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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24TH APRIL, 2022: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE  
MERCY SUNDAY, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“DO NOT DOUBT, BELIEVE”**

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## TODAY'S READINGS

*First Reading:* Acts 5:12-16

**Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.**

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD;  
HIS MERCY ENDURES FOR EVER.**

*Second Reading:* Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

**John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.**

*Gospel Reading:* Jn 20:19-31

**Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.**

## REFLECTION

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

## WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022</b> <b>St. Mark, Evangelist</b> 1Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3,6-7 Mk 16:15-20	<b>Tue 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022</b> <b>St. Cletus</b> Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15
<b>Wed 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022</b> <b>St. Zita</b> Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21	<b>Thu 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022</b> <b>Sts. Peter Chanel &amp; Louis Maria de Montfort.</b> Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36
<b>Fri 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022</b> <b>St. Catherine of Siena</b> Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15	<b>Sat 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022</b> <b>St. Pius V</b> Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 Jn 6:16-21

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 5:27-32,40b-41
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13
Second Reading	Rev 5:11-14
Gospel	Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### 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

### DIVINE MERCY EXPLAINED

The Resurrection of Jesus was the most important event in the history of the world. When the Lord appeared in the 'Upper Room' to the apostles pointing out His wounds, it was to demonstrate He was the Crucified Christ, and to show He had resurrected from the dead. The final proof that He was God. He then bestowed on the apostles the power to forgive sins, which was in effect Divine Mercy coming into the world.

It was the beginning of the Church on earth. In 1931 He appeared as the same image in another room, this time the room of a young nun, again showing His wounds, emphasizing the power of those wounds as rays from a font of reconciliation and renewal, rays of love and mercy. This was Divine Mercy, His victory on the Cross, His resurrection, coming into to a very sinful world once again. A world that was about to plunge man into the depths of depravity in a horrific world war.

He asked her to teach the world again of why he died on the Cross to give sinners another chance of obtaining God's Divine Mercy, and pardon their sins if they returned to living by God's commandments. He was also reminding man that His death on the Cross, Divine Mercy was for all mankind (And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, these I have to lead as well. They too will hear My voice, and then there will be one flock and one Shepherd. John 10:11 – 18)

The image that appeared to Saint Faustina was the same image that started the Christian Church. His appearance to Saint Faustina as the same image was to renew the Church, to renew belief in the Cross, in the Resurrection, in man's salvation.



## 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.

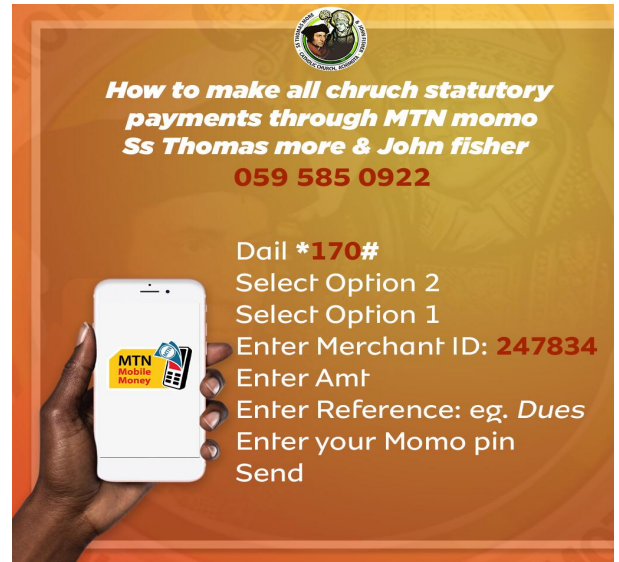
May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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

## THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA



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

### SECRET TO SUCCESS

Once a young man asked the wise man, Socrates, the secret to success. Socrates patiently listened to the man's question and told him to meet him near the river the following day for the answer. So the next day, Socrates asked the young man to walk with him towards the river. As they went in the river, the water got up to their neck. But to the young man's surprise, Socrates ducked him into the water.

The young man struggled to get out of the water, but Socrates was strong and kept him there until the boy started turning blue. Finally, Socrates pulled the man's head out of the water. The young man gasped and took a deep breath of air. Socrates asked, "What did you want the most when your head was in the water?" The young man replied, "Air." Socrates said, "That is the secret to success. When you want success as badly as you wanted the air while you were in the water, then you will get it. There is no other secret."

**Moral of the short story:** *A burning desire is the starting point of all accomplishment. Just like a small fire cannot give much heat, a weak desire cannot produce great results.*

## YOUTH CORNER



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Marriage Banns: **2nd Publication between:** Stephen Bawuley & Bertha Asare.
2. 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: 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2022
  - Venue: Adoagyiri
  - Time: 7:00am – 2:00pm  
Transport, Breakfast & Lunch are free.  
Contact: 0244993397 to be registered free.
3. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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
4. The funeral arrangement of Nana Afum Kafena II, 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.
5. The funeral arrangement of Mad. Theresa Ankra member of the Alogboshie Community is as follows:
  - ❖ Friday 29th April, 2022: Wake keeping at her residence at Alogboshie at 7:00pm.
  - ❖ Saturday 30th April, 2022: Burial Mass at SJF at 8:00am.
  - ❖ Sunday 1st May, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 10:30am.  
Dress Code: Black & White.

## 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	STM APR. WEEK3
SUNDAY	1081.00	100.00	-----
MONDAY	1295.10	190.00	-----
TUESDAY	1293.00	620.00	10.00
WEDNESDAY	2013.00+\$10	5.00	-----
THURSDAY	1379.00+\$20	-----	-----
FRIDAY	1032.40	-----	-----
SATURDAY	954.20	600.00	-----
APR. BORN	207.00	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9254.70+\$30</b>	<b>1515.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM APR. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3000.30
SECOND COLLECTION	2277.40
TITHE	250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5527.70</b>



# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF APR. WEEK1	SJF APR. WEEK2	SJF APR. WEEK3
SUNDAY	863.00	200.00	-----
MONDAY	3157.00	605.00	-----
TUESDAY	806.00	50.60	5.00
WEDNESDAY	2145.00	325.00	-----
THURSDAY	1149.00	-----	1300.00
FRIDAY	4471.70	100.00	150.00
SATURDAY	463.00	250.00	-----
APR. BORN	200.00	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13254.70</b>	<b>1530.60</b>	<b>1455.00</b>

SUNDAY	SJF APR. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	4787.80 +\$2
SECOND COLLECTION	6420.80
TITHE	220.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11428.60</b> +\$2

**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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