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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7TH APRIL, 2024: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B (OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"TRUST IN THE DIVINE MERCY OF GOD."**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35: The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS MERCY ENDURES FOR EVER.

Second Reading: 1Jn 5:1-6: Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-31: Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

REFLECTION

Today, on the second Sunday of Easter, the Church commemorates "Divine Mercy Sunday," acknowledging God's abundant mercy and compassion for humanity, manifested through His son's redemptive work. Out of His unmerited Divine Mercy for His disciples and humanity, who had betrayed Him, Jesus appeared to the fearful disciples, granting them peace to calm their anxieties (John 20:19-31). Likewise, our trust and devotion to Divine Mercy not only bring us peace but also provide comfort in times of suffering and inspire forgiveness when we are hurt, as well as the courage to seek forgiveness from others. Moreover, our continuous trust in Divine Mercy leads to growth in faith, exemplified by the transformation of Thomas from doubt to unwavering faith when Jesus revealed His wounds to him. Let us seize the opportunity to seek His divine mercy and approach Him for help in all aspects of our lives.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 8TH APRIL, 2024 Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14;8:10 Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9,10,11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38	Tue 9TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15
Wed 10TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9 Jn 3:16-21	Thurs 11TH APRIL, 2024 St. Stanislaus Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-18,19-20 Jn 3:31-36
Fri 12TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15	Sat 13TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 Jn 6:16-21

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 3:13-15,17-19
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 4:2,4,7-8,9
Second Reading	1Jn 2:1-5A
Gospel	Lk 24:35-48

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

EASTER IS AN EIGHT DAY FEAST

Since the Second Vatican Council and the Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year, the Church has been emphasizing the importance of celebrating the entire 8 days of Easter as solemnities, the highest form of celebration possible. Still, some persist in their ignorance.

There seems to be a reluctance on the part of many to emphasize that the celebration of Easter spans a full eight days; from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday. These eight days are called the Octave of Easter and the final day is called the Octave Day.

For many years, prior to the Second Vatican Council, there had been an incorrect movement to suppress the importance of the First Sunday after Easter. Slowly but surely, the light is beginning to shine. Several factors are helping to shine this light. They come from different Church documents, Church traditions, and some from the revelations that Our Lord has given to the Church from His prophet St. Faustina.

From the Old Testament, we learn first about the importance of extended celebrations. Many of the most important feasts that our ancestors celebrated, spanned anywhere from seven to ten days. The feast that most resembles the 8-day celebration of Easter is the Feast of Tabernacles.

The Gospel accounts that are read on Easter Sunday (John 20:1-9), and the following Sunday (John 20:19-31), span a one-day and an eight-day period. The Gospel that is read on Easter Sunday recalls the Resurrection that occurred in the morning and the first part of the Gospel for the following Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter, recalls what happened on the evening of that day. The last part of that second Sunday's Gospel recalls what happened on the next Sunday.

After years of study about the feast that Jesus requested to be established on the Sunday after Easter as the "Feast of Mercy", we can easily see His reasoning. After years of study, it is quite evident that Jesus was "right on target". Hence Aren't the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist, the Sacraments of Divine Mercy?

To understand look at the Divine Mercy image that Jesus wants to be venerated on the Feast of Mercy. It is the image of Jesus walking into the Upper Room on the day of the Resurrection and also walking in again on the following Sunday which happened to be the eighth after His resurrection when He showed His wounds to Thomas emphasizing His Divine Mercy.

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 |

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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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MOTIVATION

DON'T HOLD BACK

There was once a company whose CEO was very strict and often disciplined the workers for their mistakes or perceived lack of progress. One day, as the employees came into work, they saw a sign on the door that read, "Yesterday, the person who has been holding you back from succeeding in this company passed away. Please gather for a funeral service in the assembly room."

While the employees were saddened for the family of their CEO, they were also intrigued at the prospect of being able to now move up within the company and become more successful." Upon entering the assembly room, many employees were surprised to see the CEO was, in fact, present. They wondered among themselves, "If it wasn't him who was holding us back from being successful, who was it? Who has died?"

One by one, the employees approached the coffin, and upon looking inside, each was quite surprised. They didn't understand what they saw. In the coffin, there was simply a mirror. So when each employee looked in to find out who had been "holding them back from being successful" everyone saw themselves. Next to the mirror, there was a sign that read: The only person who can limit your growth is *you*.

The Moral: *You can't blame anyone else if you're not living up to your potential*

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. Those who have pledged for the Legacy of Hope Project are reminded and entreated to redeem them.
3. Tomorrow, Monday 8th April, 2024 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. We shall have Morning Mass at SJF at 6:15am and Evening Mass at STM at 7:00pm.
4. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Holy Family Akan Kuo of their visits to Alogboshie Group B this month.
5. **Funeral Arrangements:**
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.

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	STM MAR. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	955.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	955.00	6 TH
MONDAY	2595.00	100.00	-----	-----	300.00	2995.00	1 ST
TUESDAY	1392.00	770.00	-----	30.00	10.00	2202.00	2 ND
WEDNESDAY	1390.50	-----	100.00	20.00	5.00	1515.50	3 RD
THURSDAY	1143.00	-----	-----	5.00	-----	1148.00	4 TH
FRIDAY	1321.00	20.00	20.00	-----	-----	1361.00	5 TH
SATURDAY	341.50	-----	500.00	-----	100.00	941.50	7 TH
MAR. BORNS	95.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	95.00	
TOTAL	9233.00	890.00	620.00	55.00	415.00	11213.00	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAR. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	4001.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1962.20
TITHE	100.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	2040.00
TOTAL	8104.10

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAR. WEEK1	SJF MAR. WEEK2	SJF MAR. WEEK3	SJF MAR. WEEK4	SJF MAR. WEEK5	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1072.00	200.00	10.00	-----	-----	1282.00	6 TH
MONDAY	3850.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	3850.50	2 ND
TUESDAY	1987.00	5.00	-----	-----	10.00	2002.00	5 TH
WEDNESDAY	691.00	100.00	-----	-----	-----	791.00	7 TH
THURSDAY	2010.00	-----	-----	100.00	100.00	2210.00	4 TH
FRIDAY	7212.00	50.00	200.00	-----	30.00	7492.00	1 ST
SATURDAY	1441.00	800.00	-----	-----	20.00	2261.00	3 RD
MAR. BORN	550.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	550.00	
TOTAL	18813.50	1155.00	210.00	100.00	160.00	20018.50	

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF MAR. WEEK5
MAIN COLLECTION	8387.50
SECOND COLLECTION	5677.20
TITHE	300.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	100.00
TOTAL	14464.70

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH.

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy?

Adult - 100.00
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