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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

31ST MARCH, 2024: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **CHRIST'S RESURRECTION ESTABLISHES THAT HE IS TRULY GOD.**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43: Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE IN IT AND BE GLAD.

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-9: Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

REFLECTION

On this significant day in the life of the church, Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over death. His resurrection, accomplished through the redeeming power of His blood, dispels the darkness of sin that once overshadowed humanity. As Catholics, we celebrate this occasion with profound joy, steadfast in our belief in the power of our Lord. We must not overlook the significance of Mary Magdalene's initial doubt and fear. However, we must also recognize that she momentarily forgot the authority of the man she loved and believed in—Jesus, who possesses power over all, including death and sin. Upon discovering the empty tomb and witnessing the stone rolled away, Mary's initial reaction was one of sadness and confusion, prompting her to inform the other disciples. In contrast to Mary's initial reaction, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus should mirror that of the disciple John. Having personally witnessed the evidence of Christ's absence from the tomb, John's belief transcended mere affection for his Lord. He embraced the prophecy of Jesus' resurrection with unwavering faith. As we commemorate Easter, let us reflect on the profound significance of Christ's resurrection. Our proclamation and faith in Him are not in vain, for His triumph over death assures us of eternal hope and redemption.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 1ST APRIL, 2024 Octave of Easter Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15	Tue 2ND APRIL, 2024 Octave of Easter Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18
Wed 3RD APRIL, 2024 Octave of Easter Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35	Thurs 4TH APRIL, 2024 Octave of Easter Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Good Fri 5TH APRIL, 2024 Octave of Easter Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27 Jn 21:1-14	Sat 6TH APRIL, 2024 Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-21 Mk 16:9-15

Readings for Next Sunday		DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
First Reading	Acts 4:32-35	
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:2-4, 13-15,22-24	
Second Reading	1Jn 5:1-6	
Gospel	Jn 20:19-31	

Mass Schedule for Next Sunday	
St. Thomas More	St. John Fisher
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

EASTER IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Many people think that Christmas is the most important day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, but from the earliest days of the Church, Easter has been considered the central Christian feast. As Saint Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." Without Easter—without the Resurrection of Christ—there would be no Christian Faith. Christ's Resurrection is the proof of His Divinity.

Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast; Easter Sunday symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through His Death, Christ destroyed our bondage to sin; through His Resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life, both in Heaven and on earth. His own prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven," begins to be fulfilled on Easter Sunday.

That is why new converts are traditionally brought into the Church through **the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion)** at the Easter Vigil service, on **Holy Saturday** evening. Their **baptism** parallels Christ's own Death and Resurrection, as they die to sin and rise to new life in the Kingdom of God.

What Is the Easter Duty?

Most Catholics today receive **Holy Communion** each time they go to **Mass**, but that wasn't always the case. In fact, for a variety of reasons, many Catholics in the past very rarely received the **Eucharist**. Therefore, **the Catholic Church made it a requirement** for all Catholics to receive Communion at least once per year, during the Easter season. The Church also urges the faithful to receive the **Sacrament of Confession** in preparation for Easter Communion, though you're only required to go to Confession if you have committed a mortal sin. This reception of the Eucharist is a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God. Of course, we should receive Communion as frequently as possible; this "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum requirement set by the Church.

Just as Easter is the most important Christian holiday, so, too, the Easter season is the longest of the special liturgical seasons of the Church. It extends all the way to **Pentecost Sunday**, the 50th day after Easter, and encompasses such major feasts as **Divine Mercy Sunday** and **Ascension**.

In fact, Easter sends ripples out through the liturgical calendar even after the Easter season ends. **Trinity Sunday** and the feast of **Corpus Christi**, which both fall after Pentecost, are "moveable feasts," which means that their date in any given year depends on

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.

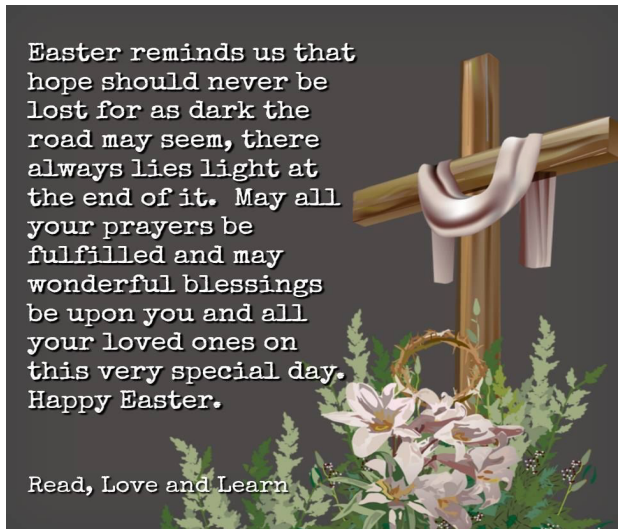
We humbly beseech you to help us win back our Land in this dispute. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and the evil plans of our adversaries.

