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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19TH MAY, 2024: PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“BE JOYFUL, FOR TODAY REMINDS US OF THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH.”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: *Acts 2:1-11*: The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34

LORD, SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Second Reading: *1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13*: We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-23*: Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

REFLECTION

Beloved, fifty days after celebrating Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead and forty days after His ascension into heaven, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday should be a day of joy and pride for us as Catholics because it marks the birth of the Church. Just as God breathed life into man by bestowing on him the Spirit, so did He give life to the Church by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As joy and pride fill our hearts, we are also called to continuously let the Holy Spirit direct the Church. The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son and bears witness to Christ, will guide us to bear witness to Christ as well. All we need to do is let the Counselor, promised by Jesus Christ, guide us to speak the truth, bear good fruits from His sevenfold gifts, and continue to reveal to the Church what she needs to know and teach so that the authority given to the Church will be upheld and safeguarded.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 20TH MAY, 2024 BVM, Mother of the Church Gen 3:9-15,20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 121:1-8 Jn 19:25-34	Tue 21ST MAY, 2024 Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-11,23 Mk 9:30-37
Wed 22ND MAY, 2024 St. Rita of Cascia Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3,6-11 Mk 9:38-40	Thurs 23RD MAY, 2024 Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-20 Mk 9:41-50
Fri 24TH MAY, 2024 Jas 5:9-12 Ps 102:1-4,8-9,11-12 Mk 10:1-12	Sat 25TH MAY, 2024 Bede the Venerable Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-3,8 Mk 10:13-16

Readings for Next Sunday TRINITY SUNDAY	
First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 104:1,24,29-30,31,34
Second Reading	1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13
Gospel	Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

WHAT ARE THE OILS USED FOR THE SACRAMENT AND HOW THEY ARE USED? - Continued from last week

Regarding baptism, St. Hippolytus in the Apostolic Tradition spoke of an anointing after the actual baptism with the “oil of thanksgiving.” Similarly, right after the actual baptism in the present rite, the priest anoints the person on the crown of the head with chrism, saying, “God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life. Amen.”

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with chrism saying, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Holy Chrism is also used in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In the ordination rite of a priest, the bishop anoints with chrism the palms of each new priest. In the ordination rite of a bishop, the consecrating bishop anoints the head of the new bishop.

Finally, Holy Chrism is used in the dedication ceremony of a church. Here the bishop anoints the altar, pouring holy chrism on the middle of the altar and on each of its four corners. It is recommended that the bishop anoint the entire altar. After anointing the altar, he anoints the walls of the Church in twelve or four places marked by crosses.

Each year, when the bishop blesses these three oils at the Chrism Mass, our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows his infinite love and mercy to us through the sacraments. Pray for the bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION IN OUR

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.

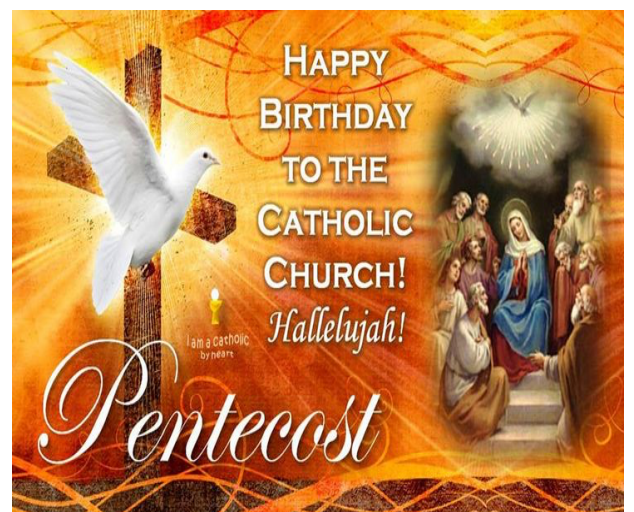
We humbly beseech you to help us win back our Land in this dispute. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and the evil plans of our adversaries.

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 prayer 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 PENTECOST SUNDAY





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Present & Connected Youth Congress 2024 - Prayer

Our compassionate and loving Father, we express gratitude for the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra, its Shepherd, Priests, and faithful, especially the youth. As we gather for the youth congress, "Present & Connected 2024," we humbly invite the Holy Spirit to ignite a passionate zeal within us for serving You.

Grant us the fervour to deepen our faith through meaningful dialogue with Church leaders. Fill our hearts with love, fostering unity within our community, and strengthening our devotion to Jesus Christ and His Church. Help us recognize ourselves as living gifts and actively participate in the Church's mission today.

Guide us, Lord Jesus, to fully engage and serve joyfully, inspiring us to embody the Church's mission by reaching out in love and service to those around us, reflecting Your face through our actions and words.

Empower us to be the hands, hearts, and voice of Your mission, enriching our communities and reflecting Your light and love in all we do. May this congress be a continual journey towards You, strengthening our unity and renewing our commitment to the vibrant and ongoing mission of the Church. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. St. Martin De Porres, pray for us. St. Peter Claver, pray for us. St. John Bosco, pray for us.

