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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**11TH JUNE, 2023: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST OR CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY,
YEAR A.**

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE"

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Today's Readings

First Reading: Deut 8:2-3,14b-16a: Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

□ JERUSALEM, GLORIFY THE LORD!

Second Reading: 1Cor 10:16-17: Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Jn 6:51-58: Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

Reflection

Jesus emphasizes his claim as the 'Bread of life' when he feeds and teaches the multitude. We must understand Jesus' claim in three essential features. First, that the Eucharist is sacrificial, a bread given for the life of the world. Secondly, the flesh is to be eaten and the blood drunk. The Greek word uses *trogo*, laying emphasis on the physical act of eating. Thirdly, by referring to the last day and living for ever, Jesus underlines the necessity of the Eucharist for eternal life. It is a sacrament not only for the needs of the present life, but also for the world to come. Finally, the Eucharist gives a share in the life of the Father. Through it, the life that the Son has from the Father is passed on by the Son to the believer.

Weekly Readings

Mon 12TH JUNE, 2023 Tenth Week in Ordinary Time 2Cor 1:1-7 Ps 34:1-8 Mt 12:1-12	Tue 13TH JUNE, 2023 St. Anthony of Padua 2Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129-133,135 Mt 5:13-16
Wed 14TH JUNE, 2023 2Cor 3:4-11 Ps 99:5-9 Mt 5:17-19	Thurs 15TH JUNE, 2023 2Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6 Ps 84:9-14 Mt 5:20-26
Fri 16TH JUNE, 2023 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Deut 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,10 1Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	Sat 17TH JUNE, 2023 The Immaculate Heart of Mary 2Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 2:41-51

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Ex 19:2-6a
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 100:1-3,5
Second Reading	Rom 5:6-11
Gospel	Mt 9:36-10:8

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



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THE EUCHARIST AND APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

– by *Wisdom K. Asare*

The early Christians had no doubts about how to determine which was the true church and which doctrines were the true teachings of Christ. The test was simply a trace of the apostolic succession of the claimants.

The essential reference to the Apostles was the grounds for authority for any claim. The creed confesses belief in the apostolicity of the church, not regarding doctrine alone, but also the praxis in the ministry of the church. By claiming apostolicity, the church traces her foundations and mission to the Apostles, chosen and commissioned by Jesus with the mandate to be custodians and communicators of what He (Jesus) taught and did. Thus, the church establishes ‘the apostolicity of both doctrine and ministry, as well as the duty of all members of the church to maintain the link to the apostles through service and witness to the gospel’ (Nickoloff, 2007). The essay explains how this claim of the church has impacted the Eucharistic ministry, with the view that, the Eucharistic ministry is essentially the ministry of Christ, for, “at the Last Supper, on the night when He was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of His Body and Blood” (SC. n.47).

In the Catholic Teaching on Apostolic Succession, CTAS (1973), the church teaches that Christ did not only teach, so that apostolicity could be attributed solely to doctrine, but He instituted “a ministry for the establishment, animation and maintenance of this priesthood of Christians” (Chap. II, n.3), of which the first foundations of this ministry were laid when he called the Twelve. More so, the document explains this apostolicity of faith, doctrine and ministry to be received “in the visible community of the Church” (Chap. V, par. 2) and transmitted “through ordination, including a rite with a visible sign and the invocation of God (epiklesis) to grant to the ordinand the gift of his Holy Spirit and the powers that are needed for the accomplishment of his task” (par. 4). Thus, apostolic succession “bespeaks a relationship between the apostles and the episcopacy” (Macdonald, 2011), the bishops who being successors of the Apostles, are ‘sharers in Christ’ consecration and mission’ (Presbyterorum Ordinis. n.2).

I propose for understanding a dual look at what the Eucharistic ministry means. The Eucharistic ministry should be understood, as both a celebration and doctrine; just as Fulton Sheen (1962) suggests: “the Sacrament of the Eucharist has two sides – it is both a sacrifice and a sacrament.” The Eucharist is essentially the work of Christ on the cross, the ultimate sacrifice of love, an action which he foreshadowed by sacrament (the breaking of bread) on Holy Thursday.

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This action was done before the Apostles, who have the mandate to perpetuate this sacramental sacrifice; “Do this in memory of me” (Lk. 22:19). This action is the celebration aspect of the Eucharistic ministry, for the sacrifice is essentially a celebration of thanksgiving (eucharistein). Secondly, Jesus deemed it fit to precede the bloody sacrifice, by the unbloody sacrament – indicative of his true and real presence, one by which one is immediately introduced to the idea of the sacrifice (Sheen, 1962). This sacramentality is what the Apostles are to be custodians of, communicating and teaching it as the true sacrament of salvation. Michael Schmaus (1975, p.5) observes that, “the sacraments are primarily orientated towards the future”, hence the Eucharistic faith is to be taught, transmitted and guarded as pointing towards the future, salvation in Christ. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the salvific character of the Eucharist, is the true doctrine propagated by the Apostles and their successors through time.

