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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5TH JUNE, 2022: PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“THE GIFT OF PEACE”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

**Responsorial Psalm:** 104:1-2, 24, 25, 29-31, 34

**LORD, SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, AND  
RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**

**Second Reading:** 1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Rom 8:8-17

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Reading:** Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Reflection

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. Today's reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. *May we be agents of peace as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit who is full of peace.*

### Weekly Readings

<b>Mon 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022</b> <b>The BVM , Mother of the Church</b> 1Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1-8 Mt 5:1-12	<b>Tue 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022</b> 1Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5,7-8 Mt 5:13-16
<b>Wed 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022</b> 1Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1-2,4-5,8,11 Mt 5:17-19	<b>Thu 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022</b> <b>St. Ephrem of Syria</b> 1Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-14 Mt 5:20-26
<b>Fri 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022</b> 1Kgs 19:9a,11-16 Ps 27:7-9,13-14 Mt 5:27-32	<b>Sat 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022</b> <b>St. Barnabas, Apostle</b> Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:33-37

### Readings for Next Sunday - TRINITY SUNDAY

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Prov. 8:22-31</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 8:4-5,6-7,8-9</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Rom 5:1-5</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Jn 16:12-15</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: 9:30 am	Second Mass: 9:30 am



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### LITURGICAL VESTMENTS

#### DALMATIC

The outer vestment worn by deacons during Mass. Unlike the chasuble, it has sleeves and opens at the sides, reaching below the knees. Typically, the color and decoration of the dalmatic will match (or be similar to) the chasuble worn by the priest.

#### CASSOCK

A black/white garment that reaches to the feet that buttons up the middle. When worn with the roman collar, it is a clerical garment, although in some places it may be worn by a server, master of ceremonies, or cantor without the roman collar. The cassock itself is not a vestment but is often worn underneath the alb. Colors other than black in a cassock denote office (for monsignors, bishops, cardinals, and popes). It can also be worn with a surplice, which is a white, large-sleeved, loose-fitting garment that reaches to the knees (looks like a cutoff alb).

#### COPE

A long semicircular cloak, usually richly ornamented, open in the front and fastened at the breast by a chain or clasp and reaching to the knees, this vestment is never worn during Mass but during other liturgical occasions by clergy.

#### HUMERAL VEIL

An oblong, rectangular cloth that is placed over the shoulders and clasps in front of the chest. It is used during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament or during the transfer of the Eucharist from one tabernacle to another.

## 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

## HAPPY PENTECOST SUNDAY



### THE COMFORTER HAS COME!

May you receive the fruits & gifts of the Spirit.

Vernie Sanctus Spiritus  
#BeLitForChrist

## CHANGES IN SUNDAY MASSES SCHEDULES

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

## MOTIVATION

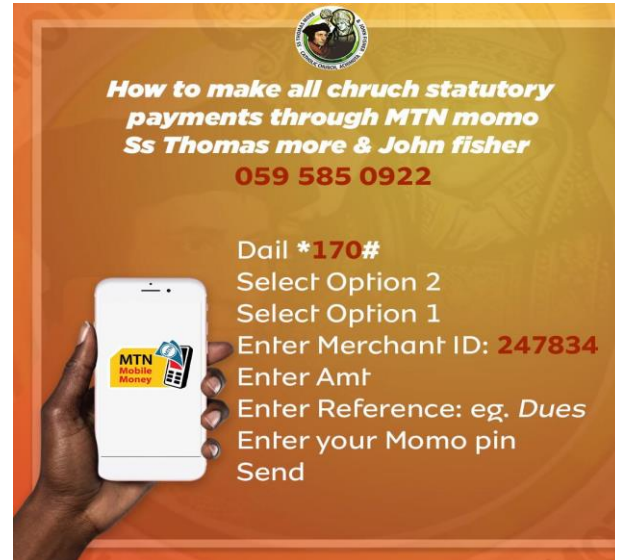
### THE OLD CARPENTER

A carpenter with years of experience was ready to retire. He communicated with his contractor about his plans to leave the house-building business to live a more leisurely retired life with his wife and family. The contractor felt a little upset that his excellent and experienced carpenter was leaving the job, but he requested the carpenter to build just one more house for him.

