



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

P.O. BOX AH 283, Achimota-Accra

Website: [www.thomasmorejohnfisher.com](http://www.thomasmorejohnfisher.com)

Email: [besohwe@yahoo.com](mailto:besohwe@yahoo.com)

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23RD OCTOBER, 2022: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,  
YEAR C.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“APPROACH GOD IN  
HUMILITY”**

Rev. Fr. George Obeng Appah (*Parish Priest*) 020-8592020  
Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Kwofie (*Assistant Priest*) 020-6355610

St. Thomas More Catholic Church - 030-3931800  
SS. Thomas More and John Fisher Catholic Church - 030-3939862/  
030-2436199

### TODAY'S READINGS

*First Reading:* Sir 35:12-14,16

God hears the prayer of the poor.

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23

**THE LOWLY ONE CALLED, AND THE  
LORD HEARD HIM.**

*Second Reading:* 2Tim 4:6-8,16-18

Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

*Gospel Reading:* Lk 18:9-14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

### REFLECTION

We hear today the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to enrich their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes.

The Pharisees were a religious sect whose life of holiness separated them from sinners. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. We must approach God with humility and sincerity in heart. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us. Lord, help us to approach you in all humility.

### WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022

Eph. 4:32-5:8  
Ps 2:1-4,6  
Lk 13:10-17

Tue 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022

Eph. 5:21-33  
Ps 128:1-5  
Lk 13:18-21

Wed 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022

Eph. 6:1-9  
Ps 145:10-14  
Lk 13:22-30

Thu 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022

Eph. 6:10-20  
Ps 144:1-2,9-10  
Lk 13:31-35

Fri 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022

St. Simon and Jude, apostles  
Eph. 2:19-22  
Ps 19:2-5  
Lk 6:12-16

Sat 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022

Phil 1:18b-26  
Ps 42:2-5  
Lk 14:1,7-11

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading

Wis 11:22-12:2

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

Second Reading

2Thes 1:11-2:2

Gospel

Lk 19:1-10

### Mass Schedule

*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

### MARKS OF THE CHURCH

#### HOLY

If the Church is the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit, then the Church is, by necessity, not only united as one but is also holy. It's not possible to be united to Christ so intimately and, at the same time, to lack holiness. In fact, the more we sin, the less a member of the Church we become. So, if we are to become full living members of the Church, then we must individually become holy. We must become saints!

The heart of holiness is charity. Therefore, insofar as each one of us grows in charity, we also grow in holiness. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux is quoted in the Catechism in coming to this discovery:

*If the Church was a body composed of different members, it couldn't lack the noblest of all; it must have a Heart, and a Heart BURNING WITH LOVE. And I realized that this love alone was the true motive force which enabled the other members of the Church to act; if it ceased to function, the Apostles would forget to preach the gospel, the Martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. LOVE, IN FACT, IS THE VOCATION WHICH INCLUDES ALL OTHERS; IT'S A UNIVERSE OF ITS OWN, COMPRISING ALL TIME AND SPACE—IT'S ETERNAL! (CCC #826)*

The story Saint Thérèse tells is a powerful one in her spiritual autobiography. She shares that she was desirous of fulfilling so many different missions within the Church. She longed to be a missionary, pondered what it would be like to be a priest, and continued to seek what her role was within the Church, within the Body of Christ. One day it hit her. She discovered her mission was to be the heart of Christ, the heart of the Church. And, in being the heart, she was to be love. And in being love, she was to be all things.

Now this is holiness! And it is this discovery of being love and living love that make the Church truly holy!

Our Blessed Mother is the supreme model of holiness in the Church because she is perfectly filled with love. Therefore, she is perfectly holy.

*To Be Continued...*

## 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

## OCTOBER TEACHINGS

SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

# Rosary Month

**This October**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** The origin and power of the rosary
- 9<sup>th</sup>** Do Catholics worship Mary?
- 16<sup>th</sup>** Is it true Mary was conceived without sin and remained sinless?
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** Did Mary have other children apart from Jesus?
- 30<sup>th</sup>** Open Forum

© Stm\_of\_youth | Thomasmoreandjohnfisher.com | SS Thomas More And John Fisher

## UPCOMING EVENT



Ss Thomas More & John Fisher Parish.

**26 -28 October**  
6:30pm to 8:30pm  
each night @ STM

# Marian Rally

2022

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. LUKE 1:37

**Crowning/Marian concert:**  
30th October 2022  
Venue: SJF | Time: 4pm  
Featuring: Main Choir, Youth Choir & Ave Maria

w/ Rev Fr. Hillary Agbenosi



Instagram: @Stm.sjf\_youth | Website: Thomasmorejohnfisher.com | Facebook: Ss Thomas More And John Fisher



**How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo**  
**Ss Thomas more & John fisher**  
**059 585 0922**

Dial \*170#  
Select Option 2  
Select Option 1  
Enter Merchant ID: **247834**  
Enter Amt  
Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*  
Enter your Momo pin  
Send



## MOTIVATION

### SEEKING HAPPINESS

#### The Story:

There were 200 people attending a seminar on mental and physical health.

