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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5TH JULY, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Theme for the Week

LET US ALWAYS BE GUIDED BY GOD'S WORDS FILLED WITH WISDOM.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10: The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14:
I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER, MY KING AND MY GOD.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13: Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30: Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

REFLECTION

Beloved in Christ, the readings for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to allow our lives to be guided by God's words, which are filled with divine wisdom. In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah presents the Messiah as a humble King who comes riding on a donkey, bringing peace rather than violence. God's wisdom is different from human wisdom. While the world often values power, prestige, and dominance, God reveals that true greatness is found in humility, justice, and peace. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the Father for revealing His mysteries to the little ones rather than to those who rely solely on their own understanding. He then extends His comforting invitation: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." When we allow God's Word to guide us, we discover that Christ's yoke is easy because it is carried with His grace. His wisdom teaches us to trust Him even when life is filled with uncertainty and suffering. Furthermore, Saint Paul reminds us that those who belong to Christ are called to live according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh. By listening to God's Word and allowing the Holy Spirit to shape our decisions, we overcome selfish desires and grow in holiness. Hence, as disciples of Christ, let us continually seek the wisdom found in God's Word. May it enlighten our minds, strengthen our hearts, and guide every step we take, so that our lives may reflect the humility, peace, and love of Jesus.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL THEME (2026)

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

CLERGY

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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

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KNOW YOUR FAITH

STOLE, A LITURGICAL GARMENT

Stole, a liturgical vestment composed of a strip of material from two to four inches wide and about eighty inches long. It has either a uniform width throughout, or is somewhat narrower towards the middle, widening at the ends in the shape of a trapezium or spade. A small cross is generally sewn or embroidered on the stole at both ends and in the middle; the cross, however, is prescribed only for the middle, where the priest kisses the stole before putting it on. There are no express precepts concerning the material of the stole, but silk, or at least a half-silk fabric, is most appropriate. Stoles for festivals are generally ornamented with embroidery, especially what are called "vesper stoles".

PRESENT USE—the stole is worn only by deacons, priests, and bishops. For deacons and priests, it is the specific mark of office, being the badge of the diaconal and priestly orders. The wrongful use of the stole by subdeacons, therefore, would imply the usurpation of a higher order and would constitute an irregularity. Deacons wear the stole like a sash, the vestment resting on the left shoulder and thence passing across the breast and back to the right side. The stole of the priest extends from the back of the neck across the shoulders to the breast, where the two halves either cross each other or fall straight as the stole is worn over the Alb or the surplice. The stole is worn by a bishop in the same manner as a priest, except that it is never crossed on the breast, as a bishop wears the pectoral cross. As a mark of order, the stole is used in a special ceremony, at the ordination of deacons and priests. At the ordination of deacons, the bishop places it on the left shoulder of the candidate saying: "Receive from the hand of God the white garment and fulfill thy duty, for God is mighty enough to give thee His grace in rich measure." At the ordination of priests, the bishop draws the part of the stole that rests at the back of the candidate's neck forward over the breast and lays the two ends crosswise, saying: "Receive the yoke of the Lord, for His yoke is sweet and His burden is light." The Sacred Congregation of Rites has made a large number of decisions concerning the use of the stole. As a general rule, it may be stated: the stole is only used and must be used at a function peculiar to the deacon, priest, and bishop, a function that presupposes the order (e.g., at the celebration of Mass, when the Blessed Sacrament is touched when the sacraments are administered)



MOTIVATION

The Story of the Songbirds

Early in the morning, the father was looking out the window as usual. The kid asked his father, "Why do you look out the window so much every morning, Dad?" The father replied: I admire the songbirds that stand together on the telephone wire, sing, and then fly to look for food.

Son: What else do you like about these birds, Dad?

Father: I think they are the happiest creatures on earth because they stand above telephone wires. These wires carry many conversations that cross from house to house and from village to village, containing both happy and sad ones, but all this news and conversation passes under the feet of birds, and the birds do not lose their inner peace.

