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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22ND MAY, 2022: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“JESUS' PRESENCE
ELIMINATES FEAR”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

The early Church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

Responsorial Psalm: 67:2-3, 5-6

**LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD;
LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU!**

Second Reading: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

Gospel Reading: Jn 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

Reflection

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries. Beloved, the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety. Our future in the hands of the Lord should be shaped by love, not fear. As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Weekly Readings

Mon 23RD MAY, 2022 Acts 16:11-15 Ps 150:1-6,9 Jn 15:26-16:4a	Tue 24TH MAY, 2022 Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7-8 Jn 16:5-11
Wed 25TH MAY, 2022 St. Bede the Venerable Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 149:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15	Thu 26TH MAY, 2022 Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Ep 1:17-23 or Heb 9:2428;10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53
Fri 27TH MAY, 2022 St. Augustine of Canterbury Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23	Sat 28TH MAY, 2022 Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3,8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 7:55-60
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 97:1-2,6-7,9
Second Reading	Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20
Gospel	Jn 17:20-26

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

LITURGICAL VESTMENTS

Amice

An oblong white linen vestment worn over and around the neck by clergy that helps to cover any clothing worn underneath the alb. The amice is optional today, but symbolizes the helmet of salvation that helps the priest to fend of the assaults of the enemy.



Alb

A full-length white linen garment worn by clergy (and sometimes servers by extension) during liturgies. This symbolizes the whiteness and purity of Christian dignity through baptism.



Cincture

The cord or rope worn around the waist to gather and confine the alb. The cincture symbolizes purity and chastity.



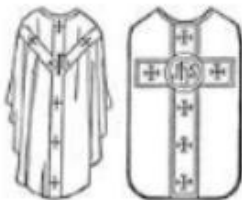
Stole

The vestment that is a long narrow band of material worn around the neck of priests and over one shoulder for deacons. The stole is a sign of authority and is properly worn underneath the chasuble or dalmatic during Mass.



Chasuble

The sleeveless outer garment worn during Mass by a priest. This vestment is worn on top of all others (alb, stole, etc.). it symbolizes the yoke of Christ and is a sign of priestly office. The chasuble is a sign of charity as well and is worn over the stole to symbolize that authority (symbolized by the stole) is exercised through charity.



PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND CASE

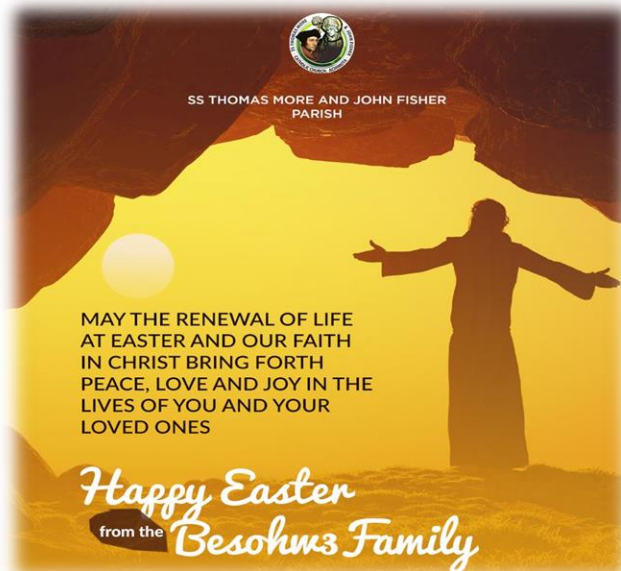
Almighty and Merciful Father, we thank you for our faith and for the gift of our church community. We thank you for how far you have brought us as a parish. You have been our refuge in times past and our hope for years to come.

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.

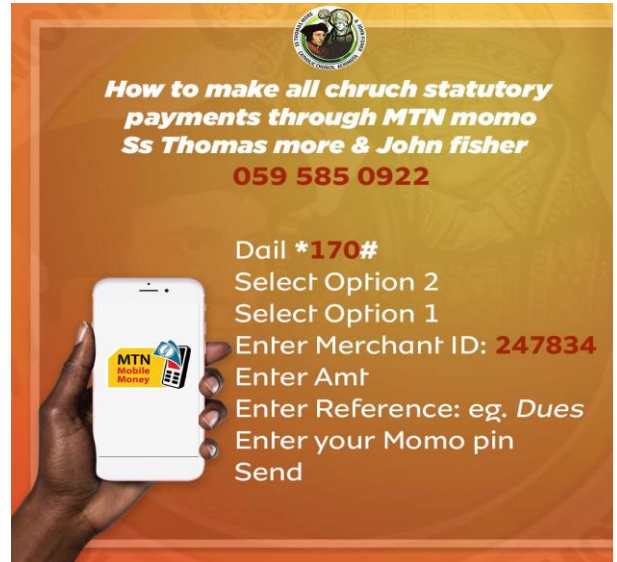
May your Mother Mary intercede for us and may the Archangel Michael defend us in battle. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.
St. Thomas More..... Pray for us
St. John Fisher..... Pray for us
All you Angels and Saints Pray for us

