



# SS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACHIMOTA.

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14TH NOVEMBER, 2021: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"BE ON YOUR GUARD"**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Dan 12:1-3

Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 16:5, 8-11

**PRESERVE ME, O GOD, FOR IN YOU I TAKE REFUGE.**

**Second Reading:** Heb. 10:11-14, 18

Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated perfect forever.

**Gospel Reading:** Mk 13:24-32

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

### REFLECTION

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. **Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.**

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021</b> <b>St. Albert the Great</b> 1Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64 Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158 Lk 18:35-43	<b>Tue 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021</b> <b>Sts. Margaret of Scotland &amp; Gertrude the Great</b> 2Mac 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wed 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021</b> <b>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</b> 2Mac 7:1,20-31 Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15 Lk 19:11-28	<b>Thu 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021</b> <b>The Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter &amp; Paul</b> 1Mac 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,8,15 Lk 19:41-44
<b>Fri 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021</b> 1Mac 4:36-37,51-59 Ps 1chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48	<b>Sat 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021</b> 1Mac 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19 Lk 20:27-40

### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Dan 7:13-14</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 93:1-2,5</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Rev 1:5-8</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Jn 18:33b-37</b>

### Mass Schedule

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
First Mass: 7:00 am	First Mass: 6:30 am
Second Mass: 9:00 am	Second Mass: 8:30 am
	Third Mass: 10:30 am



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### LITURGICAL YEAR - PART 4

In the Western churches periodic reforms of the church year have occurred, notably in the Reformation era and again in the 20th century. The Protestant reformers of the 16th century took differing attitudes toward such reforms. With their strong sense of the prime authority of Scripture and of the freedom of the gospel from all legalisms in liturgical matters, they revised the church year with varying degrees of radicalism. Lutherans and Anglicans took a conservative position, retaining the traditional seasons but eliminating commemorations that had no connection with the biblical record.

The Reformed churches, on the other hand, allowed only those feasts with a clear basis in the New Testament: Sundays, Holy Week and Easter, Pentecost, and in some cases Christmas. The Church of Scotland and Anabaptist and Puritan groups abolished the church year entirely, except for Sundays. In recent years this attitude has been very much modified. Their protest has been a reminder to the church that all days are regarded as belonging to Christ in the freedom of his Spirit, who cannot be controlled by rigid systems of fixed special observances.

In the late 20th century in the Western churches the church year was being subjected to an overall revision comparable in scope only to that of the 16th century. This was due to a number of currents of interest that were converging; i.e.—advances in historical and liturgical studies, changes in theological perspectives, and ecumenical encounters.

The basic structure of the church year was the creation of the ancient churches in the varied cultures surrounding the Mediterranean Sea that were embraced in the Roman Empire. Christian missionaries have carried the church year throughout the world—first in the Northern Hemisphere and, since the 16th century, in the Southern Hemisphere, where the natural seasons are reversed. It is unlikely that the dates of the two major feasts, Easter and Christmas, which control the seasons of the church year, will be changed. But new symbols and popular customs associated with them will emerge in areas where, for example, Easter is celebrated in the autumn rather than as a spring festival.

The church year consists of two concurrent cycles: (1) the Proper of Time (Temporale), or seasons and Sundays that revolve around the movable date of Easter and the fixed date of Christmas, and (2) the Proper of Saints (Sanctorale), other commemorations on fixed dates of the year. Every season and holy day is a celebration, albeit with different emphases, of the total revelation and redemption of Christ, which are “made present at all times” or proclaim “the paschal mystery as achieved in the saints who have suffered and been glorified with Christ” (Second Vatican Council, “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy”). The church year is an epitome in time of the history of salvation in Christ.

## 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.

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

## ORDINARY TIME

### 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





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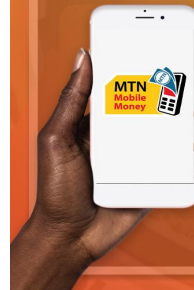
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## MOTIVATION

### THE BLIND GIRL (CHANGE)

There was a blind girl who hated herself purely for the fact she was blind. The only person she didn't hate was her loving boyfriend, as he was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry him. One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her – now she could see everything, including her boyfriend. Her boyfriend asked her, “now that you can see the world, will you marry me?”

