



SS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACHIMOTA.

P.O. BOX AH 283, Achimota-Accra

Website: www.thomasmorejohnfisher.com

Email: besohwe@yahoo.com

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

22ND OCTOBER, 2023: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

THEME FOR THE WEEK: **“THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS ALSO OUR MISSION”**

Rev. Fr. George Obeng Appah (*Parish Priest*) 020-8592020
Rev. Fr. Clement Quagraine (*Assistant Priest*) 024-8329194

St. Thomas More Catholic Church - 030-3931800
SS. Thomas More and John Fisher Catholic Church - 030-3939862/
030-2436199

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: *Is 45:1, 4-6:* The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10*

GIVE THE LORD GLORY AND POWER.

Second Reading: *1Thes 1:1-5b:* Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Reading: *Mt 22:15-21:* The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus conveys a timeless message, saying, "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." This teaching underscores the need to balance our responsibilities to both the Church and our country. Neglecting our civic duties can lead to religious arrogance and hinder national progress, affecting areas like education, healthcare, industry, and the economy. We must remember that God doesn't directly intervene in worldly affairs; it's our duty to contribute to our society's welfare. On the other hand, dismissing religion in favour of a purely secular worldview can make us close-minded and intolerant, even within our communities. This can lead to unwavering political alignment, similar to the behaviour of the Herodians. True wholeness lies in striking a balance, being sincere in our faith and our commitment to our nation. By embodying this teaching, we show that we are Christians not just in name but in action, actively contributing to a more compassionate and just society.

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon 23RD OCTOBER, 2023 St. John Capistrano Rom 4:20-25 Ps Lk 1:69-75 Lk 12:13-21	Tue 24TH OCTOBER, 2023 St. Anthony Mary Claret Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21 Ps 40:7-10,17 Lk 12:35-38
Wed 25TH OCTOBER, 2023 Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1-8 Lk 12:39-48	Thurs 26TH OCTOBER, 2023 Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 12:49-53
Fri 27TH OCTOBER, 2023 Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66,68,76-77,93-94 Lk 12:54-59	Sat 28TH OCTOBER, 2023 Sts. Simon & Jude Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

Readings for Next Sunday

First Reading	Ex 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 18:2-4,47,51
Second Reading	1Thes 1;5C-10
Gospel	Mt 22:34-40

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 CONFITEOR - Part 3

- **PRAY FOR ME**

We call upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the angels and saints in heaven, and the people in our midst (our brothers and sisters in Christ) to pray to God for us.

Stop and think about this for a moment. The ancient belief of the Church is that when we gather to pray as a Church, the group that gathers is more than meets the eye. Literally, heaven comes down this spot, and we are joined by all of its inhabitants – the angels and saints. Most Catholic churches have art that symbolizes the presence of these other statues and painted images. As we ask them to join our prayer, we should be mindful of the purity of the prayers – my neighbor might think for a second to pray for me, but surely if I ask the Mother of God, the saints, and the angels to pray for me, they will do so incessantly.

In the materialistic world, we tend to forget that there is more to the world than meets the eye. We acknowledge the unseen in the signals sent to our cell phones or other wireless devices, but fail many times to call upon the much more powerful force and certainly time-tested power of God’s angels and saints.

Give thought to what you are asking the Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels, and the saints to do. Also, give thought to what the people gathered with you and the priest are asking you to do and do it. Ask God to hear their prayers.

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 THREE DAY MARIAN RALLY



A THREE DAY MARIAN RALLY

Sunday 29th Tuesday 31st October, 2023
to climax the October Rosary Month.

The Program Outline is as follows:

Theme: **"Mary our Mediator in times of trouble"**.

Day 1: Sunday 29th October, 2023: A Talk within all the Masses.

Day 2: Monday 30th October, 2023: A Talk at STM at 6:30pm.

Day 3: Tuesday 31st October, 2023: Candle Light Procession, Crowning at Grotto, Talk, Blessing of Sacramental and Burning of Intentions at SJF from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.



How to make all church statutory payments through MTN momo

Ss Thomas more & John Fisher

059 585 0922

Dial ***170#**

Select Option 2

Select Option 1

Enter Merchant ID: **247834**

Enter Amt

Enter Reference: eg. *Dues*

Enter your Momo pin

Send



MOTIVATION

THE FOX & THE GRAPES

One afternoon a fox was walking through the forest and spotted a bunch of grapes hanging from over a lofty branch. *"Just the thing to quench my thirst,"* he thought. Taking a few steps back, the fox jumped and just missed the hanging grapes. Again, the fox took a few paces back and tried to reach them but still failed.

