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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20TH NOVEMBER, 2022: THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (THIRTY-THIRD & LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C).

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“CHRIST THE KING”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

*First Reading:* 2Sam 5:1-3

David is anointed king.

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 122:1-2, 4-5

**LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.**

*Second Reading:* Col 1:12-20

Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.

*Gospel Reading:* Lk 23:35-43

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

### REFLECTION

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

### WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev 14:1-3,4b-5

Ps 24:1-6

Lk 21:1-4

Tue 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Rev 14:14-19

Ps 96:10-13

Lk 21:5-11

Wed 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022

Rev 15:1-4

Ps 98:1-3,7-9

Lk 21:12-19

Thurs 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Rev 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a

Ps 100:2-5

Lk 21:20-28

Fri 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Rev 20:1-4,11-21:2

Ps 84:3-6,8

Lk 21:29-33

Sat 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022

Rev 11:4-12

Ps 95:1-7

Lk 21: 34-36

### Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Is 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9
Second Reading	Rom 13:11-14
Gospel	Mt 24:37-44

### Mass Schedule

<i>St. Thomas More</i>	<i>St. John Fisher</i>
First Mass: 7:00 AM	First Mass: 6:30 AM
Second Mass: 9:30 AM	Second Mass: 9:30 AM



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### HOW THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING CAME ABOUT

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, celebrated this year on Nov. 20, also is referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, Christ the King Sunday, or Reign of Christ Sunday.

While the concept of Jesus Christ being King is as old as the Gospels, the feast is fairly recent in the Roman Catholic calendar.

The feast was introduced in the Western liturgical calendar in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, via the encyclical "Quas Primas." Pope Pius XI was about to close the Jubilee year of 1925 in the context of the growing secularist nationalism that followed the fall of European kingdoms after World War I, and decided to establish the solemnity to point to a king "of whose kingdom there shall be no end."

A key passage from Quas Primas provided Catholic preachers with a helpful synopsis. "This kingdom (of Christ) is spiritual and is concerned with spiritual things.... The gospels present this kingdom as one which men prepare to enter by penance, and cannot actually enter except by faith and by baptism, which, though an external rite, signifies and produces an interior regeneration. This kingdom is opposed to none other than to that of Satan and to the power of darkness. It demands of its subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness. They must hunger and thirst after justice, and more than this, they must deny themselves and carry the cross."

Pope Pius XI established the feast to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October, so that it would always take place before the celebration of the solemnity of All Saints. But in the new liturgical calendar of 1970, its Roman Rite observance was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. Therefore, the earliest date on which it can occur is Nov. 20 and the latest is Nov. 26.



## 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 prayer 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

## UPCOMING SEASON



## SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2022

DATE	PROGRAM	VENUE	TIME
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	First Advent Vespers	STM	6:00pm
		SJF	6:00pm
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Advent Retreat	SJF	8:00am
Sun. 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Carol Service/Chorale Night	SJF	4:00pm
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Vigil	STM	8:00pm
		SJF	7:00pm
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Day	STM	7:00am
		SJF	6:30am 9:30am
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Mass for the Sick & Aged	STM	8:30am
Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Holy Family	STM	7:00pm
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Aseda Night/New Year Virgil	STM	9:00pm
		SJF	9:00pm
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	New Year	STM	7:00am 9:30am
		SJF	7:00am 9:30am



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## MOTIVATION

### THE FISHERMAN AND THE BUSINESSMAN

Once upon a time there was a businessman who was sitting on the beach in a small Italian village. As he sat, taking a brief break from the stress of his daily schedule, he saw a fisherman rowing a small boat back into the harbour. In the boat were a few large fish. Impressed, the businessman asked the fisherman, "How long does it take you to catch so many fish?" To which he replied "Oh, not so long." The businessman was confused, "Why don't you fish for longer to catch even more?" "More? This is enough to feed my entire family and even offer some to my neighbours," the fisherman said. "So what do you do for the rest of your day?" Enquired the businessman.

