

SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH ACHIMOTA



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14TH JUNE, 2026

ELEVEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Theme for the Week
"DON'T SHY AWAY FROM GOD'S WORK"

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a: God tells Moses that the Israelites will be his special people.

Responsorial Psalm; Psalm 100:1-3,5:
WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11: Christ died for us while we were still sinners and reconciled us to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:36-1:8: Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

REFLECTION

The readings for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to embrace a simple but challenging message: do not shy away from God's work. Throughout salvation history, God has called ordinary men and women to participate in His divine plan. He continues to do the same today. In the first reading from Exodus, God chooses Israel to be His treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. This calling comes with responsibility. God's people are not chosen for privilege alone but to serve as instruments of His presence and love in the world. They are entrusted with a mission that requires faithfulness and courage. Saint Paul reminds us in Romans that God's love was revealed most powerfully in Christ, who died for us while we were still sinners. If God did not hesitate to reach out to us in our weakness, neither should we hesitate to respond to His call. His grace strengthens us for every task He entrusts to us.

In the Gospel, Jesus is moved with compassion for the crowds and sends His disciples to continue His mission. They are to proclaim the Kingdom, heal the sick, and bring hope to those in need. The work is demanding, but Jesus equips those He calls. As disciples today, we are invited to continue Christ's mission. Let us not shy away from God's work because of fear, doubt, or inconvenience. Trusting in His grace, let us serve generously, knowing that through us God continues to touch, heal, and save His people.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL THEME (2026)

SENT TO WITNESS: LIVING THE GOSPEL
EVERY DAY (MATHEW 5:16)

CLERGY

REV. FR. PATRICK AGBEKO

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REV. FR. CLEMENT QUAGRAINE

- 0248329194

REV. FR. EVANS HALOLO

- 0245430895

REV. FR. DELASE ATSU PARKU

- 0244607526

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

STM: Tue - Fri @ 6:15 AM

SJF: Mon - Fri @ 6:15 AM

Sat: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00-6:30 am, **Mass:** 6:30 am

Sunday Mass

ST. THOMAS MORE

1st Mass: 7:00 - 9:00 am

2nd Mass: 9:30 - 11:30 am

ST. JOHN FISHER

1st Mass: 6:30 - 8:30 am

2nd Mass: 9:30 - 11:30 am

OTHER PARISH ACTIVITIES

Bible Sharing (**SJF**) Every Wednesday @ 6:30 PM

First Thursday of the month, Adoration at **STM** @ 6:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament @ (**SJF**) First Friday of the month - After Morning Mass, followed by ADORATION in the evening at 7

Infant Baptism - 1ST Sat. @ STM -7 am
Grotto Devotion (SJF) First Saturday of the month @ 4:00 PM

SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC PARISH NEW ACHIMOTA

95 YEARS OF FAITH, GRACE & MISSION

ROOTED IN CHRIST.
READY FOR THE NEXT CENTURY.



Most Rev. Anthony Narh Asare
Auxiliary Bishop of Accra



FEAST DAY PROPER
Sunday, 28th June 2026
(8:30AM)
Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher Church



ANNIVERSARY CLIMAX
Sunday, 1st November 2026
(All Saints Day)
(8:30AM)
Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher Church



Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie, CSSp
Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra

A Journey of Faith. A Future of Hope. A Legacy of Love.
ALL ARE WARMLY INVITED!



SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH ACHIMOTA

95 LIGHTS OF Faith

95TH ANNIVERSARY
CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

REMEMBERING those who went before us.
CELEBRATING God's faithfulness.
INSPIRING the generations to come.

Friday
26TH JUNE 2026

6:30 PM
Sharp

GATHERING POINT:
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH GROUNDS

"As we celebrate 95 years of God's faithfulness, we gather in prayerful remembrance of the priests, religious, benefactors and parishioners who have gone before us, whose sacrifices helped build the faith community we cherish today."

95 YEARS, 95 LIGHTS, ONE FAITH.
Journeying Together to a Century



SS THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH

95TH ANNIVERSARY Thanksgiving CELEBRATION

THEME:
**95 Years of Blessings:
Rooted in Christ,
Ready for the next Century.**
(Reviving Faith, Service, and Vocations) Col. 2:6-7

SUNDAY
28TH
JUNE 2026

8:30 AM
(It's a Whole Day Affair)

SS THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER PARISH,
New Achimota

CHURCH CLOTH
(Where Available)

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT:

MOST REV. ANTHONY NARH ASARE
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF ACCRA



Journeying Together to a Century

KPEHE DEANERY
CATHOLIC YOUTH COUNCIL

Career Workshop & Training Program

CALL FOR VENDORS

We are inviting vendors to be part of our upcoming Career Workshop event.