At one point, the speaker told the group they were going to do an activity. He gave each attendee one balloon and told them to write their name on it. Then, the balloons were collected and moved into a very small room.

The participants were then asked to go into the other room and were given 2 minutes to find their balloon.

It was chaos...

People were searching frantically for their balloon, pushing each other and running into one another while they grabbed a balloon, looked at it, and inevitably tossed it to the side.

At the end of the 2 minutes, no one had found the balloon that had their name on it.

Then, the speaker asked the participants to go back in the room and pick up one balloon at random, look at the name, and return it to its owner. Within minutes, everyone had been reunited with their original balloon.

The speaker then told the group, "This is what it's like when people are frantically searching for their own happiness in life. People push others aside to get the things that they want that they believe will bring them happiness. However, our happiness actually lies in helping other people and working together as a community."

#### The Moral:

You will get your happiness if you help other people find theirs. The Dalai Lama says, "If you want to be happy, practice compassion." Helping others makes us happy because it gives us a sense of purpose. In fact, a study from the London School of Economics found that the more you help other people, the happier you will be.

## YOUTH CORNER



# Benefits Of Worship

**30<sup>th</sup>**  
October **Youth Mass**  
9:30am @ Ss Thomas More & John Fisher - SJF (GA-301-1234)

Instagram: @Stm.sjf\_youth | Facebook: Ss Thomas More And John Fisher | Website: Thomasmorejohnfisher.com

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are reminded of this year's Harvest which comes off on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. There will be only one Mass @7:00am @STM and the normal Two Masses @SJF. (6:30am & 9:30am). We are reminded to pay our Harvest Levy of GH¢100 per adult, GH¢50 per working youth, GH¢20 per child or more and also redeem our Pledges.
2. There will be a three-day Marian Rally from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at STM at 6.30pm. The speaker for the three-day rally will be Fr. Hillary Agbenosi from St. Bakhita Catholic Church, Lashibie.
3. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, 2022 we shall gather at SJF grotto at 4:00pm for the crowning of the rosary month and a Marian musical concert featuring the Main Choir, Youth Choir and Ave Maria Singing group. Come and experience a powerful touch from our Mother.
4. The Health committee will be organizing a first aid training. Any parishioner who is interested should give details of their names, phone number and Mass they normally attend, to any of the church secretaries.
5. The funeral arrangement of the late Mad. Elizabeth Dogbey is as follows:
  - Laying In State: Friday 11th November, 2022 at her residence, New Achimota, Kingsby roundabout down. Hse no. 55/27b, oil lane9
  - Burial and funeral rites: Saturday 12th November, 2022. Attire: Black & White.
  - Thanksgiving Service: Sunday 13th Nov. at SJF at 9:30am. Attire: 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 OCT. WEEK1	STM OCT. WEEK2	STM OCT. WEEK3
SUNDAY	1412.00	-----	20.00
MONDAY	1458.00	200.00	2.00
TUESDAY	1303.80	850.00	20.00
WEDNESDAY	544.00	710.00	5.00
THURSDAY	1321.00	-----	270.00
FRIDAY	1264.70	70.00	100.00
SATURDAY	721.50	20.00	----
OCT. BORNES	213.00	-----	----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8238.00</b>	<b>1850.00</b>	<b>417.00</b>

Details of Last Sunday's  
Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2223.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1255.20
TITHE	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3778.40</b>

# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1	SJF OCT. WEEK2	SJF OCT. WEEK3
SUNDAY	913.00	1.00	100.00
MONDAY	1646.00	1050.00	500.00
TUESDAY	842.00	20.00	----
WEDNESDAY	975.00	5.00	50.00
THURSDAY	1578.00	100.00	10.00
FRIDAY	1107.00	90.00	15.00
SATURDAY	1408.00	-----	200.00
OCT. BORNS	286.00	-----	----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8755.00</b>	<b>1266.00</b>	<b>875.00</b>

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3186.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1994.50
TITHE	520.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5700.70</b>

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH

## Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy

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

Adult	- <b>100.00</b>
Youth	- <b>50.00</b>
Kids	- <b>20.00</b> or more

📷 stm.sjf\_youth 🌐 thomasmorejohnfisher.com 📌 SS Thomas More And John Fisher

# Harvest 2022

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

**DATE: 6TH NOV. 2022**

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
Acc No. 1117000222801  
Bank: NIB Branch Abeka

SS THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**059 585 0922**