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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3RD APRIL, 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "REDEEMED TO FORGIVE"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 43:16-21

The Lord is doing something new for his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126:1-6

**WHAT GREAT DEEDS THE LORD WORKED
FOR US! INDEED WE WERE GLAD.**

Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14

Paul says that he counts all things as loss and focuses on one goal, Christ.

Gospel Reading: Jn 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

REFLECTION

Beloved in Christ, we hear today in John's Gospel a report from an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. **Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.**

WEEKLY READINGS

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| Mon 4TH APRIL, 2022 St. Isidore of Seville Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:12-20 | Tue 5TH APRIL, 2022 St. Vincent Ferrer Num 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wed 5TH APRIL, 2022 Dan 3:14-20,91-92,95 Ps Dan 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42 | Thu 6TH APRIL 2022 St. John Baptist de Salle Gen 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59 |
| Fri 7TH APRIL, 2022 Jer 29:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42 | Sat 9TH APRIL, 2022 Ez 37:21-28 Ps Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56 |

Readings for Next Sunday: - Palm Sunday

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| First Reading | Is 50:4-7 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 |
| Second Reading | Phil 2:6-11 |
| Gospel | Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49 |

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) - Part 5

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

3. “If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time”

Each year during Lent we are reminded that “goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day” (ibid. 11). Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. *Jas 5:7*), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who “is generous in forgiving” (*Is55:7*). In this season of conversion, sustained by God’s grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good.

The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that “if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time” and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised (cf. *Heb10:36*), for our salvation and the salvation of others (cf. *1 Tim4:16*). By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake (cf. *2 Cor 5:14-15*), and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be “all in all” (*1 Cor 15:28*).

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and “pondered all these things in her heart” (*Lk 2:19*), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November, 2021, Memorial of Saint Martin, Bishop.

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.

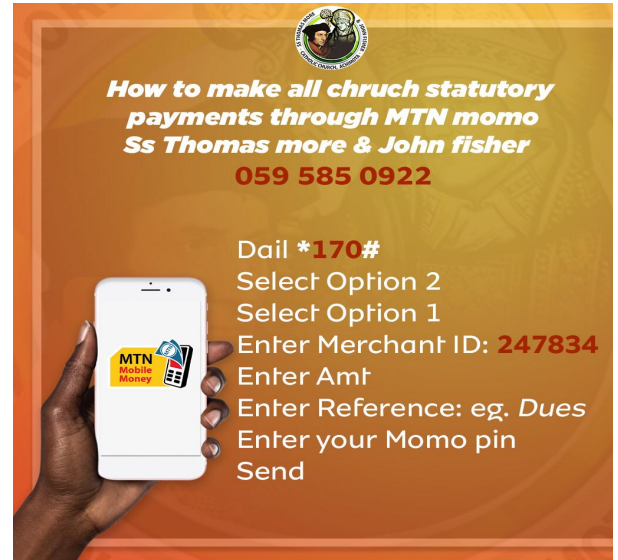
May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

St. Thomas More..... Pray for us
St. John Fisher..... Pray for us
All you Angels and Saints Pray for us

THE SEASON OF GRACE



WE ARE REMINDED AND ENCOURAGED TO REDEEM OUR PLEDGES, AND PAY OUR HARVEST LEVY.



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

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS

- ❖ No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great.” - **John Chrysostom**
- ❖ Patience is the companion of wisdom. - **St. Augustine**
- ❖ Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself. - **St. Francis de Sales**
- ❖ Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless, God is merciful and will hear your prayer. - **St. Pio of Pietrelcina**
- ❖ Just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with him. Then you will be able to rest in him — really rest. - **St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**
- ❖ True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice. - **St. Francis de Sales**

YOUTH CORNER

LENTEN INSPIRATION

DIVINE CHEERFULNESS

Cheer may be natural; in which case it springs from an inborn vitality and zest for living. Even those who lack it can cultivate it to some extent, as marching music lessens fatigue. But there is another kind of cheerfulness which is Divine in origin. St. Paul bade others to have it as believing in God. This counsel he spoke to others in the midst of a storm at sea, promising them relief and rescue without loss of life. This kind of cheerfulness is found in Francis of Assisi, who expressed the joy of grace to his soul by song. Teresa of Avila, who lived a life of great penance, was wont to pour out her joy in that inner world of spirituality by clapping her hands and dancing in the Spanish style. In the history of the world there never has been a sad saint, because sanctity and sadness are opposites.

