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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25TH DECEMBER, 2022: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, YEAR A

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“CHRISTMAS, A FEAST OF GOD’S SHARING CHRIST LOVE”**

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### TODAY’S READINGS

*First Reading:* Is 52:7-10: God's salvation is announced to the world.

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

**ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.**

*Second Reading:* Heb 1:1-6: God now speaks to us through his Son.

*Gospel Reading:* Jn 1:1-18: John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

### REFLECTION

Jesus, as our Savior, brought the “Good News” that our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful, rewarding and not a judgmental, cruel, and a punishing God. He demonstrated by his life and teaching how God our Heavenly Father loves us, forgives us, provides for us, and rewards us. All his miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Jesus’ final demonstration of God’s love for us was his own death on the cross to atone for our sins and to make us children of God. Each Christmas reminds us of the love of God for us and how we are to love one another.

Let us allow Jesus to be reborn in our hearts and lives, not only during Christmas, but every day, so that he may radiate the Light of his Presence from within us as sharing and selfless love, expressed in compassionate words and deeds. Merry Christmas

### WEEKLY READINGS

**Mon 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**  
St. Stephen, Protomartyr  
Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59  
Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17  
Mt 10:17-22

**Tue 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**  
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist  
1Jn 1:1-4  
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12  
Jn 20:1a,2-8

**Wed 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**  
Holi Innocents, Martyrs  
1Jn 1:5;2:27  
Ps 124:2-3,4-5,7b-8  
Mt 2:13-18

**Thurs 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**  
St. Thomas Becket  
1Jn 2:3-11  
Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6  
Lk 2:22-35

**Fri 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**  
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Col 3:12-21  
Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5  
Mt 2:13-15,19-23

**Sat 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**  
St. Sylvester I  
1Jn 2:18-21  
Ps 96:1-2,11-12,13  
Jn 1:1-18

### Readings for Next Sunday Mary, Mother of God

First Reading	Nm 6:22-27
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 (2a)
Second Reading	Gal 4:4-7
Gospel	Lk 2:16-21

### Mass Schedule

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



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us).

While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

## 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

## A SAVIOUR IS BORN



*Christmas Program 2022*

Sun. 18th Dec. <b>Carols Service</b> SJF: 4pm	Fri. 30th Dec. <b>Holy Family</b> STM: 7pm
Sat. 24th Dec. <b>Christmas Vigil</b> STM: 8pm SJF: 7pm	Sat. 31st Dec. <b>New Year Vigil: Aseda Night</b> STM: 8pm SJF: 8pm
Sun. 25th Dec. <b>Christmas Day</b> STM: 7am SJF: 6:30am & 9:30am	Sun. 1st Jan. <b>New Year</b> STM: 7am SJF: 7am & 9:30am
Mon. 26th Dec. <b>Mass for the Sick &amp; Aged</b> STM: 8:30am	

STM - St. Thomas More, Achimota School - JQFJ+R3S, Accra  
S.JF - St. Thomas More & John Fisher, New Achimota - JQC6+QWV, St. Fisher St, Accra

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**Ss Thomas more & John Fisher**  
**059 585 0922**

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Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*  
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## MOTIVATION

### TO LET GO

- To let go does not mean to stop caring, it means I can't do it for someone else.
- To let go is not to cut myself off, it's the realization that I can't control another.
- To let go is not to enable, but to allow learning from natural consequences.
- To let go is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands.
- To let go is not to try to change or blame another, it's to make the most of myself.
- To let go is not to care for, but to care about.
- To let go is not to fix, but to be supportive.
- To let go is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being.
- To let go is not to be in the middle arranging all the outcomes, but to allow others to affect their own destinies.
- To let go is not to be protective, it's to permit another to face reality.
- To let go is not to criticize, or regulate anyone, but to try to become what I dream I can do.
- To let go is to fear less, and to love more.

## YOUTH CORNER

### HOW TO MANAGE YOUR FINANCES DURING THE YULETIDE

1. **Stick to your Budget:** Never spend above what you have planned and avoid impulse buying.
2. **Track your expenses:** Note down every purchase you make to track how much you are spending.
3. **Shop early:** Start purchasing your Christmas items today to beat potential price increments.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are reminded and entreated 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.
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December, we shall have Vigil/Aseda Night at STM & SJF at 8.00pm.
- Sunday 1st January, 2023 is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. There will be one mass at STM at 7.00am and the usual 6:30am & 9:30am masses at SJF.
- Marriage Banns:**  
**1st Publication between:** Stephen Nii Adams, son of Stephen Mensah Adams and Caroline Leone Adjivon Adams AND Barbara Asinah, daughter of John Ransford Bawa and Agnes Angelina Asinah.  
  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Publication between:** Robert Parfait Tchio Mbonga, son of Etienne Mbonga and Memouna Moundo AND Joyce Anchang Mafor, daughter of John Ngong Anchang and Juliana Njombe.
- The funeral arrangements of Mrs. Elizabeth Abla Amuzu, mother of Mrs. Grace Gaveh and Sr. Micheline Amuzu is as follows:
  - ❖ Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023: Receiving of the body and laying in state in her residence at Akweteyman.
  - ❖ Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2023: Burial Mass at SJF at 9.00am.
  - ❖ Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 9:30am.

## 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 DEC. WEEK1	STM DEC. WEEK2	STM DEC. WEEK3
SUNDAY	1089.50	10.00	-----
MONDAY	2760.20	-----	70.00
TUESDAY	1137.50	140.00	20.00
WEDNESDAY	697.00	20.00	55.00
THURSDAY	1184.00	-----	-----
FRIDAY	979.10	-----	-----
SATURDAY	1316.00	-----	100.00
DEC. BORNES	83.00	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9246.30</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>245.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM DEC. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	1899.50
SECOND COLLECTION	1145.00
TITHE	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3144.50</b>

# FINANCE CORNER – ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF DEC. WEEK1	SJF DEC. WEEK2	SJF DEC. WEEK3
SUNDAY	930.00	-----	21.00
MONDAY	2413.00	30.00	580.00
TUESDAY	619.00	10000.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	1122.50	300.00	-----
THURSDAY	1570.00	290.00	5.00
FRIDAY	1356.00	5000.00	1.00
SATURDAY	906.00	100.00	2200.00
DEC. BORNES	311.00	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9227.50</b>	<b>15720.00</b>	<b>2807.00</b>

SUNDAY	SJF DEC. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3643.70
SECOND COLLECTION	1876.61
TITHE	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5620.31</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 - **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**

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**  
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