Finally, giving up, the fox turned up his nose and said, *"They're probably sour anyway,"* and proceeded to walk away.

Moral of the story: *It's easy to despise what you can't have.*

YOUTH CORNER



#BesohweGoesPink

Breast Cancer Awareness | Rosary Month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are reminded of our **Annual Harvest which comes off on the 5th of November 2023 at the 7:00am Mass at STM, and at the 6:30am & 10:00am Masses at SJF.** We are encouraged to pay our Harvest levy of **GH¢100** per Adult, **GH¢50** per working Youth and **GH¢20** per child. Those in arrears of Harvest Levy, and pledges are entreated to redeem them and fulfill all other Church Financial Obligations. (e.g., Church Dues, Welfare Dues and Building Fund).
2. The Parish Youth Council would like to remind all parishioners of the Breast Cancer Screening happening next Sunday 29th October, 2023 after all Masses, and the sales of the pink ribbon at GHC 5 to enable them raise funds for the screening.
3. **The quarterly Daily Devotional booklets for all children are still available. Kindly get one for your kids. A copy goes for GHC15**
4. St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to remind the Ave Maria Society of their visitation in the month of November. Parishioners are to check the SSVF Gallery notice boards to see pictures of visits.
5. **Marriage Banns: 3rd** Publication between Joseph Kojo Yovo, son of Mr. Philip Yovo & Mrs. Vincentia Yovo And Immaculate Ruth Mbor, daughter of Mr. Joshua Nyunfa & Judith Amenovi.
6. **The death is reported** of: Worthy Bro. Eric Osei Owusu, a member of the Marshallans Society. His funeral details will be announced later.
7. **Funeral Arrangement** of Mrs. Doris Yeboaa Boateng wife of Mr. Mike Atiadevey a member of the Achimota Town Community is as follows:
 - **Saturday 28th October, 2023:** Pre-Burial Service at the forecourt of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Asiswa (Bosome-Freho District, Ashanti Region) from 6:30am to 8:30am and Burial Service from 9:00am to 11:30am. Funeral Rites from 1:00pm to 6:00pm.
 - **Sunday 29th October, 2023:** Thanksgiving Service at the same venue at 9:00am and Final Funeral Rites from 12:00pm to 6:00pm.

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 OCT. WEEK1	STM OCT. WEEK2	STM OCT. WEEK3
SUNDAY	570.00	190.00	22.00
MONDAY	1248.00	20.00	-----
TUESDAY	2099.00	500.00	800.00
WEDNESDAY	2106.00	15.00	-----
THURSDAY	972.50	1270.00	330.00
FRIDAY	890.00	20.00	-----
SATURDAY	634.00	-----	-----
OCT. BORNS	172.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	8691.50	2015.00	1152.00

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	STM OCT. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	2494.20
SECOND COLLECTION	1230.30
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	1540.00
TOTAL	5264.50

FINANCE CORNER - ST. JOHN FISHER

WEEKDAYS	SJF OCT. WEEK1	SJF OCT. WEEK2	SJF OCT. WEEK3
SUNDAY	2160.50	-----	1.00
MONDAY	2686.00+£100	-----	-----
TUESDAY	586.20	100.00	-----
WEDNESDAY	819.00+\$100	5.00	205.00
THURSDAY	2209.00	300.00	194.80
FRIDAY	1181.00+\$400	250.00	100.00
SATURDAY	1715.00	20.00	-----
OCT. BORNS	473.00	-----	-----
TOTAL	18869.70	675.00	500.80

Details of Last Sunday's Collections

SUNDAY	SJF OCT. WEEK3
MAIN COLLECTION	3840.00
SECOND COLLECTION	2132.10
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	800.00 +\$100
TITHE	300.00
TOTAL	8235.10

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.



Harvest 2023



TARGET

GH¢ 500,000⁰⁰

DATE

SUNDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 2023.

VENUE

STM: 7:00AM MASS
SJF: 6:30AM MASS & 10:00AM MASS


ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1117000222801
 BANK: NIB BANK, ABEKA BRANCH.


SS THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH
0595 85 09 22

THEME

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 -



0286 11 53 11 / 0206 76 29 20