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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11TH FEBRUARY, 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"EMBRACING COMPASSION AND SOLIDARITY"**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46: The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)

YOU ARE A HIDING PLACE FOR ME; YOU SURROUND ME WITH CRIES OF DELIVERANCE.

Second Reading: 1Cor 10:31--11:1: Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:40-45: Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

REFLECTION

On this Sunday, as we commemorate the "World Day for the Sick," the Holy Father directs our focus to the centrality of the sick, the vulnerable, and the poor within the Church. It is imperative that we extend love and care to them, refusing to abandon their needs. In Mark 1:40-45, Jesus, moved by compassion for a leper, promptly reached out to him, declaring, "I am willing. Be clean." From this, we glean two crucial lessons: the importance of swift and earnest assistance to the sick, and the necessity of avoiding false promises beyond our capacity to fulfill. Just as Jesus fulfilled His pledge to the leper, we should offer tangible support or, at the very least, uphold them in prayer. Additionally, let us guide and uplift the sick, mitigating feelings of vulnerability that might lead to desperate actions. May our sacrifices in attending to their needs be perceived as acts of charity rather than burdensome obligations.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 12TH FEBRUARY, 2024 Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76 Mk 8:11-13	Tue 13TH FEBRUARY, 2024 Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wed 14TH FEBRUARY, 2024 ASH WEDNESDAY Joel 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6,12-13,14,17 2Cor 5:20--6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18	Thurs 15TH FEBRUARY, 2024 Deut 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25
Fri 16TH FEBRUARY, 2024 Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6,18-19 Mt 9:14-15	Sat 17TH FEBRUARY, 2024 Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Readings for Next Sunday 1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT	
First Reading	Gen 9:8-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading	1Pt 3:18-22
Gospel	Mk 1:12-15

Mass Schedule for Next Sunday	
<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
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

MASS CELEBRATION: UNDERSTANDING IT SO YOU CAN JOIN IN THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Continued from last week)

Our Response to the Invitation of the Presider.

We respond to the invitation of the presider by asking God to accept the sacrifice that we offer at the hands of the priest. We then ask for specific benefits from the sacrifice that is being offered. Specifically, we ask:

That the Lord accept this sacrifice

For the praise of God's name, For our good, For the good of all God's people.

It is good to spend a few moments reflecting on the posture of this response. We stand in response to the priest's invitation but we approach God tentatively, asking Him to accept our sacrifice, for the praise of His name (as we are Him to accept our sacrifice, for the praise of His name (as we are His creation), that it might be for our salvation and the salvation of all. It is a prayer we should say with much reflection.

Prayer over the gifts.

All of these prayers are now gathered by the presider in a prayer that takes to heart the special circumstances of the day and asks God again to accept the gifts that we offer Him in faith through our Lord Jesus Christ. We respond with an "Amen!"

Now we may miss out ourselves, by sometimes being too used to the ritual of the Mass and not noticing the momentous event that this simple start signifies. May God enliven in us a deep sense of His desire to come and to "stay with us"

Opportunity for Spiritual Growth.

Give of yourself at every Mass you attend. Be a good steward of all that God has given you:

Use your voice to praise Him and answer the prayers meaningfully. Use your voice to sing with the congregation

Use your body to reverence God by genuflecting, standing, beating your breast, and sitting, making the sign of the cross, bowing, and kneeling.

Give generously in the collection, giving back to God's Church some of what you have received.

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.

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| St. Thomas More..... | Pray for us |
| St. John Fisher..... | Pray for us |
| All you Angels and Saints | Pray for us |

UPCOMING SEASON



ASH WEDNESDAY 2024



14th February, 2024

6:15am & 7:00pm
at both
STM & SJF



How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo

Ss Thomas more & John Fisher

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Select Option 1

Enter Merchant ID: **247834**

Enter Amt

Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*

Enter your Momo pin

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MOTIVATION

A VERY SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT

Let's say you had a bank account that deposited GH¢86,400 every morning. However, the account carries over no balance from day to day; doesn't allow you to keep a cash balance; and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you didn't use during the day. What would you do?

Probably draw out every dollar every day! We all have this bank—it is called Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

The Moral: *There is no such thing as borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have. Just as it is with money, time management is yours to decide how you spend it.*

YOUTH CORNER

THE PYC WOULD
LIKE TO CALL
FOR WRITERS
FOR THE
YOUTH CORNER.
INTERESTED
PERSONS
SHOULD
CONTACT AMA
ON *0578041989*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are reminded and encouraged to pay our Harvest levy of **GH¢100** per Adult, **GH¢50** per working Youth and **GH¢20** per child. Those in arrears of Harvest Levy, and pledges are entreated to redeem them and also fulfill all other Church Financial Obligations. (e.g., Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund).
2. **This Wednesday 14th January, 2024 is Ash Wednesday. There will Morning and evening Masses at both STM and SJF at 6:15am and 7:00pm respectively.**
3. **During the Season of Lent, we shall have Stations of the Cross and mass on Fridays at 7.00pm at both STM and SJF.**
4. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Christian Mothers Association of their visits to Achimota Group B this month.
5. **Meetings:**
 - The Young Christian Workers will have their monthly meeting next Sunday 18th February here at STM after the 7:00am Mass
 - The Christian Mothers Association will also have their meeting next Sunday 18th February here at STM after the 9:30am Mass. Members are reminded to bring offertory for the Mass.
 - The New Achimota Kopevi Akweteyman Achimota Town Community will have their monthly meeting next Sunday 18th February, 2023 here at SJF after 9:30am.
6. The Legacy of Hope Team will visit our parish next Sunday to raise funds for the hospital project.
7. We are reminded to bring our old Palm Fronds to the Parish Offices by the close of tomorrow Monday 12th February, 2024.

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 FEB. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1060.00
MONDAY	2156.50
TUESDAY	1345.50
WEDNESDAY	1592.50
THURSDAY	1012.50
FRIDAY	1031.00
SATURDAY	608.20
FEB. BORN	210.00
TOTAL	9016.20

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM FEB. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2983.50
TITHE	310.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	720.00
TOTAL	4013.50

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF FEB. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1287.70
MONDAY	2522.00
TUESDAY	2184.00
WEDNESDAY	713.50
THURSDAY	3420.00
FRIDAY	6804.30
SATURDAY	3513.00+\$1 0
FEB. BORNS	162.00
TOTAL	20730.20

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF FEB. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	4554.90
TITHE	150.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	750.00
TOTAL	4554.90

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy?



Adult - 100.00
Youth - 50.00
Kids - 20.00 or more



Payments can be made through
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