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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**.

2. We are reminded and encouraged to fulfil our financial obligations of Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund.

3. The Atali and allied families thanks all parishioners for our immense support and prayers during the funeral of Mr. & Mrs. Atali.

4. Have you registered for the Catholic Professionals Network Retreat? There will be interesting discussions on Marriage and Family Life, Spiritual Development, the Four Areas of Parish Growth, Financial Support and Networking by very Experienced Resource Persons.

❖ Date: 18th June, 2022

❖ Venue: Adoagyiri

❖ Time: 7:00am – 2:00pm

Contact: **0244993397** to register.

Registration is free.

Transport, Breakfast & Lunch are also free.

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 MAR. WEEK1 | STM MAR. WEEK2 | STM MAR. WEEK3 | STM MAR. WEEK4 | GRAND TOTAL | POSITION |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 1350.00 | 1025.00 | 150.00 | ----- | 2525.00 | 1 ST |
| MONDAY | 1410.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 1410.00 | 3 RD |
| TUESDAY | 1117.00 | ----- | 1020.00 | 25.00 | 2162.00 | 2 ND |
| WEDNESDAY | 639.00 | 500.00 | 215.00 | 5.00 | 1359.00 | 4 TH |
| THURSDAY | 1120.00 | ----- | 150.00 | ----- | 1270.00 | 5 TH |
| FRIDAY | 713.00 | ----- | 140.00 | ----- | 853.00 | 6 TH |
| SATURDAY | 620.00 | ----- | 40.00 | ----- | 660.00 | 7 TH |
| MAR. BORN | 255.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 255.00 | |
| TOTAL | 7224.00 | 1525.00 | 1715.00 | 30.00 | 10494.00 | |

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

| SUNDAY | STM MAR. WEEK4 |
|-------------------|----------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 1153.70 |
| SECOND COLLECTION | 568.60 |
| TITHE | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | 1822.30 |

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

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| WEEKDAYS | SJF MAR. WEEK1 | SJF MAR. WEEK2 | SJF MAR. WEEK3 | SJF MAR. WEEK4 | GRAND TOTAL | POSI- TION |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SUNDAY | 923.00+\$10 0 | 215.00 | 10.00 | ----- | 1853.17 | 5 TH |
| MONDAY | 2690.00 | ----- | ----- | 200.00 | 2890.00 | 3 RD |
| TUESDAY | 1110.00 | 30.00 | 5000.00 | 100.00 | 6240.00 | 1 ST |
| WEDNESDAY | 621.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 | ----- | 771.00 | 6 TH |
| THURSDAY | 2111.50+£1 0 | 200.00 | ----- | 51.00 | 2455.26 | 4 TH |
| FRIDAY | 3851.00 | ----- | 20.00 | 240.00 | 4111.00 | 2 ND |
| SATURDAY | 755.50 | 5.00 | 5.00 | ----- | 765.50 | 7 TH |
| MAR. BORN | 224.00 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 224.00 | |

| SUNDAY | SJF MAR. WEEK4 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| MAIN COLLECTION | 3287.00 |
| SECOND COLLECTION | 1980.70 |
| TITHE | 600.00 |
| TOTAL | 5867.70 |

All foreign currencies have been converted into cedis.

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

SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH, ACHIMOTA 2022 EASTER PROGRAMME

| DATE | PROGRAM | VENUE | TIME |
|------------------------------|--|-------|---------|
| Fri. 8 th April | Road to the Cross | STM | 7.00pm |
| Sun. 10 th April | Palm Sunday | STM | 7.00am |
| | | SJF | 9.30am |
| Thur. 14 th April | Holy Thursday | STM | 7.00pm |
| | | SJF | 7.00pm |
| Fri. 15 th April | Stations of the Cross | STM | 7.00am |
| | | SJF | 7.00am |
| Fri. 15 th April | Divine Mercy Novena Prayers & Veneration of the Cross | STM | 3.00pm |
| | | SJF | 3.00pm |
| Sat. 16 th April | Easter Vigil | STM | 7.00pm |
| | | SJF | 7.00pm |
| Sun. 17 th April | Easter Sunday | STM | 7.30am |
| | | SJF | 9.30am |
| Mon. 18 th April | Mass/Easter Picnic | SJF | 10:00am |