Vendor Fee: **100.00**

27th June, 2026
8:00 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy, Legon

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Vendor Categories Needed:
Pop corn • Local Drinks
Pastries • Yam Chips

FOR REGISTRATION:
0202288547 (JOYCE)

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Ss Thomas more & John Fisher
059 585 0922

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KNOW YOUR FAITH

The Altar is a "Table of Sacrifice and of Paschal Banquet" - By Denis R. McNamara

In the years since the Second Vatican Council, the table-ness of the altar has perhaps been emphasized above all other attributes. While an altar is indeed a table, it signifies much more than domestic furniture. The Order of the Dedication of an Altar calls the altar a "table of sacrifice and of the paschal banquet" (4). "Paschal banquet" refers back to the Last Supper, when Christ becomes the new Passover victim. The altar indicates, therefore, the fulfillment of the sacred meal of the Last Supper in service of the community, since "Christ made holy the table where the community would come to celebrate their Passover."13 So the altar is a table of the Christian community, where the "Church's children gather to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ"14 as the apostles did. But this table was precisely the place where Christ initiated the sacrifice of the Eucharist, hence the term "table of sacrifice."

The altar not only shows the table of the Last Supper fulfilled but prefigures the table of the heavenly banquet, the eternal heavenly feast that celebrates the full reunification of God and creation. Sacrosanctum Concilium (S.C 8), makes it clear that "in the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem" and the Catechism notes that in the Eucharistic celebration "we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life" (CCC 1326). For this reason, the Church uses the fine arts to render this present in our own time and space, as (S.C 122) notes: "all things set apart for divine worship should be composed of signs and symbols of heavenly realities" An altar, then, gives a foretaste of the table of heaven because Christ is "the living altar in the heavenly Temple"16

It follows naturally that the altar is a place of festivity since it is the locus of the joyful work of salvation and a real anticipation of heavenly delight. Similarly, the rites of the Church are not so much performed as celebrated, and the altar is the place of that joyful celebration. When a new church is dedicated, the altar is covered with a white cloth, indicating that it is prepared for a sacrificial banquet and "adorned as for a feast." The Order of the Dedication of a Church states that the dressing of the altar "clearly signifies that it is the Lord's table at which all God's people joyously meet to be refreshed with divine food."



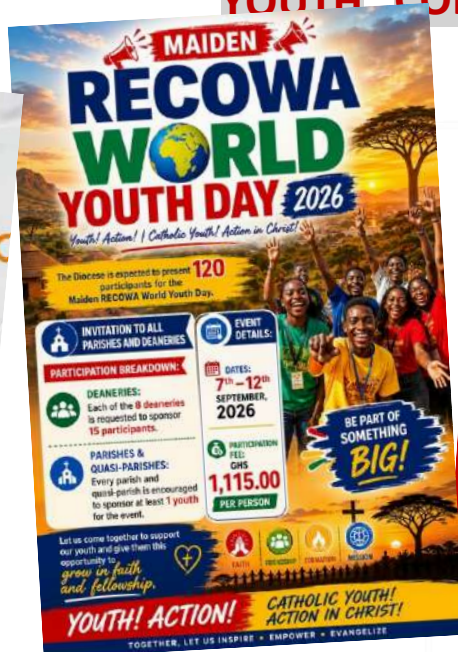
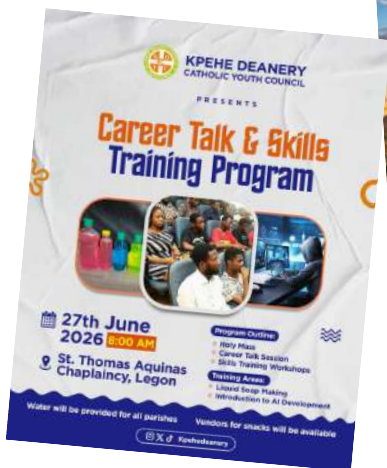
MOTIVATION

Shark Bait

A marine biologist put a shark into a big tank during a research experiment. Followed by that, he released some tiny bait fish into it. As expected, the shark didn't wait to attack those fish and ate them. Later, a clear fiberglass was inserted into the tank, which partitioned the tank into two, and the shark remained on one side. A similar set of bait fish was sent to the other side of the tank as before. The shark attempted to attack those fish but failed by hitting the fiberglass. The shark attempted for several days until it gave up. Later, the biologist removed the glass from the tank, but the shark didn't try to attack the small fish. The shark always continues to see a false barrier in the tank and stops his attempts.

Moral: The story is an example of trying always and never giving up despite multiple failures.

