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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30TH JUNE, 2024: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,  
YEAR B

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“UNWAVERING FAITH.”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24: Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

**I WILL EXTOL YOU, LORD, FOR YOU HAVE RAISED ME UP.**

**Second Reading:** 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15: As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

**Gospel Reading:** Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43: Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a haemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

### REFLECTION

Beloved, reflecting on the unwavering faith of the woman in today's gospel, who said, "If I touch even his garment, I shall be made well," we are reminded to maintain a positive mindset in every situation, trusting that God will make a way for us. This woman had suffered under many physicians for twelve years, spent all her money, and only grew worse. Yet, she never blamed God for her situation but waited patiently for a moment of grace and miracle in her life. When that moment came, she pushed through the great crowds to touch Jesus' garment, and "immediately the hemorrhage ceased; she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease." Her past suffering no longer burdened her because Christ blessed her with peace, and she was healed forever. Let us always keep a positive mindset, wait on the Lord, and surely, He will renew our strength.

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2024</b> Am 2:6-10,13-16 Ps 50:16-23 Mt 8:18-22	<b>Tue 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 202</b> Am 3:1-8;4:11-12 Ps 5:4-8 Mt 8:23-27
<b>Wed 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2024</b> <b>St. Thomas, Apostle</b> Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 20:24-29	<b>Thurs 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024</b> Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 9:1-8
<b>Fri 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024</b> Am 8:4-6,9-12 Ps 119:2,10,20,30,40,131 Mt 9:9-13	<b>Sat 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2024</b> <b>St. Marria Goretti, Virgin Martyr</b> Am 9:11-15 Ps 8:11-14 Mt 9:14-17

#### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	Ex 2:2-5
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Ps 123:1-2,2,3-44
<b>Second Reading</b>	2Cor 12:7-10
<b>Gospel</b>	Mk 6:1-6

#### Mass Schedule for Next Sunday

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
<b>First Mass: 7.00 am</b>	<b>First Mass: 6.30 am</b>
<b>Second Mass: 9.30 am</b>	<b>Second Mass: 9.30 am</b>



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### UNDERSTANDING THE TABERNACLE

At its core, the term "tabernacle" signifies a "dwelling place," a concept not exclusive to any single faith. In Christianity, the Tabernacle is revered as the dwelling place of Christ in the Eucharist, embodying His presence among His followers. The Eucharist, central to Christian worship, encapsulates sacrifice, thanksgiving, and the sacred sharing of bread and wine, reflecting Jesus Christ's last supper with His disciples. The Tabernacle serves a practical role, safeguarding the Eucharist outside of Mass, ensuring it is preserved for distribution, especially to those unable to attend services.

The concept of the Tabernacle has its roots in ancient Judaism, where it referred to the portable sanctuaries carried by the Israelites during their desert wanderings.

The primary function of the tabernacle in a church setting is to house the Blessed Sacrament—the consecrated elements of bread and wine, representing the body and blood of Jesus Christ. It serves as a secure repository, enabling the sacrament's transportation to the ill or homebound, extending the grace of Mass beyond church walls.

Moreover, the tabernacle acts as a focal point for personal prayer and reflection, reminding the faithful of Christ's enduring presence and sacrifice. The Second Vatican Council highlighted the tabernacle's importance, leading to distinct practices for altar and tabernacle masses, underscoring its symbolic and spiritual significance in the Christian faith.

Historically central to church architecture, the Tabernacle's placement has evolved, often positioned discreetly to enhance security without diminishing its sanctity. Regardless of location, the essence of the tabernacle remains in the Eucharist it contains, transcending physical placement.

Church law mandates a single, immovable tabernacle per church, ensuring focus and reverence are maintained. Exceptions are temporary, facilitating the transport of a tabernacle to a new location, but always reverting to a singular sacred space.

Tabernacles may be crafted from various materials, including stone, wood, and metal, with many historical examples fashioned from gold, reflecting their precious contents. Their design is diverse, with no prescribed shape, allowing for cultural and architectural expression.

Church law stipulates that a tabernacle must be immovable, secure, and opaque to prevent desecration, alongside the perpetual presence of a lit oil lamp, symbolizing God's eternal light and presence, as instructed to Moses.

