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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

8TH MAY, 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“THE FATHER AND I ARE ONE”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 100:1-5

**WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.**

**Second Reading:** Rev 7:9, 14b-17

John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

**Gospel Reading:** Jn 10:27-30

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

### Reflection

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

### Weekly Readings

<b>Mon 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022</b> Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3;42:3-4 Jn 10:1-10	<b>Tue 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022</b> Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wed 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022</b> Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Jn 12:44-50	<b>Thu 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022</b> Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 Jn 13:16-20
<b>Fri 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022</b> Our Lady of Fatima Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6	<b>Sat 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022</b> St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Acts 14:21-27</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 145:8-13</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Rev 21:1-5a</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Jn 13:31-33a,34-35</b>

### Mass Schedule

<b>St. Thomas More</b>	<b>St. John Fisher</b>
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

Continued

#### • **Why do Catholics pray to saints?**

We believe that holy men and women who have come before us still pray for us and aid us. We call them saints, and many of our churches are named for them. When we pray to saints, we ask for their intercession (the same way you'd ask your family or friends to pray for you), so that God hears not only our prayers, but also the saints' prayers on our behalf.

#### • **Do Catholics pray to statues?**

No. We pray to God. Along with the words of Scripture, images can illuminate the Gospel message and inspire us with the memory of saints. We believe God is present in beauty – and so we have commissioned and preserved some of the world's greatest artworks. Without the sponsorship of the Church, Michelangelo would never have painted his famous Sistine Chapel nor carved the Pietà.

#### • **What is the Catechism of the Catholic Church?**

The word "catechism" comes from the Greek word, catechesis, or oral teaching. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a compendium of the essential teachings of the Catholic faith. It's available [online for free](#).

#### • **How does someone come back to the Catholic Church?**

There's a saying, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." If you were baptized into the Catholic Church, or if you received any of the sacraments when you were younger, you're still a Catholic, even if you don't go to Mass or pray anymore. In short, the Catholic Church will always be your spiritual home, and you're welcome home any time. How? Just show up. Visit a parish, talk to the pastor or one of the priests or to a parishioner and let them know you're there. We want to welcome you home and help you renew a relationship with Jesus Christ that will be the source of your happiness now and for all eternity!

## 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!!!



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## MOTIVATION

### A LESSON IN GIVING

Many years ago, when I worked as a transfusion volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little three-year-old girl suffering from a disease. The little girl needed blood from her five-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same condition. The boy had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness and was the only hope for his sister.

The doctor explained the situation to the little brother and asked if the boy would give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate only for a moment before he took a deep breath and said, "Yes, I will do it if it will save my sister."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale, and his smile faded. Finally, he looked up at the nurse beside him and asked with a trembling voice, "When will I start to die?"

The young boy had misunderstood the doctor and thought he had to die to save his sick sister.

## YOUTH CORNER



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. May is the month of the Rosary. We are encouraged to pray the rosary as family and Individual at home.
2. **CHANGES IN SUNDAY MASSES SCHEDULES: BEGINNING FROM THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE, 2022 WE SHALL HAVE TWO MASSES AT BOTH STM & SJF. (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: 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2022
  - Venue: Adoagiri
  - Time: 7:00am – 2:00pm  
Transport, Breakfast & Lunch are free.  
Contact: 0244993397 to be registered free or at the Parish Offices.
4. The funeral arrangement of Very Rev. Fr. Thaddeus Nelson Adjakpey is as follows: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2022: Burial Mass at the Holy Spirit Cathedral Adabraka, Accra at 9:30am prompt.
5. 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: 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 MAY WEEK1
SUNDAY	628.00
MONDAY	1,527.00
TUESDAY	621.00
WEDNESDAY	1,412.00
THURSDAY	1,460.00
FRIDAY	935.00
SATURDAY	507.00
MAY BORN	284.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,374.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1,992.90
TITHE	3,717.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,709.90</b>



# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1
SUNDAY	925.00
MONDAY	2,709.20
TUESDAY	513.00
WEDNESDAY	994.00
THURSDAY	1,422.00
FRIDAY	918.00
SATURDAY	1,205.00
MAY BORN	251.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,937.20</b>

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2,727.20
TITHE	285.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,012.20</b>

**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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