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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5TH DECEMBER, 2021: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

THEME FOR THE WEEK: "PREPARE THE WAY FOR  
THE LORD."

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading: Bar 5:1-9**

Jerusalem shall see the splendor of God's glory.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**

WHAT GREAT DEEDS THE LORD WORKED FOR US!  
INDEED, WE WERE GLAD.

**Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11**

Paul prays for the Philippians.

**Gospel Reading: Lk 3:1-6**

John preaches repentance and baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

### REFLECTION

John in today's gospel calls us to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. Like John, you and I are called to be a "voice crying in the wilderness," calling out that God is present and that God is here for the salvation of the world. We should be able to proclaim from the depth of our hearts: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. We are called to be witnesses that God has touched our lives and has come expressly for the salvation of our world. The call of salvation is here in our midst. Let us live in faith and confidence: God will complete His work. And, let us live our lives in this Advent season, and beyond, in a way as to more fruitfully receive His call.

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021</b> Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26	<b>Tue 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021</b> <b>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b> Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3,10-13 Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wed 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021</b> <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Gen 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38	<b>Thu 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021</b> Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13 Mt 11:11-15
<b>Fri 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021</b> Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19	<b>Sat 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021</b> Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13

### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Zeph 3:14-18</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps Is 12:2-6</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Phil 4:4-7</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Lk 3:10-18</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

### ADVENT WREATH

Advent wreaths are traditionally made from evergreen branches and have four candles. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent—three candles are purple, and one is a rose color.

The Advent wreath originated from a pagan European tradition, which consisted of lighting candles during the winter to ask the sun god to return with his light and warmth.

The first missionaries took advantage of this tradition to evangelize to people and taught them that they should use the Advent wreath as a way of preparing for Christ's birth, and to celebrate his nativity and beg Jesus to infuse his light in their souls.

The circle of the Advent wreath is a geometric figure that has neither a beginning nor an end. It reminds us that God does not have a beginning or an end either, which reflects his unity and eternity. It is a sign of the unending love that the faithful should show the Lord and their neighbors, which must be constantly renewed and never stop.

The green color of the wreath represents hope and life. The Advent wreath reminds us that Christ is alive among us, and that we must cultivate a life of grace, spiritual growth, and hope during Advent.



## 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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT





## 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.
2. Children Service has resumed and all parents and guardians are reminded to bring their children to church.
3. **We are reminded and encouraged to redeem our pledges and pay our harvest levy of GHC100 per adult, GHC50 per working youth and GHC20 or more per child and other financial obligations of Church Dues, Welfare Dues, and Building Fund.**
4. Marriage Banns: **3<sup>rd</sup> Publication between:** Roger David Afri & Victorine Akim Djaneye-Kpandja.
5. The death is reported of Mr. Aaron Obeng-Somuah (Nana Afum Kafena II), husband of Mad. Jemima Kutin-Mensah. Funeral details will be announced later.
6. Our Advent retreat will take place from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at St. Thomas More at 6.30pm

## 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. **(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 NOV. WEEK1	STM NOV. WEEK2	STM NOV. WEEK3	STM NOV. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	615.00	-----	-----	-----	<b>615.00</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>
MONDAY	695.30	20.00	50.00	102.00	<b>867.30</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>
TUESDAY	2097.50	5.00	-----	50.00	<b>2152.50</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>
WEDNESDAY	1589.10	5.00	5.00	25.00	<b>1624.10</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>
THURSDAY	1072.00	50.00	310.00	-----	<b>1432.00</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>
FRIDAY	861.00	75.00	-----	-----	<b>936.00</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>
SATURDAY	621.90	20.00	-----	70.00	<b>711.90</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>
NOV. BORN	70.00	-----	-----	-----	<b>70.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7621.80</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>365.00</b>	<b>247.00</b>	<b>8408.80</b>	

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM NOV. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	1490.80
SECOND COLLECTION	862.30
TITHE	1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3853.10</b>

# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF NOV. WEEK1	SJF NOV. WEEK2	SJF NOV. WEEK3	SJF NOV. WEEK4	GRAND TOTAL	POSITIONS
SUNDAY	1386.00	40.00	200.00	500.00	<b>2126.00</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>
MONDAY	3923.00	50.00	10.00	-----	<b>3983.00</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>
TUESDAY	1575.00	-----	55.00	8020.00	<b>9650.00</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>
WEDNESDAY	938.20	20.00	10.00	-----	<b>968.20</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>
THURSDAY	1144.00	10.00	100.00	-----	<b>1254.00</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup></b>
FRIDAY	923.50	150.00	260.30	431.00	<b>1764.80</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>
SATURDAY	1081.00	500.00	-----	100.00	<b>1681.00</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>
NOV. BORN	341.00	-----	-----	-----	<b>341.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11311.70</b>	<b>770.00</b>	<b>635.30</b>	<b>9051.00</b>	<b>21768.00</b>	

SUNDAY	SJF NOV. WEEK4
MAIN COLLECTION	2090.60
SECOND COLLECTION	1281.60 +(500CFA)
TITHE	1000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4372.00</b> <b>+(500CFA)</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.



SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

## Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy

Payments can be made through **059 585 0922**

Adult - **100.00**  
 Youth - **50.00**  
 Kids - **20.00** or more

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## Help Us Build

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

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