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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10TH APRIL, 2022: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION,
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THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"PASSION OF CHRIST: A
MOMENT OF REFLECTION"**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading: Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

From the cross, Jesus speaks words of forgiveness and promises that the good thief will be with him in paradise.

REFLECTION

We hear today the passion narrative from the Gospel according to Luke. Luke's description of the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath. Throughout this Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, may we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 11TH APRIL, 2022 Holy Week Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11	Tue 12TH APRIL, 2022 Holy Week Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-6,15-17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wed 5TH APRIL, 2022 Holy Week Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25	Thu 14TH APRIL 2022 Holy Thursday Ex 12:1-8,11-14 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 1Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fri 15TH APRIL, 2022 Good Friday Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25 Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	Sat 16TH APRIL, 2022 Holy Saturday Ez 36:16-17a,18-28 Ps 42:3,5;43:3-4 Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Lk 24:1-12

Readings for Next Sunday: **Easter Sunday**

First Reading	Acts 10:34a,37-43
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Second Reading	Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8
Gospel	Lk 24:13-35

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



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. It begins with Palm Sunday and is a week of solemn reflections on the events leading up to Easter.

The Breakdown of the Holy Week

Holy Monday

Jesus cleanses the temple and curses the fig tree; God prepares those who will accept His sacrifice.

Holy Tuesday

Jesus teaches in the temple for the last time; God sends the invitation to come and enjoy His sacrifice.

Holy Wednesday

Judas betrays, Mary perfumes; God waits for the response to the invitation.

Holy Thursday

Jesus offers His body and blood in the last supper; God offers His sacrifice
Resurrection Sunday.

Good Friday

Jesus dies on the cross; God accepts His sacrifice (a **sweet smelling aroma**)
Jesus is risen; God gives us eternal life in Jesus.
(the real treasure)

Holy Saturday

Jesus is laid in the tomb. He takes the saints from Hades to Paradise. God received his saints to Himself.

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.

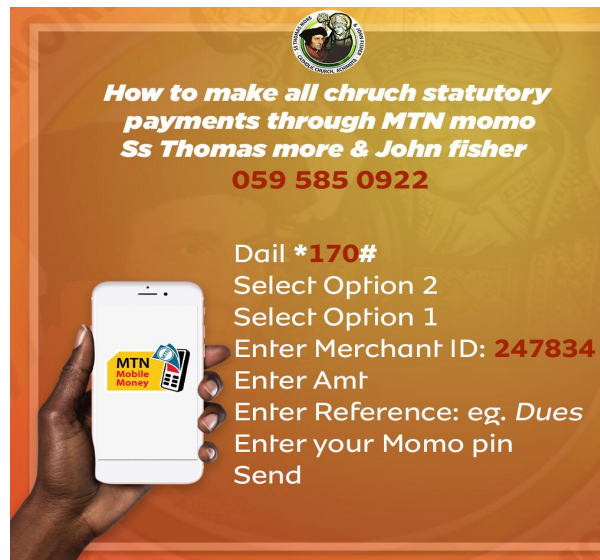
May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



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



**How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
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Dial *170#
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Enter Merchant ID: 247834
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MOTIVATION

A young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said, "I have too heavy of a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in." When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

YOUTH CORNER

LENTEN INSPIRATION

OUR LORD'S LAST SABBATH

If anybody asks you why you are untying it [the ass the disciples were sent to find], this must be your answer, "The Lord has need of it" (Lk. 19:31). Perhaps no greater paradox was ever written than this; on one hand the sovereignty of the Lord, and on the other hand his 'need'. This combination of Divinity and dependence, of possession and poverty was the consequence of the Word becoming flesh. Truly, he who was rich became poor for our sakes, that we might be rich. Our Lord borrowed a boat from a fisherman from which to preach; he borrowed barley loaves and fishes from a boy to feed the multitude; he borrowed a grave from which he would rise; and now he borrowed an ass on which to enter Jerusalem. Sometimes, God pre-empted and requisitioned the things of man, as if to remind him that everything is a gift from him.

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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. Joseph William Quayson of CCR and the family express their deepest appreciation to the parish Priest, the Church Welfare and the entire Church for the love expressed toward them during the burial of their late dad Joseph William Quayson Snr. at Cape Cost. May God bless you abundantly.

3. 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.

4. The funeral arrangement of **Mrs. Felicity Acquah** is as follows:

- Saturday 23rd April: Tributes and filing past at 8.00am. Burial Mass at 9.30am at Christ the King Parish, Cantonments. Final Funeral rites: 12.00-6.00pm at the Forecourt of the State House.
Dress Code: Black.
- Sunday 24th April: Thanksgiving mass at Christ the King Parish, Cantonments at 10.30am. **Dress Code: Black & White.**

5. The funeral arrangement of **Mrs. Adriana Ackon** is as follows:

- **Pre-burial Arrangements at Accra**
Friday, 22nd April, 2022 - Lying In State at her Residence at Achimota at 4:00am; Pre-Burial Mass at SS. John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Church, Achimota, Accra at 9:00am.
- **Burial Arrangements at Shama**
Wake - Friday, 22nd April, 2022 at 8:00pm
Burial Mass - Saturday, 23rd April, 2022 at 9:00am at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, Shama at 9:00am;
Thanksgiving Mass - Sunday, 24th April, 2022 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, Shama at 9:00am.

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 APR. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1081.00
MONDAY	1295.10
TUESDAY	1293.00
WEDNESDAY	2013.00+\$10
THURSDAY	1379.00+\$20
FRIDAY	1032.40
SATURDAY	954.20
APR. BORN	207.00
TOTAL	9254.70+\$30

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM APR. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1887.00
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TOTAL	3817.00

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's
Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF APR. WEEK1
SUNDAY	863.00
MONDAY	3157.00
TUESDAY	806.00
WEDNESDAY	2145.00
THURSDAY	1149.00
FRIDAY	4471.70
SATURDAY	463.00
APR. BORN	200.00
TOTAL	13254.70

SUNDAY	SJF APR. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2709.70
TOTAL	2709.70

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

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

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE	TIME
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	2.45pm
		SJF	2.45pm
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