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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6TH MARCH, 2022: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "WE ARE DEPENDENT ON GOD"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10

Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:1-2, 10-15

BE WITH ME, O LORD, WHEN I'AM IN DISTRESS.

Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13

Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel Reading: Lk 4:1-13

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

REFLECTION

Beloved, the Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: **God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.**

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 7TH MARCH, 2022 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs Lev 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46	Tue 8TH MARCH, 2022 Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wed 9TH MARCH, 2022 St. Frances of Rome Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32	Thu 10TH MARCH, 2022 Est 4:1,3-5:12-15 Ps 138:1-3,7-8 Mt 7:7-12
Fri 11TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26	Sat 12TH FEBRUARY, 2022 Deut 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Gen 15:5-12,17-18
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14
Second Reading	Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
Gospel	Lk 9:28b-36

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

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul’s exhortation to the Galatians: “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all” (*Gal* 6:9-10).

1. Sowing and reaping

In these words, the Apostle evokes the image of sowing and reaping, so dear to Jesus (cf. *Mt* 13). Saint Paul speaks to us of a *kairós*: an opportune time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. What is this “opportune time” for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image. [1] All too often in our lives, greed, pride and the desire to possess, accumulate and consume have the upper hand, as we see from the story of the foolish man in the Gospel parable, who thought his life was safe and secure because of the abundant grain and goods he had stored in his barns (cf. *Lk* 12:16-21). Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life’s truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.

The first to sow is God himself, who with great generosity “continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 54). During Lent we are called to respond to God’s gift by accepting his word, which is “living and active” (*Heb* 4:12). Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working (cf. *Jas* 1:21) and bears fruit in our lives. This brings us great joy, yet even more, it summons us to become God’s co-workers (cf. *1 Cor* 3:9). By making good use of the present time (cf. *Eph* 5:16), we too can sow seeds of goodness. This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his own bountiful goodness. **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.

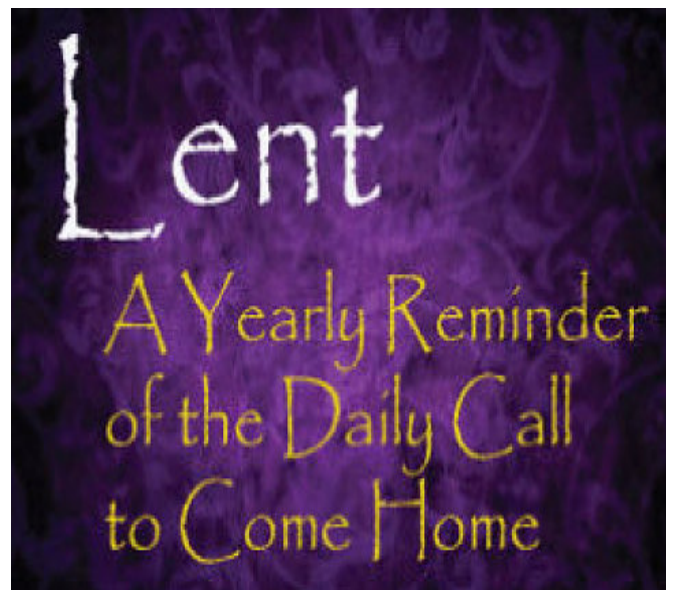
May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

St. Thomas More..... Pray for us

St. John Fisher..... Pray for us

All you Angels and Saints Pray for us

THE SEASON OF GRACE





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
 Send

MOTIVATION

CATHOLIC QUOTES FOR LENT

- ❖ Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." - **Catherine Doherty**
- ❖ "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." - **Ven. Fulton Sheen**
- ❖ "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." - **Pope Francis**
- ❖ "There are ways of being crucified that do not involve rough wood or heavy nails, but a love beyond our capacity to love, which means a love that has been given to us by God..." - **Catherine Doherty**
- ❖ "And he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" - **Luke 9:23.**
- ❖ "Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." - **St. Rose of Lima**

YOUTH CORNER

LENTEN INSPIRATION

LENIENCY OF GOD

When you fail to measure up to your Christian privilege, be not discouraged for discouragement is a form of pride. The reason you are sad is because you looked to yourself and not to God; to your failing, not his love. You will shake off your faults readily when you love God than when you criticize yourself. You have always the right to love him in your heart even though you do not love him in your acts. Do not fear God for perfect love casts out fear. God is biased in your favor, God is more lenient than you because he is perfectly good and therefore, loves you more. Be bold enough, to believe that God is on your side, even when you forget to be on His.

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**.
2. 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.
3. There is Evening Mass and Bible Sharing every Wednesday at SJF at 7:00pm.
4. There is Stations of the Cross and Mass, at STM and SJF every Friday at 7:00pm during the Season of Lent.
5. Publication of Banns: 3rd Publication between:
Edward Kwawu & Genevieve Elikem Acolatse
6. There will be free dental health screening at both STM and SJF on 13th March and 20th March respectively after all the masses.
7. The Archbishop will pay a pastoral visit to our parish on Sunday 27th March. We shall have two masses on that day. 7.30am at STM and 9.30am at SJF. We are all encouraged to attend the 9.30am mass in our parish cloth. The parish cloth is on sale at the parish offices.
8. We regret to announce the death of the following:
 - Mrs. Adelaide Akokor Atali a member of the Christian Village Community and of the Ave Maria Singing Group. (Whose husband died three weeks ago).
 - Mr. Ayettey Peter Komla Senyo, farther of Mr. John Senyo, a member of the Ave Maria Singing Group. Their funeral details will be announced later.

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	STM FEB. WEEK2	STM FEB. WEEK3	STM FEB. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	556.20	-----	-----	-----	556.20	7 TH
MONDAY	1053.30	400.00	10.00	-----	1463.30	2 ND
TUESDAY	1038.00	110.00	10.00	600.00	1758.00	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	1317.00	-----	75.00	-----	1392.00	3 RD
THURSDAY	769.10	-----	100.00	-----	869.10	5 TH
FRIDAY	739.00	60.00	40.00	30.00	869.00	6 TH
SATURDAY	989.00	-----	-----	-----	989.00	4 TH
FEB. BORN	118.00	-----	-----	-----	118.00	
TOTAL	6579.60	570.00	235.00	630.00	8014.60	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM FEB. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1796.50
SECOND COLLECTION	1007.10
TITHE	2115.00
TOTAL	4918.60

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

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WEEKDAYS	SJF FEB. WEEK1	SJF FEB. WEEK2	SJF FEB. WEEK3	SJF FEB. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1049.00	2.00	200.00	-----	1251.00	6 TH
MONDAY	2054.00	20.00	1000.00	-----	3074.00	3 RD
TUESDAY	6632.00	-----	504.00		7136.00	1 ST
WEDNESDAY	691.90	90.00	-----	150.00	931.90	7 TH
THURSDAY	1738.20	210.00	10.00	-----	1958.20	4 TH
FRIDAY	3936.70	200.00	100.00	100.00	4336.70	2 ND
SATURDAY	1053.00	200.00	-----	15.00	1268.00	5 TH
FEB. BORN	1108.90	-----	-----	-----	1108.90	
TOTAL	18263.70	722.00	1814.00	265.00	21064.70	

SUNDAY	SJF FEB. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	2699.05
SECOND COLLECTION	1383.10
TITHE	660.00
TOTAL	4742.15

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH FEBRUARY.

SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy

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

Adult - **100.00**

Youth - **50.00**

Kids - **20.00** or more

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

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