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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17TH APRIL, 2022: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“RESSURECT WITH CHRIST”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US
REJOICE IN IT AND BE GLAD.**

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8

Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is
above.

Gospel Reading: Lk 24:13-35

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed
from Jesus' tomb.

REFLECTION

Beloved in Christ, One question that we must ask ourselves this
Easter Sunday is: Did I resurrect with Christ this Easter?
Today's gospel tells us that Jesus left the linen cloths in the
grave. In order words he did not cling to any “worldly” thing or
allowed them to pull him down. If we must rise with Christ, we
must equally be ready to detach ourselves from all unnecessary
things that that pull us down spiritually. Through our Lenten
observances we died with Christ. So let us rise with him
through the power of the Holy Spirit for He has risen indeed
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 18TH APRIL, 2022 Octave of Easter Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15	Tue 19TH APRIL, 2022 Octave of Easter Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20 Jn 20:11-18
Wed 20TH APRIL, 2022 Octave of Easter Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35	Thu 21ST APRIL 2022 Octave of Easter Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Fri 22ND APRIL, 2022 Octave of Easter Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27 Jn 21:1-14	Sat 23RD APRIL, 2022 Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-21 Mk 16:9-15

Readings for Next Sunday: Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading	Acts 5:12-16
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
Second Reading	Rev 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19
Gospel	Jn 20:19-31

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

WHY THE EASTER SEASON MATTERS

Written by Regis Martin, S.T.D.

We are Christians, who belong to the Risen King, and thus we know something others do not.

It is only in the light of Easter Sunday that we are free to enjoy the rest of the year. And to see death, not as an implacable enemy against whom we cannot prevail, but as an old and dear friend who, despite the frightful disguise he frequently wears, enables us finally to enter another world, a setting of unimaginable beauty and joy where, for all eternity, we are embraced by the arms of Almighty God. It is the Risen Christ whom we have to thank for this. Death is no longer a wall so high and wide nothing can get by it, but a door through which we walk hand in hand with the Lord to that truly Good Place long prepared for those who love him.

Isn't this the best possible piece of good news there could ever be? Had Christ not shattered the wall of death by the simple expedient of bursting right through it in Easter triumph, then all life would end in despair. Followed by blank, everlasting extinction. Imagine everything and everyone annihilated by day's end. Even birth would bring no benefit had Christ not been born among us in order to die on a Cross for our salvation.

This is why we esteem Easter so much, because without it the curse of a fallen world would never have been lifted. To be cast into a state of mortal shipwreck, followed by the silence of the grave, who could bear it? Who would ever opt for a life as vaporous as the dew, a thing so tenuous as to be blown away by the nearest wind? If we were but a field of grass, whose withering is the obvious outcome of a broken cosmos, then like good pagans perhaps we might anneal ourselves to death. But who, this side of nihilism, can live without the hope that there must be a way to surmount death?

"Birth, copulation, and death," the poet Eliot declares. "That's all the facts when you come to brass tacks." And when the wretched play is done? "You wait for a knock and the turning of a lock for you to know the hangman's waiting for you."

Oh, yes, and there is that one final twist of the knife. Not only are we fated to die, but each of us is forced to carry his death before him every hour he's alive. Of all the creatures condemned to die, only man knows that he must die.

But we are Christians, who belong to the Risen King, and thus we know something pagans do not, that we have been given a consolation of which paganism knows nothing. And that its most profound and certain confirmation is the Event of Easter. Here is the undeniable sign that death is not the last word. If Easter means anything — if finding an empty tomb, followed by repeated appearances of the Risen Lord to those who knew him in real time — it means the assurance that it is finally not we who must die, but death thou shalt die! All because Christ, in his resurrected flesh, took death quite simply in hand, and smashed the Old Guy forever.