The fisherman replied, "Well, I've usually have caught my fish by late morning, at which point I go home, kiss my wife, and play with my kids. In the afternoon, I take a nap and read. In the evening, I go to the village to have a drink with my friends, play guitar, sing, and dance into the night!" Putting his entrepreneurial hat on, the businessman offered a suggestion. "I have a PhD in business! I can help you become much more successful. From now on, you should spend longer at sea and catch as many fish as possible. When you've saved enough money, buy a bigger boat to catch even more fish. From there, you'll soon be able to buy more boats, set up your own company, build a production plant to can the fish and control distribution, and move to the city to control your other branches."

To this, the fisherman asks, "And after that?" The businessman laughs, "After that, you'll be able to live like a king, take your company public, float your shares and be rich!" "And after that?" Asks the fisherman once more.

"After that, you can retire, move to a house by the sea, wake up early in the morning to go fishing, then return home to play with your kids, kiss your wife, take a nap in the afternoon and join your friends in the village to drink, play guitar and dance into the night!" Puzzled, the fisherman replies, "But isn't that what I'm doing already?"

**Moral of the story:** *Be content with what you have. Do you really need to keep pushing for more? Stress is often a choice. There's joy and peace in simplicity.*

## YOUTH CORNER



**Youth Month 2022**

Theme: *Working together for Christ*  
Ecc. 12:1 #getinvolved

- Nov. 5** | Grotto Devotions @ SJF - 4pm
- Nov. 12** | Deanery Games @ Legon Campus
- Nov. 20** | Quiz @ STM - 9:30am
- Nov. 26** | Trip & Fun Day Out
- Nov. 27** | Thanksgiving (Sneaker Sunday) @ STM - 7:00am  
Roots Night @ SJF - 4:30pm

STM : St. Thomas More, Achimota School. GA-246-1294  
SJF : SS. Thomas More & John Fisher, New Achimota GA-301-1234

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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, GH¢20 per child or more, redeem our Pledges and other financial obligations.
- The Youth month trip dubbed PROBLEM NO DEY FINISH is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at Magjoy Royal Beach Resort, Winneba. You can register for this fun filled trip for a fee of GH¢150.00.
- Marriage Banns: 3<sup>rd</sup> Publication between:**
  - Collins Kwasi Yeboah and Velma Angela Sam
  - Marcel Senami Adounsi and Marie-Michelle Stella Gbedote Amagbegnon
- The death is reported of:**
  - Mr. Peterson Kwashie Apedo a member of the Ave Maria and Alogboshie Community, husband of Mrs. Rebecca Apedo and father of Jones Apedo, Charlotte Apedo, Evelyn Apedo and Catherine Apedo. Funeral details will be announced later.
  - Mr. Solomon Barik Kurug, father of Mr. Robert Barik, a member of the Northern Union Group, Ushers Ministry and YCW. Final funeral details will be announced later.
- The funeral arrangements:**

**Mr. Bernard Bondieu Cofie**, a member of the Kissehman Community:

  - Friday 2nd December, 2022: Family Gathering at the Chief's Palace Kissehman. (Asco's House)
  - Saturday 3rd December, 2022: Burial Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church at 8:00am.
  - Sunday 4th December, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church at 7:00am.

**Mr. Godwin Fenu**, father of Mad. Peace Fenu, a member of the Christian Mothers Association and Ushers Ministry.

  - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022: Laying in state at his residence at Nsawam.
  - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022: Burial Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Nsawam.
  - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2022: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Nsawam.

## 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 NOV. WEEK1	STM NOV. WEEK2
SUNDAY	560.00	-----
MONDAY	1675.00	-----
TUESDAY	942.00	600.00
WEDNESDAY	378.20	5.00
THURSDAY	1705.00	50.00
FRIDAY	363.00	100.00
SATURDAY	130.00	200.00
NOV. BORN	246.00	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5999.20</b>	<b>955.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM NOV. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	1621.80
SECOND COLLECTION	826.50
TITHE	1300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3748.30</b>

# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF NOV. WEEK1	SJF NOV. WEEK2
SUNDAY	1177.00	20.00
MONDAY	2506.00	-----
TUESDAY	605.90	1050.00
WEDNESDAY	846.00	300.00
THURSDAY	1554.00	-----
FRIDAY	1213.00	2160.00
SATURDAY	920.00	-----
NOV. BORNS	226.00	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9047.90</b>	<b>3530.00</b>

SUNDAY	SJF NOV. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	3368.90
SECOND COLLECTION	1964.90
TITHE	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5433.80</b>

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




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