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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29TH MAY, 2022: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"UNITY"**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen is martyred as Saul looks on.

Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

**THE LORD IS KING, THE MOST HIGH
ABOVE ALL THE EARTH.**

Second Reading: Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Jn 17:20-26

Jesus prays for his disciples.

Reflection

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. We hear Jesus in the gospel ask that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father. ***May we be a united front in all we do.***

Weekly Readings

Mon 30TH MAY, 2022 Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33	Tue 31ST MAY, 2022 The Visitation of BVM. Zeph 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16 Ps Is 12:2-6 Lk 1:39-56
Wed 1ST JUNE, 2022 St. Justin, Martyr Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-36 Jn 17:11b-19	Thu 2ND JUNE, 2022 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter Acts 22:30,23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26
Fri 3RD JUNE, 2022 St. Charles Lwanga & Comp. Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20 Jn 21:15-19	Sat 4TH JUNE, 2022 Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:5-6,8 Jn 21:20-25

Readings for Next Sunday - PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 104:1-2,24,25,29-31,34
Second Reading	1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13
Sequence	Rom 8:8-17
Gospel	Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16,23b-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: 10:30am



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

PENTECOST NOVENA AD2022

PENTECOST NOVENA AD2022
Theme: RETURN TO YOUR FIRST LOVE (Rev. 2:4-5)

Thurs. 26th May - Fri. 3rd June
@ STM | 06:30pm
GA-246-1294 | Each Day

CHANGES IN SUNDAY MASSES SCHEDULES

EFFECTIVE FROM
5TH JUNE, 2022 WE SHALL HAVE
TWO MASSES AT BOTH
STM & SJF.
7:00AM & 9:30AM AT STM.
6:30AM & 9:30AM AT SJF.

MOTIVATION

SHARK BAIT

A marine biologist was involved in an experiment with a shark. He placed a shark in a tank along with other small bait fishes.

As expected, the shark ate every single fish. The marine biologist then inserted clear fiberglass to create two sections within the tank. He placed the shark in one area and smaller fish in the other section. The shark quickly attacked, but then he bounced off the fiberglass. The shark kept on repeating this behavior. It just wouldn't stop trying.

While the small fish in the other section remained unharmed and carefree, after about an hour, the shark finally gave up. This experiment was repeated several dozen times over the next few weeks. Each time, the shark got less aggressive. Eventually, the shark got tired and simply stopped attacking altogether.

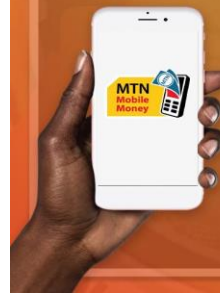
The marine biologist then removed the fiberglass. The shark, however, didn't attack. Instead, it was trained to believe in the existence of a barrier between it and the baitfish.

The Moral: ***After experiencing setbacks and failures, many of us emotionally give up and stop trying. Like the shark, we choose to stay with past failures and believe that we will always be unsuccessful. We build a barrier in our heads, even when no 'real' barrier between where we are and where we want to go. Don't give up. Keep trying because success may be just a try away.***



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

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YOUTH CORNER

THE DOER AND THE THINKER.

Ali and David were friends at the university who dreamed of starting their own businesses after graduation. Ali who was skilled in fixing gadgets wanted to own a big repair shop at the heart of Accra. David also wanted to sell anything he could get as he wasn't as skilled as Ali. After graduation, the boys set off on their different parts and lost contact.

20 years down after, Ali was working with a retail shop as their manager. He sent his car to a workshop one day and there was David, fixing peoples car. The boys had a good time reconnecting and Ali bragged about his job and all his accomplishments. David was happy for him and told him about his own business- The car shop. David had started as a bicycle repairer after school and learnt more skills to own one of the biggest car repair shops in the country. He asked Ali why he failed to set up his company as they both promised.

Ali had some money from his family after graduation, and decided to save it while he thought about a plan to start his business. He saved it for 5 years and when he decided to go for the money to start the business, the bank had collapsed. David on the other hand started his business with the little money he got and despite his failures, he kept on learning and persisting till this day. He told Ali, sometimes a stitch in time is worth more than a thousand years. He should have started early instead of wasting precious time because he wanted to map out everything in his head. He again added that, sometimes 2yrs of doing something is more than 20years of thinking about it.

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

Contact: 0244993397 to be registered or at the Parish Offices. Transport, Breakfast & Lunch are free.
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 funeral arrangements of the Mr. Albert Hoya, a member of the Kissehman Community is as follows:
 - Saturday 4th June, 2022: Burial Mass at STM at 8:30am.
 - Sunday 5th June, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at STM at 9:30am.
6. The funeral arrangement of Mr. Joseph Luth Sam is as follows.
 - Saturday 4th June, 2022: Burial Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Dutch Komenda at 8:00am.
 - Sunday 5th June, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Dutch Komenda at 8:00am.

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	STM MAY WEEK2	STM MAY WEEK3	STM MAY WEEK4
SUNDAY	628.00	60.00	350.00	180.00
MONDAY	1,527.00	-----	-----	-----
TUESDAY	621.00	120.00	500.00	600.00
WEDNESDAY	1,412.00	-----	-----	170.00
THURSDAY	1,460.00	100.00	120.00	100.00
FRIDAY	935.00	100.00	-----	-----
SATURDAY	507.00	-----	50.00	20.00
MAY BORN	284.00	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	7,374.00	380.00	1,020.00	1,070.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1,932.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1,070.90
TOTAL	3,003.10

FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1	SJF MAY WEEK2	SJF MAY WEEK3	SJF MAY WEEK4
SUNDAY	925.00	20.00	60.00	-----
MONDAY	2,709.20	100.00	140.00	500.00
TUESDAY	513.00	50.00	6,000.00	50.00
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	550.00

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2,848.30 +1,000CFA
SECOND COLLECTION	1,110.50
TITHE	105.00
TOTAL	4,076.45 +1000CFA

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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