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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15TH JANUARY, 2023: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,  
YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“A CALL TO MAKE JESUS  
KNOWN”**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

*First Reading:* Is 49: 3, 5-6: God's servant, Israel, will be made a light to the nations.

*Responsorial Psalm:* Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

**SEE, I HAVE COME, LORD, TO DO YOUR  
WILL.**

*Second Reading:* 1Cor 1:1-3: Paul greets the Church in Corinth.

*Gospel Reading:* Jn 1:29-34: John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

### Reflection

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the **“Lamb of God”** and the **“Son of God.”** By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel. John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

### Weekly Readings

<b>Mon 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> Heb 5:1-10 Ps 109:1-4 Mk 2:18-22	<b>Tue 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>St. Anthony, ab M</b> Heb 6:10-20 Ps 110:1-2,4,5,9-10 Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wed 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 109:1-4 Mk 3:1-6	<b>Thurs 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 39:7-10,17 Mk 3:7-12
<b>Fri 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>Sts. Fabian &amp; Sebastian</b> Heb 8:6-13 Ps 84:8,10-14 Mk 3:13-19	<b>Sat 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>St. Agnes, v, mt M</b> Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Ps 46:2-3,6-9 Mk 3:20-21

### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Is 8:23 -- 9:3</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 27:1,4,13-14</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>1 Cor 1:10-13,17</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17</b>

### Mass Schedule

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



## KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

### 3 TAKEAWAYS FROM POPE FRANCIS' LETTER TO YOUNG PEOPLE - Ctn'd

By Nathan Stanley

#### 2. We're called to return to the source of youth.

Pope Francis reminds us that being transformed in Christ is the source of the youthfulness of the Church. As he says:

“But let us also ask him [Jesus] to free her [the Church] from another temptation: that of thinking she is young because she accepts everything the world offers her, thinking that she is renewed because she sets her message aside and acts like everybody else. No! The Church is young when she is herself, when she receives ever anew the strength born of God’s word, the Eucharist, and the daily presence of Christ and the power of his Spirit in our lives. The Church is young when she shows herself capable of constantly returning to her source.” (35)

Young people are called to be leaven in the world — but we cannot be leaven without first being filled with Christ. We need to turn repeatedly to attending Mass, praying daily, reading the Bible and asking for Mary’s intercession. It is here that we will find the strength to be ever renewed in Christ and be a joyful presence in the world.

The Holy Father says that “we must dare to be different, to point to ideals other than those of this world” (para. 36). Our ability to point to these ideals comes from Christ, and only in Jesus will the human heart find peace, joy and freedom.

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 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


## KEEP CALM IT'S ORDINARY TIME I


### 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

**New Weekday Mass Schedule  
For SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish, Achimota**

	STM	SJF
Monday	-	6:15am
Tuesday	6:15am	6:15am
Wednesday	6:15am	6:15am
Thursday	6:15am	6:15am
Friday	<b>Community Mass @ 7:00pm</b>	Morning Mass @ 6:15am Community Mass @ 7:00pm


 **SJF - SS Thomas More & John Fisher, New Achimota**  
 Google Maps: JQFJ+R35, Accra

 **STM - St. Thomas More, Achimota School**  
 JQFJ+R35, Accra

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## MOTIVATION

### NEVER LET ONE FAILURE FROM THE PAST HOLD YOU BACK IN THE FUTURE

“As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. ‘Well,’ trainer said, ‘when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them.

As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.’

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn’t, they were stuck right where they were.”

## YOUTH CORNER

### KNOW YOUR EXECUTIVES

**PRESIDENT: Kelvin John Boe**

**VICE PRESIDENT: Charles Tetteh  
Akrono**

**SECRETARY: Agnes Ama K. Afful**

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Naada Korgh**

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Dorcas  
Asabea Asare**

**ORGANISERS: Mary Adudea Kusenu  
& Eugene S. K. Atubra**

## 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.
- The funeral arrangements:**
  - 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. Dress Code: Black & White.
    - Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 9:30am. Dress Code: All White.
  - Mr. Peterson Kwashie Apedo**, a member of the Ave Maria and Alogboshie community. Husband of Mrs. Rebecca Apedo, father of Jones Apedo, Evelyn Apedo, Mrs. Charlotte Draffor and Catherine Johnson is as follows:
    - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023: Wake-keeping as his residence at Alogboshie.
    - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2023: Burial Mass at SJF at 7:30am. Interment: Achimota Public Cemetery
    - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 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: **Besohwɔ!**  
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 JAN. WEEK1	STM JAN. WEEK2
SUNDAY	902.00	120.00
MONDAY	1682.50	-----
TUESDAY	1016.30	800.00
WEDNESDAY	855.20	25.00
THURSDAY	725.70	50.00
FRIDAY	1052.00	-----
SATURDAY	983.00	-----
JAN. BORN	111.00	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7327.70</b>	<b>995.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JAN. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	2699.10
SECOND COLLECTION	1380.40
TITHE	240.00
31 <sup>ST</sup> THANKSGIVING	770.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5089.50</b>

# FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

## Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JAN. WEEK1	SJF JAN. WEEK2
SUNDAY	2019.00	320.00
MONDAY	3749.00	550.00
TUESDAY	2298.00	10.00
WEDNESDAY	1344.00+\$2	50.00
THURSDAY	2999.50	100.00
FRIDAY	6868.00	380.00
SATURDAY	1635.50	-----
JAN. BORNS	685.00	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21598.00+\$2</b>	<b>1410.00</b>

SUNDAY	SJF JAN. WEEK2
MAIN COLLECTION	4728.40
SECOND COLLECTION	2932.50
TITHE	320.00
31 <sup>ST</sup> THANKSGIVING	910.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8890.90</b>

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