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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1ST MAY, 2022: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"FEED MY SHEEP"**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin and ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

I WILL EXTOL YOU, LORD, FOR YOU HAVE RAISED ME UP.

Second Reading: Rev 5:11-14

John describes his vision of the praises that will be sung to the Lamb by every creature on heaven and earth.

Gospel Reading: Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.

Reflection

In today's gospel Jesus appears to his disciple after his resurrection and shares a meal with them. After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

Weekly Readings

Mon 2ND MAY, 2022 St. Athanasius Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 Jn 6:22-29	Tue 3RD MAY, 2022 Sts. Philip & James, Apostles 1Cor 15:1-8 Ps 18:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
Wed 4TH MAY, 2022 St. Florian Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-7 Jn 6:35-40	Thu 5TH MAY, 2022 St. Angelo Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17,29 Jn 6:44-51
Fri 6TH MAY, 2022 St. Dominic Savio Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59	Sat 7TH MAY, 2022 St. John of Beverly Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 13:14,43-52
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 100:1-5
Second Reading	Rev 7:9,14b-17
Gospel	Jn 10:27-30

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
	Third Mass: 10:30 am



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

SOME REGULARLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What do Catholics believe about the Bible?**

Catholics believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. From the beginning of Christianity, the Catholic Church defined the canon of Scripture – the books you find in every Christian Bible – and defined what it meant to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Through the centuries, it's the Catholic Church that preserved the Bible, as well as many other written works, through its monasteries and libraries.

- **What does the Church mean by “sacred tradition”?**

In the early Church, the Gospel was preached by those who had known Christ, or who had known his Apostles. The Apostles handed on their preaching and writing to all generations through bishops, who continue to preach the truth revealed in the Gospel. This living transmission of the Word of God is called tradition, which is distinct from Scripture, but closely tied to it. Tradition infuses the entire life of the Church, and along with Scripture, comprises the deposit of the Word of God.

- **What happens at a Catholic Mass?**

Early in the history of the Church, there was the belief that when Jesus said at the Last Supper, “Take this and eat – this is my body; take this and drink – this is my blood,” he was giving us the gift of his real presence in the form of bread and wine. We call this the Eucharist – a name that comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. The Catholic Mass is a Eucharistic celebration and a celebration of God’s word in Scriptures.

- **Why do Catholics tell their sins to a priest?**

The sacrament of reconciliation (also called penance or confession) was created by Jesus himself when he said, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20:21–23). The idea of confessing our sins to another person is also in the Bible. In James 5:18, the Apostle tells us, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.” The sacrament of reconciliation is known in the Church as a sacrament of healing.

- **What do Catholics believe about Mary?**

Mary is honored as first among the saints because she is the mother of God and the mother of the Church. We believe Mary was conceived without sin (meaning, she didn’t have the stain of original sin), and that God preserved her from sin so that she could be a perfect vessel to bring his son into the world. Being human, however, she still had free will, which means she had the power to say “yes” or “no” to God when his messenger, the angel, came to her. The fact that she willingly said “yes” is an example for us of love and submission to the will of God. As with the saints, we ask Mary to pray for us to her son and to the Father and the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR GOD’S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND CASE

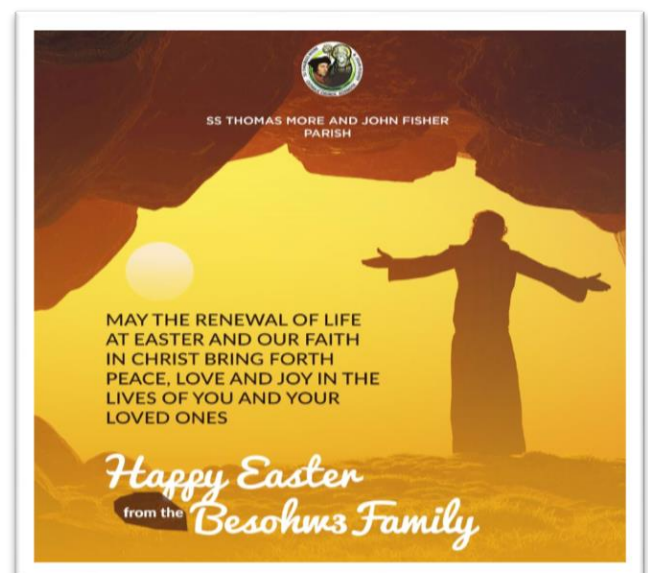
Almighty and Merciful Father, we thank you for our faith and for the gift of our church community. We thank you for how far you have brought us as a parish. You have been our refuge in times past and our hope for years to come.