YOUTH CORNER



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are reminded and encouraged to pay our Harvest levy of GH¢200 per Adult, GH¢100 per working Youth, and GH¢50 per child. Those in arrears of the Harvest Levy and pledges are entreated to redeem them. Those who have pledged for the Legacy of Hope Project are also reminded and encouraged to fulfill their obligations and settle all other Church Financial Commitments. (e.g., Church Dues, Welfare Dues, and Building Fund).
- **Societal Meeting Days:**
 - The New Achimota, Akwetyeman, Kopevi & Achimota Town Community meet every 3rd Sunday of the month at SJF.
 - The Young Christian Workers meet every 3rd Sunday of the month at STM.
 - The Ave Maria Society meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at STM.
 - The Northern Union meets every 1st Sunday of the month at STM.
 - The Christian Mothers Association meets every 3RD Sunday of the month at STM/SJF.
 - St. Theresa of the Child Jesus meets every 1st Sunday of the month at STM & 3RD Sunday at SJF.
 - The Holy Family Akan Kuo meets every 1st Sunday of the month at STM.
 - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meets every fourth Sunday of the month at STM.
 - St. Francis of Assisi Nigerian Community meets every 1st Sunday of the month at SJF.
- **Marriage Banns:**
- **Death Report:**
- **Funeral Arrangements:**
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to inform the Knights of St John International and the Ladies Auxiliary of their visit to the wards in Christian Village in July.
- **Offertory for next Sunday:**
 - @STM: 7:00 am: Christian village & 9:30am Mass: Christian Mothers.
 - @SJF 6:30 am All parishioner & 9:30 am Mass: St Theresa of the Child Jesus.



PASTORAL CARE

CONFESSIONS - Every Saturday, 5 pm at SJF & 6:30 pm at STM

BAPTISM - First Saturday of every month. Please visit the Parish Office for the baptismal form.

VISITATION TO THE SICK AND AGED Tuesday @ 7 am. Contact the Parish Office to make visit requests.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Arrangements must be made AT LEAST SIX (6) MONTHS in advance of the proposed date and prior to the social arrangements. At least one partner in the couple must be a registered member of the Church for at least 6 months.

CONSULTATION OF PRIESTS
STM – Tue 6.30 PM – 8:00 PM, Wed & Thu, 6:30 AM- 7:30 AM
SJF – Mon/Wed, 5:00 PM

Contact the Priest (s) directly for emergencies

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tues–Friday, 9 am to 1 pm & 2 pm to 5 pm
Sundays 9 am -1.30 pm

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
Catechists - **0244505356**

Missionary Animators-
0205860277/0540911949

Knights & Ladies of the altar-
0246231722/0555734484

Lectors – **0242743399**

Marriage & family life

Ushers – **0245295099**

Eucharistic Ministers - **0506444693**

**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

95TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the gift of our parish, for 95 years of faith, grace, and blessings.

As we journey towards our Centenary, help us to remain rooted in Christ, firm in faith, steadfast in hope, and active in love and service.

Renew in us, O Lord, a deeper commitment to our Catholic faith.

Revive in our hearts the zeal to serve, the courage to witness, and the openness to respond to your call.

Bless our families, strengthen our communities, and inspire many vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and holy Christian living.

Through the intercession of our patron saints, St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, grant us the grace to remain faithful, even in times of trial, and to be true witnesses of your truth and love. May this anniversary be for us a time of renewal, unity, and mission, as we prepare joyfully for the next century

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Weekly Readings

Monday (15/06/2026)	1Kgs 21:1-16 / Ps 6:2-3,5-7/ Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday (16/06/2026)	1Kgs 21:17-29 / Ps 51:3-6,11,16 / Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday (17/06/2026)	2Kgs 2:1,6-14 / Ps 31:20-21,24 / Mt 6:6,16-18
Thursday (18/06/2026)	Sir 48:1-14 / Ps 97:1-7 / Mt 6:7-15
Friday (19/06/2026)	2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20 / Ps 132:11-14,17-18 / Mt 6:19-23
Saturday (20/06/2026)	2 Chron 24:17-25 / Ps 89:4-5,29-34 / Mt 6:24-34
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY	Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 69:8-10,14,17,33-35 / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33

FINANCE CORNER



ST. THOMAS MORE

STM – JUNE									
WEEK DAYS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	TOTAL	RANKS	Breakdown Of Last Sunday's Collection	
Sun.	977.00							MAIN COLLECTION	2144.50
Mon.	1476.00							SECOND COLLECTION	
Tue.	643.50							THANKSGIVING	6535.00
Wed.	907.00							TITHE	600
Thur.	654.00							OFFERTORY ENVE.	350
Fri.	811.50								
Sat.	780.00								
June	286.00								
Total	6535.00							TOTAL	9629.50

ST. JOHN FISHER

SJF – JUNE									
WEEK DAYS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	TOTAL	RANKS	Breakdown Of Last Sunday's Collection	
Sun.	782.00							MAIN COLLECTION	4515.10
Mon.	5916.00							SECOND COLLECTION	
Tue.	959.00							THANKSGIVING	16126.50
Wed.	981.50							TITHE	1500.00
Thur.	2227.50							OFFERTORY ENVE.	2700.00
Fri.	2313.00								
Sat.	2482.00								
June	448								
Total	16126.50							TOTAL	24841.60

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.