Moral: dear friends, put the news of the world under your feet, ignore it as these birds do, and do not let it break your heart, occupy your mind, or threaten your inner peace and psychological comfort.

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, Akweteyman, 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:**

For the late Mad. **Gladys Ama Agbomadzi** is as follows:
There will be no wake

 - **Friday 10th July, 2026:** Family Gathering & Laying in State at Christian Village.
 - **Saturday 11th July, 2026:** Burial Mass at Ss. Thomas More & John Fisher Catholic Church near Azuma Nelson House. Time: **8:00 am – 10:30 am**
 - **Interment:** Okanfo Cemetery
 - **Final Funeral Gathering:** Fisher Gardens
 - **Sunday 12th July, 2026:** Thanksgiving Service at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Achimota Basic School. Time: **7:00 am.**
- 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 Mass: Kissehman Community & 9:30 am Mass: All Parishioners.
 - @SJF: 6:30 am Mass: Ushers & am & 9:30 am Mass: Knights & Ladies of Marshall.



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-
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Knights & Ladies of the Altar-
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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 (06/07/2026) Maria Gorretti Virgin & Martyr M	Hos 2:16-17c-18,21-22 / Ps 145:2-9 / Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday (07/07/2026)	Hos 8:4-7,11-13 / Ps 115:3-10 / Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday (08/07/2026)	Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12 / Ps 105:2-7 / Mt 10:1-7
Thursday (09/07/2026)	Hos 11:1-4,8c-9 / Ps 80:2-3,15-16 / Mt 10:7-15
Friday (10/07/2026)	Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17 / Mt 10:16-23
Saturday (11/07/2026) Benedict abbot, religious founder M	Is 6:1-8 / Ps 93:1-2,5 / Mt 10:24-33
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Fifteenth Sunday)	Is 55:10-11 / Ps 65:10-14 (Lk 8:8) / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

FINANCE CORNER



ST. THOMAS MORE

STM – JUNE

WEEK DAYS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	TOTAL	RANKS	Breakdown Of Last Sunday's Collection	
Sun.	977.00	-	-	-	977.00	5TH	MAIN COLLECTION	-
Mon.	1476.00	350.00	-	-	1826.00	1ST	SECOND COLLECTION	-
Tue.	643.50	825.00	-	-	1468.50	2ND	MEN COLLECTION	-
Wed.	907.00	-	100.00	-	1007.00	4TH	WOMEN COLLECTION	-
Thur.	654.00	-	50.00	-	704.00	7TH	THANKSGIVING	-
Fri.	811.50	320.00	200.00	-	1331.50	3RD	TITHE	-
Sat.	780.00	-	20.00	-	800.00	6TH	OFFERTORY ENVE.	-
June	286.00	-	-	-	286.00	-		-
Total	6535.00	1495.00	370.00	-	8400.00	-	TOTAL	-

ST. JOHN FISHER

SJF – JUNE

WEEK DAYS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	TOTAL	RANKS	Breakdown Of Last Sunday's Collection	
Sun.	782.00	300.00	-	-	1082.00	5TH	MAIN COLLECTION	9512.10
Mon.	5916.00	-	-	-	5916.00	1ST	SECOND COLLECTION	-
Tue.	959.00	-	-	-	959.00	7TH	MEN COLLECTION	3969.70
Wed.	981.50	20.00	20.00	-	1021.50	6TH	WOMEN COLLECTION	5014.70
Thur.	2227.50	-	100.00	-	2327.50	4TH	THANKSGIVING	-
Fri.	2313.00	-	2000.00	-	4313.00	2ND	TITHE	500.00
Sat.	2482.00	1100.00	-	-	3582.00	3RD	OFFERTORY ENVE.	-
June	448.00	-	-	-	448.00	-		
Total	16126.50	1420.00	2012.00	-	19649.00	-	TOTAL	18996.50

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.