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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12TH FEBRUARY, 2023: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“BEYOND THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS”**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20: The eyes of God see all he has made.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO WALK IN THE LAW OF THE LORD!

Second Reading: 1Cor 2:6-10: God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Mt 5:17-37: I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

REFLECTION

Beloved, Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. When Matthew speaks of “the Law and the prophets” he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom, none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled.

He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. May we fulfill the scripture by being doers and not just listeners. Everything we do must be born out of love of God and neighbour.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 13TH FEBRUARY, 2023 Gen 4:1-15,25 Ps 50:1,8,16-17,20-21 Mk 8:11-13	Tue 14TH FEBRUARY, 2023 Sts. Cyril & Methodius Gen 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Ps 29:1-4,9-10 Mk 8:14-21
Wed 15TH FEBRUARY, 2023 Gen 8:6-13,20-22 Ps 116:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:22-26	Thurs 16TH FEBRUARY, 2023 Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-22,29 Mk 8:27-33
Fri 17TH FEBRUARY, 2023 Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34--9:1	Sat 18TH FEBRUARY, 2023 BVM Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5,10-11 Mk 9:2-13

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Lv 19:1-2,17-18
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
Second Reading	1Cor 3:16-23
Gospel	Mt 5:38-48

Mass Schedule

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



KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

THE LAW AND GRACE - Part 3

Revealed Law: We spoke in Book One of this series about revelation. In that book we primarily dealt with matters of faith. Here, we follow the same understanding but look at revelation regarding matters of morality.

As explained above, the natural law given to us by God and inscribed on our very conscience is somewhat confused as a result of Original Sin and our personal sins. It's not that the law itself is confused; rather, it's that our ability to comprehend the law of God is made difficult because of our fallen state. But God did not leave us in our confusion. Instead, He began from the beginning of time to reveal to us the full moral law so as to clarify that with which we struggle.

In the Old Testament, we see that God began to reveal His law as early as Adam and Eve and continued to reveal His law to those who came after. This was done with Noah, Abraham and especially through Moses when God gave him the Ten Commandments. We see the continuing revelation of God regarding morality in the teaching of the prophets, the development of the Old Testament Law and in the many ways in which God interacted with His people.

Ultimately, The Father revealed the fullness of the moral law to us in His Son, Jesus. Jesus, in His teaching and in His very person and actions, reveals the fullness of what it means to be human and to embrace the perfect law of love.

Without this revelation of God, we would remain in darkness and confusion. But with this revelation of God, we are given the ability to see clearly all that God has established as good, holy and morally upright.

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

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



Revival 2023

ENLARGE THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT

ISAIAH 54:2

February 15th - 17th
6:30pm Each night

Venue: St. Thomas More (STM), Achimota School, GA-246-1294
Maps: JQFJ+R35, Accra

Livestreaming [Ss.Thomas More & John Fisher](#)

W/ **Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Teresa Cross Codjoe**



Guest Minister Peter Owusu Ansah



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MOTIVATION

QUOTES WITH LIFE LESSONS TO HELP YOU MOVE ON

1. "You can only lose what you cling to." — **Buddha**
2. "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose." — **Lyndon B. Johnson**
3. "Why let go of yesterday? Because yesterday has already let go of you." — **Steve Maraboli**
4. "Only the dead have seen the end of war." — **Plato**
5. "You've gotta know when it's time to turn the page." — **Tori Amos**
6. "Though nobody can go back and make a new beginning... Anyone can start over and make a new ending." — **Chico Xavier**
7. "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." — **Seneca**
8. "I do a good job of staying positive and just moving on." — **Katie Taylor**
9. "Letting go does not mean you stop caring. It means you stop trying to force others to." — **Mandy Hale**
10. "You only struggle because you're ready to grow but aren't willing to let go." — **Drew Gerald**

YOUTH CORNER



Ambiance of Love

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY, 2023 **5:30 PM** **Fisher Gardens**

An interactive talk Mind blowing Games
Free bars of chocolates

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are reminded to pay our Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund for this year. Kindly check the notice board for more details. Those in arrears of last year's Harvest Levy, and pledges are entreated to redeem them.
2. We are reminded of this year's three days spirit filled Revival, starting from this Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th February, 2023 at STM at 6:30pm each night. In preparation for a fruitful Revival, 2023, we are entreated to pray and fast for our intentions on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th. Come and experience a Divine turn around in your life. Don't be left out.
3. We encouraged to bring our old Palm Fonds to the Parish Offices before Tuesday 21st February, 2023.
4. St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Christian Mothers Association of their visitation to 8 Wards in Alogboshie group B in the month February, 2023.
5. **The funeral arrangements of Mrs. Margaret Mercy Amankwah** a Parishioner is as follows:
 - Thursday 23rd February, 2023: Laying in state from 4:00am - 8:00am at her Family House, Ntonso and Burial Mass at St. Anthony Parish at Ntonso in the Ashanti Region at 9:00am.
 - Sunday 26th February, 2023: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Anthony Parish at Ntonso in the Ashanti Region at 9:00am.
 - Sunday 5th March, 2023: 2nd Thanksgiving Mass at STM at 7:00am
6. The STM & SJF Credit Union Happy Family would like to informed its members that interest on Savings Account for the last quarter of 2022 has been paid, therefore members should submit their passbooks for the update on their accounts. The union is also inviting qualified members of the Union to apply for the following positions: Board Member, Loans Committee Member, and Supervisory Committee Member. The closing date for applicants is 15th February, 2023.

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 FEB. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1255.00
MONDAY	1321.00
TUESDAY	1497.00
WEDNESDAY	658.00
THURSDAY	1540.00
FRIDAY	824.00
SATURDAY	1462.00
FEB. BORN	392.00
TOTAL	8949.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM FEB. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	2714.80
TITHE	2400.00
TOTAL	5114.80

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF FEB. WEEK1
SUNDAY	1375.00
MONDAY	2078.00
TUESDAY	796.00
WEDNESDAY	567.00
THURSDAY	2652.00
FRIDAY	5957.00
SATURDAY	783.00
FEB. BORNS	206.00
TOTAL	14414.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF FEB. WEEK1
MAIN COLLECTION	3133.30
TITHE	300.00
TOTAL	3433.30

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

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