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, AND ALL OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.



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MOTIVATION

MEANINGLESS GOALS

A farmer had a dog who used to wait by the roadside for vehicles to come. As soon as one came, he would run down the road, barking and trying to overtake the car. One day the farmer's neighbor asked the farmer, "Do you think the dog is ever going to overtake those vehicles?" The farmer replied, "That is not what bothers me. What bothers me is what he would do if he ever caught one."

Many people in life behave like that dog who is pursuing meaningless goals.

YOUTH CORNER



#GetInvolved
Agenda22'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Marriage Banns: **3rd Publication between:** Stephen Bawuley & Bertha Asare.

2. **Changes in Mass Schedules:** Beginning from the first week in June, 2022 we shall have two masses at both STM & SJF. (i.e. **7:00am & 9:30am at STM & 6:30am & 9:30am at SJF**)

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
Transport, Breakfast & Lunch are free.
Contact: 0244993397 to be registered free.

3. The funeral arrangement of **Mad Christiana Afua Vovor, mother of Mad. Margaret Atieku, a member of the St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Society and Legion of Mary is as follows:**

- **Burial Mass: Saturday 14th May, 2022 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Tsrukpe-Dukuma 9.00am.**
- **Funeral Rites: at the Royal Park (Tsranum) at 12:00pm.**
- **Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday 15th May, 2022 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Tsrukpe-Dukuma 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: 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 APR. WEEK1	STM APR. WEEK2	STM APR. WEEK3	STM APR. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1081.00	100.00	-----	20.00	1201.00	6 TH
MONDAY	1295.10	190.00	-----	100.00	1585.10	4 TH
TUESDAY	1293.00	620.00	10.00	20.00	1943.00	2 ND
WEDNESDAY	2013.00+\$10	5.00	-----	-----	2092.73	1 ST
THURSDAY	1379.00+\$20	-----	-----	10.00	1538.46	5 TH
FRIDAY	1032.40	-----	-----	-----	1032.40	7 TH
SATURDAY	954.20	600.00	-----	50.00	1604.20	3 RD
APR. BORN	207.00	-----	-----	-----	207.00	
TOTAL	9254.70 +\$30	1515.00	10.00	200.00	11203.89	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM APR. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1609.90
SECOND COLLECTION	988.50
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TOTAL	3248.40

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF APR. WEEK1	SJF APR. WEEK2	SJF APR. WEEK3	SJF APR. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	863.00	200.00	-----	-----	1063.00	6 TH
MONDAY	3157.00	605.00	-----	-----	3762.00	3 RD
TUESDAY	806.00	50.60	5.00	-----	4623.60	2 ND
WEDNESDAY	2145.00	325.00	-----	105.00	2575.00	4 TH
THURSDAY	1149.00	-----	1300.00	10.00	2459.00	5 TH
FRIDAY	4471.70	100.00	150.00	-----	4721.70	1 ST
SATURDAY	463.00	250.00	-----	300.00	1013.00	7 TH
APR. BORN	200.00	-----	-----	-----	200.00	
TOTAL	13254.70	1530.60	1455.00	415.00	16655.30	

SUNDAY	SJF APR. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	2293.55
SECOND COLLECTION	1592.80
TOTAL	3886.35

Foreign currency has been converted into cedis

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

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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