



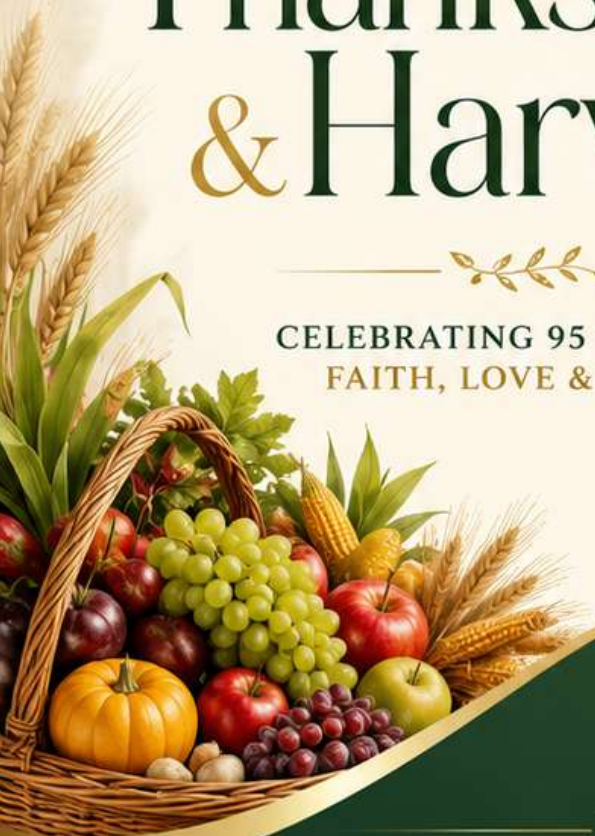
SS. THOMAS MORE
AND JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH
— (NEW ACHIMOTA) —

I WILL NOT REST
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for God
(PSALM 132:4-5)

95TH

ANNIVERSARY
Thanksgiving
& Harvest

CELEBRATING 95 YEARS OF
FAITH, LOVE & SERVICE



SUNDAY
12TH JULY, 2026

WEEKLY PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12TH JULY, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Theme for the Week

"HOW ROOTED IS THE WORD OF GOD SOWN IN OUR HEARTS?"

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11: The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:9abc, 9e-10, 11-12. 13:
THE SEED THAT FELL INTO GOOD SOIL YIELDED A HUNDREDFOLD.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23: Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23: Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

REFLECTION

The theme, "How rooted is the Word of God sown in our hearts?", captures the central message of the readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel (Matthew 13:1-23), Jesus presents the Parable of the Sower, emphasizing that the fruitfulness of God's Word depends not on the seed—which is always good—but on the condition of the soil, which symbolizes the human heart. The question, therefore, is not whether God continues to speak, but whether our hearts are sufficiently open, deep, and receptive to allow His Word to transform our lives. Isaiah reminds us that God's Word is never empty or ineffective. Just as rain and snow nourish the earth and enable it to bear fruit, so God's Word accomplishes the purpose for which He sends it. The obstacle to fruitfulness is never the power of the Word but the resistance of the human heart. A shallow faith, worldly distractions, pride, sin, and a lack of perseverance can prevent the Word from taking deep root.

St. Paul, in the second reading, encourages believers to endure present sufferings with hope, knowing that all creation longs for the fullness of God's glory. A heart deeply rooted in God's Word does not abandon faith when trials arise. Instead, it draws strength from God's promises, patiently awaiting the glory yet to be revealed. As disciples, we are called to cultivate the soil of our hearts through prayer, the sacraments, repentance, and daily meditation on Scripture. Only then will the Word sink deep within us, shape our thoughts and actions, and bear abundant fruit in holiness, charity, and faithful witness. The true measure of our discipleship is not merely hearing God's Word but allowing it to take firm root and transform the whole of our lives

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL THEME (2026)

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

CLERGY

REV. FR. PATRICK AGBEKO

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- +1 646 9544 711 WhatsApp Only

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!



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SS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH
(NEW ACHIMOTA)

95TH Thanksgiving & Harvest ANNIVERSARY

IN AID OF THE ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH PROJECT

THEME:
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(PSALM 132:4-5)



LAUNCH DATE
12TH JULY, 2026



HARVEST DATE
8TH NOVEMBER, 2026



Target:
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NIB Bank, Abeka Branch

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ST. THOMAS MORE JOHN FISHER CATH. CHURCH



*Grateful for Our Past, Faithful in Our Present,
Hopeful for Our Future.*



SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER
CATHOLIC CHURCH, ACHIMOTA

P R E S E N T S

INTERCOMMUNITY AND INTERSOCIETAL ANNIVERSARY

QUIZ!

COMPETITION

5:30
PM

PARTICIPATING GROUPS

G1

THE FOUNDATION SHIELD

(Alegboshie Community, Christian Village Community, Kleshman-Anumie Community, Christian Mothers)

G2

THE LITURGICAL VOICE

(Liturgical (KNOLTA, Ushers, Lectors, All Choirs.)

