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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15TH MAY, 2022: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“LOVE; THE HALLMARK
OF CHRISTIANITY”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas proclaim the good news in many places.

Responsorial Psalm: 145:8-13

I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, MY KING AND MY GOD.

Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5a

John describes his vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

Gospel Reading: Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: love one another.

Reflection

Beloved, in today's Gospel we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus, here, is teaching at the Last Supper. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

Weekly Readings

Mon 16TH MAY, 2022 Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-4,15-16 Jn 14:21-26	Tue 17TH MAY, 2022 Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13,21 Jn 14:27-31a
Wed 18TH MAY, 2022 St. John I Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8	Thu 19TH MAY, 2022 Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3,10 Jn 15:9-11
Fri 20TH MAY, 2022 St. Bernardine of Siena Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17	Sat 21ST MAY, 2022 St. Christopher of Magallanes & Companions Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-3,5 Jn 15:18-21

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 67:2-3,5-6
Second Reading	Rev 21:10-14,22-23
Gospel	Jn 14:23-29

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



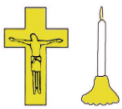
KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

AT THE ALTAR



CRUCIFIX & CANDLES

Items that must be at or near the altar at every Mass



ROMAN MISSAL (SACRAMENTARY)

Book of prayers that priest uses during Mass.



CORPORAL

Cloth that the priest places under the chalice and ciborium during Mass



CIBORIUM

Another cup or a plate used to hold the Body of Christ.



CHALICE

A cup, usually made from precious metal like gold or silver, that the priest pours the wine and a little water into before it becomes the Blood of Jesus



PURIFICATOR

A linen cloth that the priest uses to wipe the chalice after Communion

CELEBRANT'S HOST

The celebrant often holds up a larger host during Mass and breaks it into pieces just as Jesus broke bread at the Last Supper



PATEN

A special plate that holds the celebrant's host

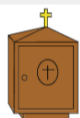
CRUETS

Small vases that hold the water and wine before they are poured into the chalice



TABERNACLE

A case made of a solid material, where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in a covered ciborium after Mass



SANCTUARY LIGHT

A candle (usually red) lit by the Eucharist is present



CATHOLIC  EXTENSION

PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND CASE

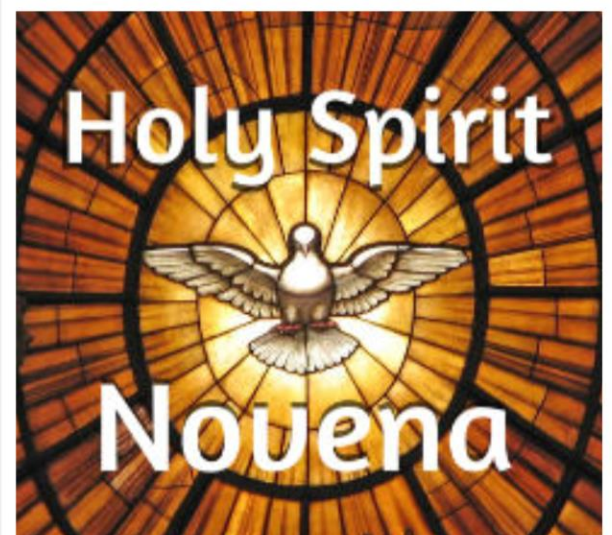
Almighty and Merciful Father, we thank you for our faith and for the gift of our church community. We thank you for how far you have brought us as a parish. You have been our refuge in times past and our hope for years to come.

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 prayer 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

UPCOMING PROGRAMME



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.**

MOTIVATION

THE REFLECTIONS

Once a dog ran into a museum filled with mirrors. The museum was unique; the walls, the ceiling, the doors and even the floors were made of mirrors. Seeing his reflections, the dog froze in surprise in the middle of the hall. He could see a whole pack of dogs surrounding him from all sides, from above and below.

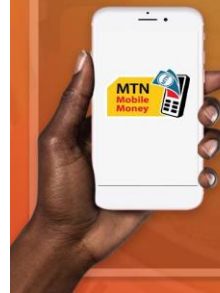
The dog bared his teeth and barked all the reflections responded to it in the same way. Frightened, the dog barked frantically; the dog's reflections imitated the dog and increased it many times. The dog barked even harder, but the echo was magnified. The dog, tossed from one side to another while his reflections also tossed around snapping their teeth.

The following day, the museum security guards found the miserable, lifeless dog, surrounded by thousands of reflections of the lifeless dog. There was nobody to harm the dog. The dog died by fighting with his own reflections.

Moral: *The world doesn't bring good or evil on its own. Everything that is happening around us reflects our thoughts, feelings, wishes and actions. The world is a big mirror. So let's strike a good pose!*

How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo
Ss Thomas more & John fisher

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YOUTH CORNER

MONOLOGUE OF A YOUNG LADY: ON FUEL HIKES

In 2019 when I started out my service year after graduation, my lorry fare costed ghc2.50 for a single journey and ghc5 for both journeys. However significant this was considering the distance, I counted myself among the lucky few because I had a good bargain compared to some other colleagues who of mine who were totaling about ghc20. I'm sure you can understand that for service personnels who took ghc559 per month, every cedi counted.

Fast forward to 2022, I use the same route but I'll have to pay double the price only for an in journey and more than 150% increase for the entire journey. Makes me wonder, how are service personnels coping these days. Absurdity 101.

Everything keeps changing in Ghana. From our leaders to the moneys we keep in our pockets and yet, we cannot properly make a simple 6 months budget. Because how dare we? We dare not own the cedi. We are told it has a mind of it's own. Absurdity 102. **To be continued.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. May is the month of the Rosary. We are encouraged to pray the rosary as family and Individual at home.
2. We are encouraged and reminded to redeem our Pledges, pay our Harvest Levy of GH¢100 per Adult, GH¢50 per working Youth, GH¢20 per child or more and all other financial obligations.
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 or at the Parish Offices.
4. The STM & SJF Corporative Credit Union will hold her Annual General Meeting on the 5th June, 2022 at STM at 11:30 am. Members who want to attend must register their names at the STM or SJF office by 29th of May, 2022, from Monday – Friday and Sunday.
5. The death is reported of Mr. Albert Hoyah (the visually Impaired man), a member of the Kissehman Community. Funeral details will be announced later.

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	STM MAY WEEK2
SUNDAY	628.00	60.00
MONDAY	1,527.00	-----
TUESDAY	621.00	120.00
WEDNESDAY	1,412.00	-----
THURSDAY	1,460.00	100.00
FRIDAY	935.00	100.00
SATURDAY	507.00	-----
MAY BORN	284.00	-----
TOTAL	7,374.00	380.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	1910.70
SECOND COLLECTION	2536.70
TOTAL	4447.40

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1	SJF MAY WEEK2
SUNDAY	925.00	20.00
MONDAY	2,709.20	100.00
TUESDAY	513.00	50.00
WEDNESDAY	994.00	350.00
THURSDAY	1,422.00	\$50
FRIDAY	918.00	100.00
SATURDAY	1,205.00	650.00
MAY BORN	251.00	-----
TOTAL	8,937.20	1648.73

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	3317.60
SECOND COLLECTION	5060.60
TITHE	100.00
TOTAL	8478.20

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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