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

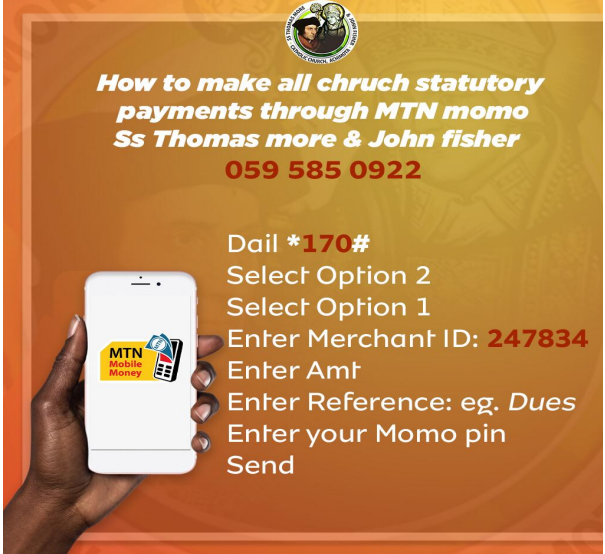
St. John Fisher..... Pray for us

All you Angels and Saints Pray for us

CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!!!



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



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MOTIVATION

THINGS GOD WON'T ASK

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet; He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- God won't ask what your job title was; He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of our ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived; He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- God won't ask about the color of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.
- God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation; He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven and not to the gates of Hell.

YOUTH CORNER

THE NEW DYNAMICS OF EASTER

Finally, the Easter lesson comes to our own lives. It has been suggested that it is better to go down in defeat in the love of the Cross than to win the passing victory of a world that crucified.

And now it is suggested in conclusion that it is better to down in defeat in the eyes of the world by giving to God that which is wholly and totally ours. If we give God our energy, we give him back his own gift; if we give him our talents, our joys, and our possessions, we return to him that which he placed in our hands not as owners but as mere trustees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Marriage Banns: **1st Publication between:** Stephen Bawuley & Bertha Asare.
2. 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.**
3. The funeral arrangement of **Mrs. Adriana Ackon** is as follows:
 - ❖ **Pre-burial Arrangements at Accra**
Friday, 22nd April, 2022 - Pre-Burial Mass at SS. John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Church, Achimota, Accra at 9:00am.
 - ❖ **Burial Arrangements at Shama**
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.
 - ❖ **Second Thanksgiving Mass at Accra** - at SS. John Fisher & Thomas More, Achimota on Sunday, 8th May, 2022 at 10.30am.
Attire: Friday and Saturday - Black & White; Sunday: White
4. The funeral arrangement of Mrs. Evelyn Obenewaa Tinkorang, mother of Mrs. Barbara Mensah, Vice Chair of the PPC, a member of the Amalgamated Community and Legion of Mary is as follows:
 - ❖ Saturday 30th April 2022: Burial Service at 8.00am at Presbyterian Church, Trinity Congregation, Comm. 4, Tema
 - ❖ Funeral Rites: GHACEM Club House, Community 6, Tema
 - ❖ Sunday 1st May 2022: Thanksgiving Service: at 9.00am at Presbyterian Church, Trinity Congregation, Comm. 4, Tema
5. The funeral arrangement of Nana Afum Kafena (II) Mr. Aaron Obeng Somuah - Amankrado, Akyem Hemang, husband of Mad. Jemima Kutin-Mensah, member of the Kokpevi Akweteman Community is as follows:
 - ❖ Friday 29th April, 2022: Laying In state at Akyem Hemang at 7:00pm.
 - ❖ Saturday 30th April, 2022: Memorial & Burial Service at Akyem Hemang at 8.00am
 - ❖ Sunday 1st May, 2022: Thanksgiving Service at the Presbyterian Church, Victory Congregation, Akyem Hemang at 8:00am.

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	STM APR. WEEK2
SUNDAY	1081.00	100.00
MONDAY	1295.10	190.00
TUESDAY	1293.00	620.00
WEDNESDAY	2013.00+\$10	5.00
THURSDAY	1379.00+\$20	-----
FRIDAY	1032.40	-----
SATURDAY	954.20	600.00
APR. BORN	207.00	-----
TOTAL	9254.70+\$30	1515.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM APR. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2303.80
SECOND COLLECTION	1182.60
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TOTAL	3806.40


FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF APR. WEEK1	SJF APR. WEEK2
SUNDAY	863.00	200.00
MONDAY	3157.00	605.00
TUESDAY	806.00	50.60
WEDNESDAY	2145.00	325.00
THURSDAY	1149.00	-----
FRIDAY	4471.70	100.00
SATURDAY	463.00	250.00
APR. BORN	200.00	-----
TOTAL	13254.70	1530.60

SUNDAY	SJF APR. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2992.40
SECOND COLLECTION	1732.50
TOTAL	4724.90

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

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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