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 |

HAPPY EASTER SUNDAY



Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.

Read, Love and Learn

WE ARE REMINDED AND ENTREATED TO RETURN THE LENTEN CHARITY PROJECT ENVELOPES.

GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU



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Ss Thomas more & John Fisher

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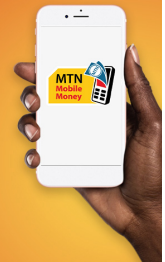
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MOTIVATION

WHAT A WASTE

A mother camel and her baby were lying down, soaking up the sun. The baby camel asked his mom, "Why do we have these big bumps on our backs?" The mom stopped to think and then said, "We live in the desert where there is not much water available. Our humps store water to help us survive on long journeys."

The baby camel then stopped to think and said, "Well, why do we have long legs with rounded feet?" His mother replied, "They are meant to help us walk through the sand." The baby asked a third question, "Why are my eyelashes so long?" The mother replied, "Your long eyelashes offer you protection from sand when it blows in the wind."

Finally, the baby said, "If we have all of these natural abilities given to us to walk through the desert, what's the use for camels in the Zoo?"

Moral: The skills and abilities that you possess won't be useful if you're not in the right environment.

YOUTH CORNER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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).
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the St. Raphael (Francophone Community) of their visits to Alogboshie Group A this Month and The Holy Family Akan Kuo to Alogboshie Group B in April.
- On Saturday 6th April we shall have Grotto devotion at SJF at 4:00 pm. Come and let's seek the maternal intercession of our Lady of Grace for the new month. In attendance will be the Main Choir and the Mashallans will lead us in the praying of the Rosary.
- Funeral Arrangements:**
 - The Funeral details of the late **Mad. Felicia Amegatse**, Mother of Mr. Samuel Vidza, a member of the Ave Maria Singing Group is as follows:
 - Friday 5th April 2024: Wake keeping in the Family House at Hohoe (Volta Region) opposite the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.
 - Saturday 6th April 2024: Laying-in-State & Burial Mass at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Hohoe Gborxome at 8:00
 - Sunday 7th April 2024: Thanksgiving Mass at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Hohoe Gborxome at 9:30 am.
 - The Funeral details of the late **Mad. Mary Akua Atiso**, a member of the Alogboshie Community is as follows:
 - Friday 12th April 2024: Wake keeping at her residence at Alogboshie.
 - Saturday 13th April 2024: Burial Mass at the SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church at 8:00 am
 - Sunday 14th April 2024: Thanksgiving Mass at the SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church at 9:30 am.
- The One Week Celebration of the Late John Ekow Banafu Hackman is as follows:
 - Saturday 6th April, 2024; Mass at SJF at 8.00am
 - Attire: Black

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 MAR. WEEK1	STM MAR. WEEK2	STM MAR. WEEK3	STM MAR. WEEK4
SUNDAY	955.00	-----	-----	-----
MONDAY	2595.00	100.00	-----	-----
TUESDAY	1392.00	770.00	-----	30.00
WEDNESDAY	1390.50	-----	100.00	20.00
THURSDAY	1143.00	-----	-----	5.00
FRIDAY	1321.00	20.00	20.00	-----
SATURDAY	341.50	-----	500.00	-----
MAR. BORN	95.00	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	9233.00	890.00	620.00	55.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAR. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	3507.00
SECOND COLLECTION	1580.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	150.00
TOTAL	5237.00

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAR. WEEK1	SJF MAR. WEEK2	SJF MAR. WEEK3	SJF MAR. WEEK4
SUNDAY	1072.00	200.00	10.00	-----
MONDAY	3850.50	-----	-----	-----
TUESDAY	1987.00	5.00	-----	-----
WEDNESDAY	691.00	100.00	-----	-----
THURSDAY	2010.00	-----	-----	100.00
FRIDAY	7212.00	50.00	200.00	-----
SATURDAY	1441.00	800.00	-----	-----
MAR. BORNS	550.00	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	18813.50	1155.00	210.00	100.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF MAR. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	5561.90
SECOND COLLECTION	3410.70
TITHE	30.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	350.00
31 ST DEC. ENV.	40.00
TOTAL	9392.60

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



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PARISH

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Adult	-	100.00
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