAY	SJF FEB. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1964.90
TITHE	150.00
TOTAL	2114.90

THANK YOU FOR ALL 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

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