## 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 payer through Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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

## ORDINARY TIME II

### Ordinary Time

- Liturgical Color
  - Green
    - Growth, hope, and life
- Occurs twice in the year
  - Between Christmas and Lent
  - Between summer and the fall
    - Pentecost-Feast of Christ the King
- Purpose
  - To recall the life of Jesus
  - Reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians

## THIS WEEK ACTIVITES

- This Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July is the First Thursday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Morning Mass at STM and Holy Hour in the evening at 7.00 pm.
- This Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July is the First Friday of the month. We shall have Morning Masses at both STM & SJF at 6.15am. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the Morning Mass at SJF and Adoration in the evening at 7.00 pm.
- There will be infant baptism on this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at STM at 7:00 am. Parents who wish to have their children baptized should pick up forms at the Parish offices and attend instructions with their Godparents on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at STM at 5:00 pm.
- This Saturday is also the First Saturday of the month. We shall have Grotto Devotion at SJF at 4.00 pm. The Young



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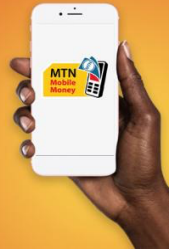
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## MOTIVATION

### FROM THE CLINIC TO THE ZOO

In New York City, A high school student sustained a fractured nose. So he left the school and went to the clinic, after the doctor treated him, the student got out of the clinic in a state of sadness.

The student sat thinking to himself why God allowed his nose to be broken, and in the meantime, he found himself in front of the Brox Zoo, so he decided to enter it to rest a little.

The student paid for the ticket, and after a few minutes, he was surprised by the senior staff of the park giving him gifts, and the journalist taking pictures of him. When he asked why, he knew that he was a person number one billion who had entered the park since its inception.

**Moral:** All things work together for good to them that love God.

## YOUTH CORNER

**THE PYC  
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WRITERS FOR  
THE  
YOUTH CORNER.  
INTERESTED  
PERSONS SHOULD  
CONTACT AMA  
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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 also reminded and entreated to redeem them.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Kpehe Deanery invites all parishioners to its annual deanery thanksgiving prayer meeting today, 30<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30pm at SS. Thomas More & John Fisher. Come and let us thank God with our hearts and substance for all His benefits bestowed upon us.

### Marriage Banns:

3<sup>rd</sup> Publication between **Marcus Egali Senyasu** (son of Martin Senyasu & Helen Senyasu) And **Priscilla Agyarewaa Frempong** (daughter of Godfred Frempong & Agatha Danquah)

### Funeral Arrangements

The death is reported of Paa John Gaveh Ahiabile, he was the father of Mr. Justice Gaveh of the Amalgamated Community. Funeral Arrangements is as follows:

- i. **Friday, 26th July, 2024:** Family vigil at his residence, House No AN/6, Jericho Road, Valco Flats Down, Ashaiman.
- ii. **Saturday, 27th July, 2024:** Filing past at Tema Joint Church, Community 7, (presided over by AME Zion Church) from 6.30 am and Burial Service at 8.00am prompt. Funeral rites: at Tema Joint Church grounds, Community 7
- iii. **Sunday, 28th July, 2024:** Thanksgiving Service, A.M.E. Zion Church, Bethel Society, Ashaiman at 9.00 am. All are cordially and respectfully invited to mourn with us.

## 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 JUNE WEEK1	STM JUNE WEEK2	STM JUNE WEEK3	STM JUNE WEEK4
SUNDAY	1124.00	-----	20.00	-----
MONDAY	1919.50	30.00	180.00	-----
TUESDAY	1965.50	50.00	-----	-----
WEDNESDAY	1857.00	-----	-----	-----
THURSDAY	1533.20	-----	-----	-----
FRIDAY	1711.70	-----	-----	-----
SATURDAY	1365.00	-----	200.00	-----
JUNE BORN	240.00	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	11415.90	80.00	400.00	-----

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JUNE WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	NO MASS
SECOND COLLECTION	NO MASS
TITHE	NO MASS
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	NO MASS
TOTAL	-----

# FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF JUNE WEEK1	SJF JUNE WEEK2	SJF JUNE WEEK3	SJF JUNE WEEK4
SUNDAY	2012.20	-----	-----	10.00
MONDAY	3232.50	1000+\$1 00	150.00	20.00
TUESDAY	1012.00	1000.00	70.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	1127.00	550.00	100.00	225.00
THURSDAY	3573.00	100.00	-----	-----
FRIDAY	2212.50	80.00	-----	5000.00
SATURDAY	1714.00	-----	30.00	20.00
JUNE BORN	462.00	-----	-----	-----

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF JUNE WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	8234.00
SECOND COLLECTION	7220.61
TITHE	150.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	1540.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12730.40</b>

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.**