Therefore, just as a sacrifice always requires action (celebration), a sacrament requires explanation (teaching of doctrine); and who better truly celebrate the sacrifice and explain what the sacrifice means in sacrament, than those who were eyewitnesses (Apostles) as well as their successors (the bishops who follow an uninterrupted line of succession by ordination from the Apostles and sharing in their ministry).

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

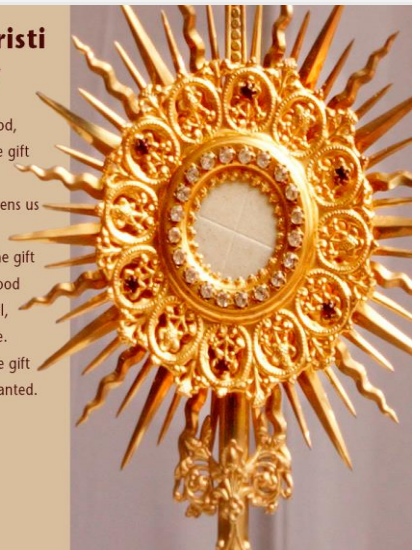
Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift
of your life
and the way it strengthens us
to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.

May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted.

Amen.



UPCOMING EVENT

➤ FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

➤ SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

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MOTIVATION

BUILDING YOUR HOUSE

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business to live a more leisurely life with his wife and enjoy his extended family. He would miss the paycheck each week, but he wanted to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor.

The carpenter said yes, but over time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior material. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work, his employer came to inspect the house. Then he handed the front-door key to the carpenter and said, "This is your house... my gift to you." The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall.

Someone once said, *"Life is a do-it-yourself project." Your attitude, and the choices you make today, helps build the "house" you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, build wisely!*

YOUTH CORNER

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP - Part 2

Firstly, governments need to invest in building an entrepreneurial ecosystem. By that, we mean there need to be deliberate attempts to fashion out and improve hard and soft infrastructure that makes doing business relatively easy for young people and businesses. That includes ensuring easy registration of business entities, tax reliefs, and nuanced taxes, reducing inflation rates, developing efficient digital systems, and crafting policies that protect local businesses against international markets. The environment for doing business must be friendly for these businesses to have a chance at thriving. Also, it is a good time for governments to roll out intensive education on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCTA) and its benefits.

Furthermore, governments need to review funding policies and strategies. Arguably, accessing finance is a big challenge to most businesses in Africa. Thus, it is even more difficult for young people to do so as they are more likely to have low credit ratings. We suggest that governments set aside a quota of budgets to fund young businesses every year. This money could be through already existing state institutions in charge of youth affairs. Also, it could be through the organization of yearly business challenges opened to young people.

To be continued

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.
2. **Friday 17th June, 2023 is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be Morning Masses at both STM & SJF at 6:15am.**
3. The Young Christian Workers Movement will like to invite parishioners to their yearly Retreat this Saturday 17th June, 2023 at SJF at 9:00am. Theme: The Lord Our Provider (Phil 4:16-19) Speaker: Rev. Fr. Dominic-Maximilian Ofori.
4. **Meetings:**
 - The Christian Mothers Association will also have their monthly meeting next Sunday 18th June, 2023 here at STM after the 9:30am Mass.
 - The New Achimota Kopevi Akweteyman Community & Achimota Town will have their monthly meeting next Sunday 18th June, 2023 here at SJF after the 9:30am Mass.
5. **Marriage Banns: 1st Publication between:**
 - Stephen Ecklu-Mensah, son of Mr. Emmanuel Mensah Kwame & Matilda Kwame. And Joyce Adjei, daughter of Atsu Senanu Adjei & Esiwonam Dzakpata.
 - Dr. Stephen Dziedzorm Daduglor, son of John Mensah & Juliana Aklamakpe. And Amanda Senam Adwoa Ntow, daughter of Dr. Stephen Ntow & Elizabeth Agbozo.
 - Winston Appo, son of Kwesi Appo & Esther Mawusi. And Alice De-Graft Mends, Daughter of Eric De-graft Mends & Sylvia De-Graft Mends.
5. **Death Report:**
 - Mr. Michael Malm, a member of the Alogboshie Community and father of Justin Malm of the Main Choir. Funeral details will be announced later.
 - Mr. Alfred Commodore, father of Dr. Naa Merley Ahiawor of the Amalgamated and Ladies Auxillary of KSJI. 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 JUNE WEEK1
SUNDAY	880.40
MONDAY	3424.50
TUESDAY	1598.00
WEDNESDAY	992.00
THURSDAY	404.80
FRIDAY	1034.50
SATURDAY	930.00
JUNE BORN	143.00
TOTAL	9407.20

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JUNE WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2292.50
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	1150.00
TITHE	2360.00
TOTAL	5802.50

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JUNE WEEK1
SUNDAY	1722.00
MONDAY	1121.20+£50
TUESDAY	2020.00
WEDNESDAY	573.00
THURSDAY	1500.00
FRIDAY	6531.20
SATURDAY	3382.50
JUNE BORN	517.00
TOTAL	17971.90

SUNDAY	SJF JUNE WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	3944.10 +£20
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	280.00
TITHE	5445.00
TOTAL	9950.70

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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