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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14TH APRIL, 2024: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE RISEN LORD AS A CATHOLIC?"

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19: Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE ON US, O LORD.

Second Reading: 1Jn 2:1-5a: Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading: Lk 24:35-48: Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

REFLECTION

As faithful Catholics, how deeply do we understand the risen Lord, given our years of devotion? In today's Gospel, we are reminded of the disciples' initial inability to recognize the Lord, only to later come to know and believe in Him through the breaking of the bread. This sacred act, a mystery we encounter in the Mass, should prompt us to reflect on whether it has indeed strengthened our connection with the Lord, as it is intended to do. Similarly, when some disciples doubted and questioned whether they were seeing a spirit rather than the glorified body of the Lord, their disbelief was dispelled when He shared a meal with them. This echoes the experience of the two disciples who first encountered the risen Lord. From this, we learn that the most profound way to know, believe in, and dispel doubts about the risen Lord is through the Mass, where we are given all we need to understand Him. The Mass stands as the source and summit of our spiritual lives as Catholics. Therefore, let us make a conscious effort to actively participate in Mass, so that we may deepen our knowledge and connection with the Lord.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 15TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 Jn 6:22-29	Tue 16TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 7:51--8:1a Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17,21 Jn 6:30-35
Wed 17TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-7 Jn 6:35-40	Thurs 18TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20 Jn 6:44-51
Fri 19TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-12 Jn 6:52-59	Sat 20TH APRIL, 2024 Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Acts 11:1-18
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Second Reading	1Jn 3:1-2
Gospel	Jn 10:11-18

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

THE EASTER SEASON LASTS 50 DAYS

Easter lasts for a total of 50 days, from Easter Sunday until the **Feast of Pentecost**, when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Christ. This year, 2024, Easter was on March 31 and runs until Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

- **Easter explained**

The entire Easter season lasts 50 days and includes the solemnity of the Ascension of Christ, which falls on the 40th day of Easter, and ends with Pentecost, which is derived from the Greek word “pentecoste,” meaning “50th.”

Ascensiontide begins the evening before the Ascension, with the first vespers of the feast, and ends the afternoon of the vigil of Pentecost — marking the first novena. There is seven full weeks after Easter Sunday! Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty (the requirement to receive Communion at least once during the Easter season),

“The 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday,’”. “These are the days above all others in which the ‘Alleluia’ is sung.” “It celebrates Jesus’ victory of sin and death and salvation for mankind

- **In the Traditional Roman Rite**

In the traditional form of the Roman rite, Easter is known properly as Paschaltide, which includes three parts: the season of Easter, Ascensiontide, and the octave of Pentecost. It thus lasts one week longer than the Easter season in the calendar of the Missal of St. Paul VI.

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.

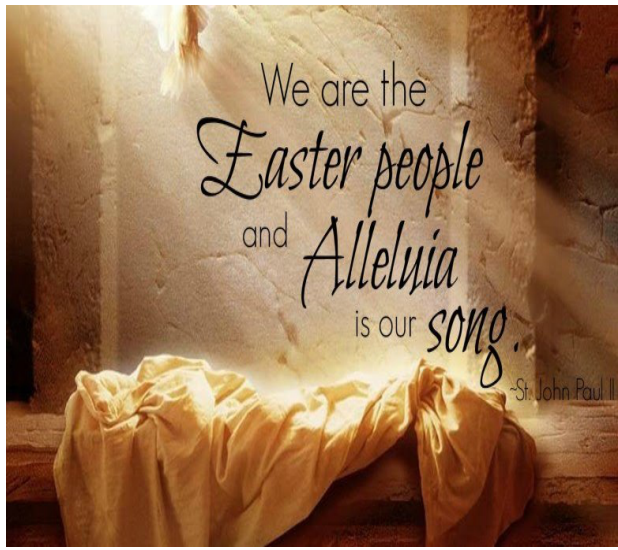
We humbly beseech you to help us win back our Land in this dispute. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and the evil plans of our adversaries.

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 |

SEASON OF EASTER



THANKSGIVING MASS

The Parish Priest, Very Rev. Fr. George Obeng Appah and the Amuzu family extend a special invitation to you for *The Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass Celebration of* Rev. Sr. Mary Micheline Claudia Amuzu, HDR

APRIL
SUNDAY 28 09:00 AM
2024

ST. THOMAS MORE & ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH ACHIMOTA NEAR KOKDAM HOTEL
RSVP: MRS MENYAWOYOR 0201655102/ 0243672282



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MOTIVATION

A DISH OF ICE CREAM

A 10-year-old boy entered an ice cream shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

The boy asked, "How much is an ice cream sundae?" "50 cedis," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket which had several coins in it.

"How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he asked. "35 cedis," she replied impatiently. The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have a plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table, and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier, and left. When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then was surprised at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cedis – her tip. The boy had enough money for a sundae, but he had ordered plain ice cream so he could leave her a tip.

The Moral: *In a world that constantly tells us we need to have more, it's important to be reminded of the power of a person's generosity.*

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).
- Those who have pledged for the Legacy of Hope Project are reminded and entreated to redeem them.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Holy Family Akan Kuo of their visits to Alogboshie Group B this month.
- The Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass of our daughter, Rev. Sr. Mary Micheline Claudia Amuzu as a Religious Sister will be on the 28th of April at 9.30am here at SJF. We are all invited to celebrate with her. (Communities, Societies, Groups & Individuals are entreated to make presentations)
- First Publication of the Priestly Ordination Banns of Rev. Wisdom Kwabena Asare, son of Leonard Mac Asare and Stella Ankora.

Death Report

- The death is reported of **Mad. Veronica A. D. Cofie**, wife of **Mr. Simon Alex Cofie** (Asco Chief of Kissehman). Funeral details will be announced later.

Funeral Arrangements:

- The funeral Details of the late **Mr. Robert A. D. Martey**, a member of the Alogboshie Community is as follows:
 - Family Gathering:** Friday 3rd May, 2024 at Hse No. GE-371-4193 at Alogboshie.
 - Filing Past & Burial Mass:** Saturday 4th May, 2024 at SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church at 7:30am.
 - Thanksgiving Mass:** Sunday 5th May, 2024 at SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church at 9:30am

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
SUNDAY	784.50
MONDAY	1307.50
TUESDAY	1128.00
WEDNESDAY	1669.00
THURSDAY	473.5+\$10 0
FRIDAY	1057.10
SATURDAY	692.00
APR. BORNS	231.10
TOTAL	8683.70

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM APR. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2955.80
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	570.00
TOTAL	3525.80

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF APR. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1595.70
MONDAY	1694.20+\$5
TUESDAY	2962.50
WEDNESDAY	922.00
THURSDAY	2399.50
FRIDAY	993.20
SATURDAY	3107.00
APR. BORNS	852.00
TOTAL	14593.15

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF APR. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	4116.50 +\$10
TITHE	200.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	970.00
TOTAL	5420.60

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy?



Adult - 100.00
Youth - 50.00
Kids - 20.00 or more



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