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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23RD APRIL, 2023: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "RECOGNIZING JESUS"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33: Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
LORD, YOU WILL SHOW ME THE PATH OF LIFE.

Second Reading: 1Pt 1:17-21: You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading: Lk 24:13-35: Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

REFLECTION

In the disciples' story on their way to Emmaus, all elements of the celebration of the Eucharist are present. There is the entrance of the celebrant, then the Liturgy of the Word with the homily, and finally, 'the breaking of bread.' The disciples' eyes opened only at the time of the Eucharistic communion, and they realized that the Risen One was in their midst. But without the Word, they would not have come to discover the Lord in the Eucharistic bread. All must experience the encounter with the Risen One. In the communitarian celebration, they can contemplate him through the sacramental signs, but when they recognize him, he does not disappear, even if the physical eyes cannot see him. A final important element of this passage: the disciples on the road to Emmaus, as soon as they recognize the Lord, they rush to announce their discovery to their brothers and sisters and with them proclaim their faith: "The Lord is truly risen."

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 24TH APRIL, 2023 Easter Weekday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 Jn 6:22-29	Tue 25TH APRIL, 2023 St. Mark, Evangelist 1Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17 Mk 16:15-20
Wed 26TH APRIL, 2023 Easter Weekday Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-7 Jn 6:35-40	Thurs 27TH APRIL, 2023 Easter Weekday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17,29 Jn 6:44-51
Fri 28TH APRIL, 2023 Easter Weekday Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59	Sat 29TH APRIL, 2023 St. Catherine of Siena Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 2:14a,36-41
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 23:1-6
Second Reading	1Pt 2:20b-25
Gospel	Jn 10:1-10

Mass Schedule

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
First Mass: 7:00 AM	First Mass: 6:30 AM
Second Mass: 9:30AM	Second Mass: 9:30 AM



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Since all Christians have become by rebirth of water and the Holy Spirit a new creature so that they should be called and should be children of God, they have a right to a Christian education. A Christian education does not merely strive for the maturing of a human person as just now described, but has as its principal purpose this goal: that the baptized, while they are gradually introduced the knowledge of the mystery of salvation, become ever more aware of the gift of Faith they have received, and that they learn in addition how to worship God the Father in spirit and truth (cf. John 4:23) especially in liturgical action, and be conformed in their personal lives according to the new man created in justice and holiness of truth (Eph. 4:22-24); also that they develop into perfect manhood, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ (cf. Eph. 4:13) and strive for the growth of the Mystical Body; moreover, that aware of their calling, they learn not only how to bear witness to the hope that is in them (cf. Peter 3:15) but also how to help in the Christian formation of the world that takes place when natural powers viewed in the full consideration of man redeemed by Christ contribute to the good of the whole society. Wherefore this sacred synod recalls to pastors of souls their most serious obligation to see to it that all the faithful, but especially the youth who are the hope of the Church, enjoy this Christian education.

The Authors of Education

Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educators. This role in education is so important that only with difficulty can it be supplied where it is lacking. Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered. Hence the family is the first school of the social virtues that every society needs. It is particularly in the Christian family, enriched by the grace and office of the sacrament of matrimony, that children should be taught from their early years to have a knowledge of God according to the faith received in Baptism, to worship Him, and to love their neighbour. Here, too, they find their first experience of a wholesome human society and of the Church. Finally, it is through the family that they are gradually led to a companionship with their fellowmen and with the people of God. Let parents, then, recognize the inestimable importance a truly Christian family has for the life and progress of God's own people.

The family which has the primary duty of imparting education needs help of the whole community. In addition, therefore, to the rights of parents and others to whom the parents entrust a share in the work of education, certain rights and duties belong indeed to civil society, whose role is to direct what is required for the common temporal good. Its function is to promote the education of youth in many ways, namely: to protect the duties and rights of parents and others who share in education and to give them aid; according to the principle of subsidiarity, when the endeavours of parents and other societies are lacking, to carry out the work of education in accordance with the wishes of the parents; and, moreover, as the common good demands, to build schools and institutions.

