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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22ND JANUARY, 2023: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,  
YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **"THE FIRST CALL"**

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Is 8:23 -- 9:3: The people in darkness have seen a great light.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

**THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17: Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

**Gospel Reading:** Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17: Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

### REFLECTION

In today's Gospel the first disciples, the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave. The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

### WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>Heb 9:15,24-28</b> Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30	<b>Tue 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>St. Francis de Sales</b> Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wed 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>The Conversion of St. Paul</b> Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18	<b>Thurs 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>Timothy and Titus</b> 2Tim 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10 Mk 4:21-25
<b>Fri 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>St. Angela Merici</b> Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-34,39-40 Mk 4:26-34	<b>Sat 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023</b> <b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b> Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Ps Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

### Readings for Next Sunday

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Zeph 2:3;3:12-13</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps 145:7-10</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>1Cor 1:26-31</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mt 5:1-12</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

#### 3. Be a saint.

At the end of the second chapter of “Christus Vivit,” Pope Francis offers a litany of young saints that young people should emulate and request the intercession of today. He mentions St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Blessed Chiara Badano, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, St. Dominic Savio and St. Kateri Tekawitha, among others. These are great saints for young people and all Christians to befriend today and ask for their intercession for the youth of the world.

We should especially ask these saints to help us to become saints ourselves. At the end of his litany, Pope Francis writes, “May these and so many other young people who perhaps in silence and hiddenness lived the Gospel to the full, intercede for the Church, so that she may be full of joyous, courageous and committed young people who can offer the world new testimonies of holiness” (63).

We live in a time that needs saints more than ever. There are many challenges of our times in and outside of the Church — but these crises can only be addressed by living out a holy life. Now is the time to be holy: We cannot put this on our “someday, maybe” list. Holiness cannot wait. God created each of us to be fully alive in Him.

As Pope Francis said, “The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!” (1).

## 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	Community Mass @ 7:00pm	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**  
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## MOTIVATION

### THE REFLECTIONS


Once, a dog ran into a museum full of mirrors. The museum was unique, the walls, ceiling, doors, and even floors were made of mirrors. Seeing his reflections, the dog froze in the middle of the hall surprisingly. He could see a whole pack of dogs surrounding him from all sides, from top to bottom.

The dog bared its teeth and barked all the reflexes that responded in the same way. Horrified, the dog barked feverishly, the dog's reflexes followed and raised him many times. The dog barked even louder, but the echo was enlarged. The dog flung from side to side while its reflexes also stirred and cracked its teeth.

The next morning, security guards at the museum found the miserable and lifeless dog surrounded by thousands of reflections of the lifeless dog. There was no one to hurt the dog. The dog died in battle with its reflexes.

**Moral:** *The world does not bring good or evil by itself. All that is happening around us is the reflection of our thoughts, feelings, desires, and actions. The world is a big mirror. So let's do good!*

## YOUTH CORNER

 **SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish**  
Presents

Theme:

# Youth 5G

God | Growth | Greatness | Generosity | Go

Venue: **St. John Fisher**  
Time: **9:30AM**  
Side Attraction: **JAMA SESSION**  
29/01/2023

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are reminded and entreated to pay our Church Dues, Welfare Dues, Building Fund, also pay last year harvest levy of GH¢100 per adult, GH¢50 per working youth, GH¢20 per child or more, and redeem our pledges.
- The Christian Mothers Association Christian Mothers Association will have their monthly meeting next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at STM after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass. They also wish to inform the Sunday School Children to stay after Mass for their usual Annual Party.
- The funeral arrangements:**
  - 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 3rd February, 2023: Wake-keeping as his residence at Alogboshie.
    - Saturday 4th February, 2023: Burial Mass at SJF at 7:30am. Interment: Achimota Public Cemetery
    - Sunday 5th February, 2023: Thanksgiving Mass at SJF at 9:30am.
  - St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind St. Francis of Assisi, Nigerian Community of their visitation to Alogboshie group A this month and Christian Mothers to Alogboshie group B in February.

## 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 JAN. WEEK1	STM JAN. WEEK2	STM JAN. WEEK3
SUNDAY	902.00	120.00	120.00
MONDAY	1682.50	-----	-----
TUESDAY	1016.30	800.00	10.00
WEDNESDAY	855.20	25.00	55.00
THURSDAY	725.70	50.00	-----
FRIDAY	1052.00	-----	-----
SATURDAY	983.00	-----	30.00
JAN. BORNS	111.00	-----	-----
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7327.70</b>	<b>995.00</b>	<b>215.00</b>

### Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM JAN. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2538.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1843.50
TITHE	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4481.70</b>



# FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

WEEKDAYS	SJF JAN. WEEK1	SJF JAN. WEEK2	SJF JAN. WEEK3
SUNDAY	2019.00	320.00	80.00
MONDAY	3749.00	550.00	100.00
TUESDAY	2298.00	10.00	20.00
WEDNESDAY	1344.00+\$2	50.00	10.00
THURSDAY	2999.50	100.00	100.00
FRIDAY	6868.00	380.00	100.00
SATURDAY	1635.50	-----	-----
JAN. BORNES	685.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	21598.00+\$2	1410.00	410.00

SUNDAY	SJF JAN. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3768.20
SECOND COLLECTION	2486.50
TITHE	200.00
31 <sup>ST</sup> THANKSGIVING	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6514.70</b>

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



SS Thomas More & John Fisher Parish, Achimota

# Help Us Build

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

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

Matthew 19: 14

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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