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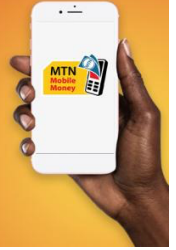


JUNE 2024



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Ss Thomas more & John Fisher
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Enter Merchant ID: **247834**
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MOTIVATION

STORY OF HOPE

The famous Scottish poet Rober Louis Steveson fell ill with tuberculosis. His strength had weakened so much that he couldn't move his right hand and was unable to write with it. Robert did not give up and learned to write with his left hand, he was able to write it for several days, but unfortunately, his left hand also weakened, and he was no longer able to move it.

Robert did not despair and asked one of his friends to come to him to write his literary works. The malignant disease reached his tongue, and he was unable to speak. Despite all this, Robert did not give up and learned sign language, and he started using some of his fingers to write some verses of poetry.

Robert Stephenson lost speech and movement. Despite everything he was exposed to, he was able to conquer his weaknesses and achieve great success with his wonderful literary works.

Moral: Life is hope; he who loses hope loses life.

YOUTH CORNER



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YOUTH CONGRESS
26th - 29th June, 2024

Why a Youth Congress?

To cultivate an active and collaborative youth ministry.

Give youth opportunities to explore and deepen faith, engage in meaningful dialogue with Church leadership

Foster community, a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

What does it mean to be Present & Connected?

The Youth are Present

Available, Gift & Today

The Youth are Connected

In Christ, our communities and our shared Catholic faith

How do I participate?

Be part of the local/parish dialogue sessions.

Be present and actively participate in the grand durbar.

Promote on social media @rcyouthaccra

Roadmap

LAUNCH - APRIL, 2024

PARISH DISCUSSION - MAY, '24

DELEGATES SESSIONS

26-28TH. JUN. '24

GRAND DURBAR & CLIMAX

29TH JUNE, '24



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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.
- ❖ **MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY. WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRAY THE ROSARY AT HOME WITH OUR FAMILIES.**
- ❖ **Marriage Banns:** 3rd Publication between Henry Kofi Gyasi, (son of Henry Yaw Gyasi and Felicia Mensah) And Bertha Agyapon, (daughter of Samuel Oppong and Janet Boamah) in case of any impediment, kindly inform the Parish Priest as soon as possible.
- ❖ **Death Reports:**
 1. The death is reported of **Mad. Esther Blavo** of the Achimota Town Community and of Ave Maria Society. Funeral details will be announced later. There will be a **Requiem Mass** for her this Tuesday 21st May, 2024 at SS. Thoams More & John Fisher at 7.30am. Dress Code: Black.
 2. The death is also reported of **Mad. Elizabeth Atsupui Atiso** of the Christian Village Community. Funeral details will be announced later.
- ❖ **Funeral Arrangements:**
 1. The Funeral Details of the Late **Mr. Leslie Kwabena Nyarko Gyimah**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gyimah is as follows:
Friday 14th June, 2024: Viewing of Body at 8.00am and Burial Mass at 9.00am at Christ the King Parish, Cantonment, Accra. **Final Funeral Rites** at the Christ the King Parish, Cantonment, Accra. Dress Code: Black & White.
Sunday 16th June, 2024: Thanksgiving Mass at 10.00am at Christ the King Parish, Cantonment, Accra. Dress Code: Black & White.
 2. The Funeral Details of the Late **Mr. John Ekow Banafu-Hackman** of the KSJ is as follows:
Saturday 15th June, 2024: Laying in state at 7.00am and Burial Mass at 8.00am at SS. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church. **Final Funeral Rites** at the Fisher Garden. Dress code: Black & White.
Sunday 16th June, 2024: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 9.30am. Dress Code: All White.

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 MAY WEEK1	STM MAY WEEK2
SUNDAY	1317.00	-----
MONDAY	1111.00	-----
TUESDAY	1600.30	-----
WEDNESDAY	1966.00	-----
THURSDAY	964.20	-----
FRIDAY	1123.00	40.00
SATURDAY	851.50	-----
MAY BORN	267.00	-----
TOTAL	9200.00	40.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM MAY WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2606.20
MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION	3699.10
TITHE	250.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	950.00
TOTAL	7505.10

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF MAY WEEK1	SJF MAY WEEK2
SUNDAY	1970.50	-----
MONDAY	2444.10	850.00
TUESDAY	1982.80	-----
WEDNESDAY	2827.00	100.00
THURSDAY	3084.00	50.00
FRIDAY	7528.00	-----
SATURDAY	2354.00	-----
MAY. BORNES	751.00	-----
TOTAL	22941.40	1000.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF MAY WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	5302.70
MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION	5985.90
TITHE	120.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	1720.00
31 ST DEC. ENV.	20.00
TOTAL	13028.50

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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