The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind too, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her saying: “Just take care of my eyes dear.”

**Moral of the story:** *When our circumstances change, so does our mind. Some people may not be able to see the way things were before, and might not be able to appreciate them. There are many things to take away from this story, not just one. This is one of the inspirational short stories that left me speechless.*

## YOUTH CORNER



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## YOUTH MONTH

### PROGRAMS LINEUP

Launching - **31st, Oct** - Rep your Tradition

Adoration Night - **4th, Nov**

Cooking without fire/Fun Activities  
- **14th, Nov** - Rep your jersey

Donation to Weija Leprosarium - **20th, Nov**

Clean-up at Fisher - **27th, Nov**

Climax and Thanksgiving - **28th, Nov** Rep. white

As part of the activities for the Youth Month in November, the PYC will be having a donation at the Weija Leprosarium. Parishioners are encouraged to assist with donation of provisions, boxes of nose masks, gallons of sanitizers and any other form of help. There will be donation table outside for collections. Kindly contact Marius Bodakpui: **0200296574/0241671942** for further details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Parishioners who wish to redeem their harvest pledges, pay their church dues and other statutory payments can use the Church's Mobile Money Number **059 585 0922**. Receipts for such payments will be issued later for collection.

3. **We are encouraged to redeem our pledges and pay our harvest levy of GHC100 per adult, GHC50 per working youth and GHC20 or more per child.**

4. The Young Christian Workers are pleased to inform you of their 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. As part of its activities, there will be a donation towards the Children's Service Project at STM and to the St. Vincent de Paul Wards. All parishioners are invited to celebrate 16yrs of vibrant, impactful YCW service in our noble Parish. Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 Time: 7:00am Mass at STM.

5. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal wish to bring to your notice the upcoming Conference dubbed "New Evangelization Conference". This is a revival, teaching and empowerment Conference that seeks to inform, train and renew charism in participants in order to live our calling as Catholics who exist to evangelize.

- Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.
- Venue: Holy Spirit Centre, Kuntunse. Amount: GH¢190.00

6. Marriage Banns: 1<sup>st</sup> Publication between:

- Jacob Dominic Dodzi Attiogbe & Eliane Holemion Eдорh.
- Lawrence Annan Kermah & Yvette Balado

7. The funeral details of Mr. James Kwame Edu Dadzie, brother of Mr. Stephen Dadzie is as follows:

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2021: Family gathering at his residence, Agbogba.
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2021: Burial and Memorial Service at Garrison Methodist – Presbyterian Church, Burma Camp, Accra at 7:00am. Final Funeral Rites: Immediately after the burial service at the Arakan Officers' Mess, Burma Camp, Accra. Dress code: Black.
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021: Thanksgiving Service at St. John Methodist Church, Trantra Hills at 9:30am. Family Gathering at St. Anthony Multi-Purpose Centre, Oponglo, Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Dress code: Black & White.

## PASTORAL CARE

**Sacrament of Confession:** Every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

**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*

**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. **(SIF) 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 NOV. WEEK1
SUNDAY	615.00
MONDAY	695.30
TUESDAY	2097.50
WEDNESDAY	1589.10
THURSDAY	1072.00
FRIDAY	861.00
SATURDAY	621.90
NOV. BORN	70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7621.80</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM NOV. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1235.30
TITHE	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1295.00</b>




# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF NOV. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1386.00
MONDAY	3923.00
TUESDAY	1575.00
WEDNESDAY	938.20
THURSDAY	1144.00
FRIDAY	923.50
SATURDAY	1081.00
NOV. BORN	341.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11311.70</b>

SUNDAY	SJF NOV. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	1893.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1893.20</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.**


 SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish, Achimota

# Help Us Build

A new Children Service Block @ SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish

"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT HINDER THEM FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE "

Matthew 19: 14

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