The carpenter agreed with the contractor, but his heart was not in his work like it used to be. He resorted to shoddy craftsmanship and used inferior materials for building the last house of his career. It was an unfortunate way to end his career. When the carpenter completed the house and the employer came to inspect the home.

He looked around the house, and just before he exited the house, he handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." This was a massive surprise to the carpenter. Although it was supposed to be a good surprise, he wasn't feeling good as he felt a deep shame inside him. If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in a home that wasn't built that well.

**Moral: Like the carpenter, we build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up with less rather than the best. Give your best. Your attitudes and the choices you make today will be your life tomorrow; build it wisely.**



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**Ss Thomas more & John fisher**  
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## YOUTH CORNER



**HOST DEANERY: KPEHE**

**FAITH DISCUSSIONS**  
IT'S TIME TO EXPLORE OUR FAITH  
**IS HERE AGAIN**

**JOIN US ON**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

**@St. Sylvanus Catholic Church**  
**Pokuase**

**6 - 8PM**

More information contact us  
**+233 54 989 3137**

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.

2. 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: Adoagyiri
  - Time: 7:00am – 2:00pm
- Contact: 0244993397 to be registered or at the Parish Offices. Transport, Breakfast & Lunch are free.

3. The STM & SJF Corporative Credit Union will hold its Annual General Meeting today 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at STM at 11:00 am.

4. As part of our Feast Day celebration programs there will be a Drama Concert by the Junior Club next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at SJF at 6:30pm. We are all entreated to participate fully.

## 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	STM MAY WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITION
SUNDAY	628.00	60.00	350.00	180.00	100.00	1,318.00	5 <sup>TH</sup>
MONDAY	1,527.00	-----	-----	-----	100.00	1,627.00	3 <sup>RD</sup>
TUESDAY	621.00	120.00	500.00	600.00	205.00	2,046.00	1 <sup>ST</sup>
WEDNESDAY	1,412.00	-----	-----	170.00	-----	1,582.00	4 <sup>TH</sup>
THURSDAY	1,460.00	100.00	120.00	100.00	-----	1,780.00	2 <sup>ND</sup>
FRIDAY	935.00	100.00	-----	-----	200.00	1,235.00	6 <sup>TH</sup>
SATURDAY	507.00	-----	50.00	20.00	-----	577.00	7 <sup>TH</sup>
MAY BORN	284.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	284.00	
TOTAL	7,374.00	380.00	1,020.00	1,070.00	605.00	10,449.00	

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	2,029.80
SECOND COLLECTION	1,623.80
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TOTAL	5,423.60

# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1	SJF MAY WEEK2	SJF MAY WEEK3	SJF MAY WEEK4	SJF MAY WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITION
SUNDAY	925.00	20.00	60.00	-----	100.00	1,105.00	7 <sup>TH</sup>
MONDAY	2,709.20	100.00	140.00	500.00	200.00	3,649.20	3 <sup>RD</sup>
TUESDAY	513.00	50.00	6,000.00	50.00	500.00	7,113.00	1 <sup>ST</sup>
WEDNESDAY	994.00	350.00	-----	-----	255.00	1,599.00	6 <sup>TH</sup>
THURSDAY	1,422.00	\$50	1,300.00	-----	-----	3,100.73	4 <sup>TH</sup>
FRIDAY	918.00	100.00	4,000.00	-----	-----	5,018.00	2 <sup>ND</sup>
SATURDAY	1,205.00	650.00	-----	-----	200.00	2,055.00	5 <sup>TH</sup>
MAY BORN	251.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	251.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,937.20</b>	<b>1,648.73</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>	<b>550.00</b>	<b>1255.00</b>	<b>23,890.93</b>	

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	2,757.50
SECOND COLLECTION	1,662.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,419.90</b>

**Foreign currency has been converted into cedis.**

**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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