Finally, in a special way, the duty of educating belongs to the Church, not merely because she must be recognized as a human society capable of educating, but especially because she has the responsibility of announcing the way of salvation to all men, of communicating the life of Christ to those who believe, and, in her unflinching solicitude, of assisting men to be able to come to the fullness of this life. The Church is bound as a mother to give to these children of hers an education by which their whole life can be imbued with the spirit of Christ and at the same time do all she can to promote for all peoples the complete perfection of the human person, the good of earthly society and the building of a world that is more human.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR LAND

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!



PRISONS Outreach

EVANGELIZATION THROUGH MUSIC
FT. SS THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER YOUTH CHOIR.

THEME:
ENLARGE THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT
ISAIAH 54:2

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023
NSAWAM PRISONS

DONATE TO **0595850922** (SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACCRA)
REFERENCE: PRISONS OUTREACH

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MOTIVATION

HAVING A BEST FRIEND

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand "Today my best friend slapped me in the face".

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone "Today my best friend saved my life".

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied "When someone hurts us we should write it down in the sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

Moral: *Do not value the things you have in your life. But value who you have in your life.*

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 told him how he started his with the 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are reminded to pay our Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund. Kindly check the notice board for more details. Those in arrears of Harvest Levy, and pledges are entreated to redeem them.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Akan Kuo of their visitation to **8** Wards in Achimota group B this month, and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus to **10** Wards in Kissehman in May.
- Our Parish evangelization and donations to the Nsawam Prisons as our Lenten Project this year comes off this Saturday **29th April, 2023**. We are therefore encouraged to support in cash and kind. There will be **song ministrations** by the **Youth Choir** to compliment the program. Kindly donate through: the Parish Secretariats, Lenten Project Boxes at the entrance of the church or Parish MoMo No: **059 585 0922** with Ref. **Nsawam Prisons**. We are also entreated to return the envelopes.
- The death is reported of **Mad. Philomina Tender** a member of the Alogboshie Community. Funeral details will be announced later.
- Funeral Arrangements:**
 - Mr. Francis Dilly Atanga Akabe** a member of the Achimota East West Abofu Com. is as follows:
 - Friday 5th May, 2023:** Pre-Burial Wake-keeping at the family house near STM Catholic Church, Achimota College.
 - Saturday 6th May, 2023:** Burial Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Achimota College at 8:00am.
 - Sunday 7th May, 2023:** Thanksgiving Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Achimota College at 9:30am.
 - Mr. Clement T. Zuolo** a member of the Amalgamated Community and Knights and Ladies of Marshall is as follows:
 - Saturday 13th May, 2023:** Pre-burial Mass: at 8:00am at St. John Fisher Catholic Church, New Achimota.
 - Friday 19th May, 2023:** Laying In state at Lawra-Tongoh, Upper West Region.
 - Saturday 20th May, 2023:** Traditional Morning, burial and funeral rites at Lawra-Tongoh.
 - Sunday 21st May, 2023:** Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00am at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church at Babile-Lawra.
 - Sunday 11th June, 2023:** Final Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30am at St. John Fisher Catholic Church, New Achimota.

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 APR. WEEK1	STM APR. WEEK2	STM APR. WEEK3
SUNDAY	902.50	-----	1.00
MONDAY	1041.50	-----	20.50
TUESDAY	1469.00	10.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	763.00	-----	-----
THURSDAY	341.00	-----	100.00
FRIDAY	775.00	220.00	40.00
SATURDAY	444.00	20.00	-----
APR. BORN	329.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	6065.00	250.00	161.50

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM APR. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2443.10
SECOND COLLECTION	1415.50
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	780.00
TITHE	100.00
TOTAL	4738.60


FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF APR. WEEK1	SJF APR. WEEK2	SJF APR. WEEK3
SUNDAY	1493.00	40.00	500.00
MONDAY	3643.50	-----	-----
TUESDAY	1053.00	-----	-----
WEDNESDAY	1277.00	-----	211.00
THURSDAY	1361.50	115.00	-----
FRIDAY	2219.5+500CF A	4650.00	50.00
SATURDAY	1467.00	1600.00	50.00
APR. BORNS	724.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	13248.00	6405.00	811.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF APR. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3233.00
SECOND COLLECTION	1762.20
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	105.00
TITHE	300.00
TOTAL	5400.20

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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