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



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.**



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MOTIVATION

STOPPED BY A BRICK

A successful young executive was riding his brand new Jaguar down a neighborhood street when he noticed a kid darting out from between parked cars. He slowed down a little bit as he appeared near it, a brick smashed into his car's door. He slammed on the brakes and drove back to the place where the brick had been thrown.

The furious man jumped out of his car and caught the nearest kid shouting, "What was that all about? What the heck did you do to my car? Why did you do it?" The young boy was a little scared but was very polite and apologetic. "I am sorry, Mister. I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I had to throw the brick because no one else would stop for my call to help." With tears rolling down his cheeks, he pointed towards the parked cars and said, "It's my brother, he rolled off the curb and fell off his wheelchair, and he is badly hurt. I can't lift him."

The sobbing boy asked the man, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He is hurt, and he is too heavy for me." The young man was moved beyond words and tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. Then, he hurriedly lifted the other kid from the spot and put him back in the wheelchair. He also helped the little kid with his bruises and cuts.

When he thought that everything would be ok, he went back to his car. "Thank you, sir, and God bless you," said the grateful kid. The young man was too shaken up for any word, so the man watched the little boy push the brother who uses a wheelchair down the sidewalk. It was a long and slow ride back home to the man. When he came out of the car, he looked at his dented car door. The damage was very noticeable, but he did not bother to repair it. Instead, he kept the dent to remind him of the message; "Do not go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention."

Moral: *Life whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we do not listen to it, it throws a brick at us. It is our choice, listen to the whisper or wait for the brick.*

YOUTH CORNER

MONOLOGUE OF A YOUNG LADY: ON FUEL HIKES - PART 2

But I just can't comprehend how we're expected to live this way. We are young, you know, some of us. We can barely find any dignified work to do and yet, we're forced to live like undignified soldiers in a war zone. But do you know what is the least entertaining of this reality? We see it happen differently elsewhere. Our fortunate friends outside the country, tell us of their incredible time touring and it's not because they're millionaires, oh God no! It's just because there is logic behind how much they earn, and how much they're able to save to indulge in these basic necessities, or luxury in some of our cases.

I wouldn't want to go into the panic I feel waking up everyday in this country. And if I in my employed state feel this way, then even the pages of this book can not hide the desperation my unemployed friends feel. But is there any respite for us? Because the government seems to grow blinder everyday. But well, how can i not call them blind if they can't perceive the agony we live in. Because I think they're too good to be dump right? Let's just pray our doctors have a solution for self-afflicted myopia because I'm not sure they have discovered any for hydrophobia.

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.

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	STM MAY WEEK3
SUNDAY	628.00	60.00	350.00
MONDAY	1,527.00	-----	-----
TUESDAY	621.00	120.00	500.00
WEDNESDAY	1,412.00	-----	-----
THURSDAY	1,460.00	100.00	120.00
FRIDAY	935.00	100.00	-----
SATURDAY	507.00	-----	50.00
MAY BORN	284.00	-----	
TOTAL	7,374.00	380.00	1,020.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	1,670.80
SECOND COLLECTION	1,002.50
TOTAL	2,673.30

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1	SJF MAY WEEK2	SJF MAY WEEK3
SUNDAY	925.00	20.00	60.00
MONDAY	2,709.20	100.00	140.00
TUESDAY	513.00	50.00	6,000.00
WEDNESDAY	994.00	350.00	-----
THURSDAY	1,422.00	\$50	1,300.00
FRIDAY	918.00	100.00	4,000.00
SATURDAY	1,205.00	650.00	-----
MAY BORN	251.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	8,937.20	1,648.73	11,500.00

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2,662.00
SECOND COLLECTION	1,666.65
TITHE	20.00
TOTAL	4,348.65

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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