G3

THE DEVOTIONAL FLAME

(Legion of Mary, Ave Maria Society, Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR), St. Theresa of the Child Jesus.)

G4

THE CHARITY VANGUARD

(Young Christian Workers (YCW), St. Vincent De Paul, Akan Kuo.)

G5

THE FRATERNAL PILLAR

(Knights & Ladies of St. John, Knights & Ladies of Marshall, Amalgamated Com., New Achimota Akweteyman, Kopevi & Achimota Town Com.)

G6

THE DYNAMIC TRIO

(Nigerian Community, Northern Union, Francophone Community.)

DATE

**FRIDAY 24TH
JULY 2026**

VENUE

**ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
ACHIMOTA**

WE ARE JOURNEYING TOWARDS A CENTURY

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SS Thomas More and John Fisher

KNOW YOUR FAITH

THE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF SOCIAL LIFE

Freedom

Freedom is the highest sign in man of his being made in the divine image and, consequently, is a sign of the sublime dignity of every human person. "Freedom is exercised in relationships between human beings. Every human person, created in the image of God, has the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being. All owe to each other this duty of respect. The right to the exercise of freedom, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person. The meaning of freedom must not be restricted, considering it from a purely individualistic perspective and reducing it to the arbitrary and uncontrolled exercise of one's own personal autonomy: "Far from being achieved in total self-sufficiency and the absence of relationships, freedom only truly exists where reciprocal bonds, governed by truth and justice, link people to one another". The understanding of freedom becomes deeper and broader when it is defended, even at the social level, in all of its various dimensions.

The value of freedom, as an expression of the singularity of each human person, is respected when every member of society is permitted to fulfil his personal vocation; to seek the truth and profess his religious, cultural and political ideas; to express his opinions; to choose his state of life and, as far as possible, his line of work; to pursue initiatives of an economic, social or political nature. This must take place within a "strong juridical framework" within the limits imposed by the common good and public order, and, in every case, in a manner characterized by responsibility.

On the other hand, freedom must also be expressed as the capacity to refuse what is morally negative, in whatever guise it may be presented, as the capacity to distance oneself effectively from everything that could hinder personal, family or social growth. The fullness of freedom consists in the capacity to be in possession of oneself in view of the genuine good, within the context of the universal common good



MOTIVATION

The Scorpion and the Frog

The Scorpion and the Frog is a fable about trust, human nature, and malevolence. One of the many versions goes as follows: A scorpion asks a frog to carry him over a river. The frog is afraid of being stung, but the scorpion argues that if it did so, both would sink and the scorpion would drown. The frog then agrees, but midway across the river, the scorpion does indeed sting the frog, dooming them both. When asked why, the scorpion points out that this is its nature.

The moral of the story: You can't outsmart human nature. Be realistic about changing vicious people; sometimes, they even act against their own interests.

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.
- A parishioner needs an office assistant, preferably an SHS/Diploma graduate with an accounting background. Should live around Alogboshie and its environs. Interested applicants should call:
054 942 9062
- There will be a Mid-Year parish revival from 29th -30th July, 2026 at SJF. More details will be provided later. Let's keep the date in mind and prepare towards it.
- **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 Mass: Young Christian Workers & 9:30 am Mass: All Parishioners.
 - @SJF: 6:30 am Mass: All Parishioners & am & 9:30 am Mass: New Ach Kopevi, Akweteyman Ach. Town.



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 (13/07/2026)	Is 1:10-17 / Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21-23 / Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday (14/07/2026)	Is 7:1-9 / Ps 48:2-8 / Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday (15/07/2026) St. Bonaventure, Bishop	Is 10:5-7,13b-16 / Ps 94:5-10,14-15 / Mt 11:25-27
Thursday (16/07/2026)	Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 / Ps 102:13-21 / Mt 11:28-30
Friday (17/07/2026)	Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 / Ps Is 38:10-12,16 / Mt 12:1-8
Saturday (18/07/2026)	Mic 2:1-5 / Ps 10b:1-4,7-8,14 / Mt 12:14-21
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Sixteenth Sunday)	Wis 12:13,16-19 / Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16a / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

FINANCE CORNER



ST. THOMAS MORE

STM – JULY

WEEK DAYS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	TOTAL	RANKS	Breakdown Of Last Sunday's Collection	
Sun.	1309.00						MAIN COLLECTION	4085.30
Mon.	973.00						SECOND COLLECTION	-
Tue.	1656.00						THANKSGIVING	10663.00
Wed.	1041.00						TITHE	-
Thur.	738.00						OFFERTORY ENVE.	1032.00
Fri.	814.00							-
Sat.	3877.00							-
July	255.00							-
Total	10663.00						TOTAL	15780.30

ST. JOHN FISHER

SJF – JULY

WEEK DAYS	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	TOTAL	RANKS	Breakdown Of Last Sunday's Collection	
Sun.	1530.00						MAIN COLLECTION	6168.40
Mon.	4083.00						SECOND COLLECTION	-
Tue.	3126.00						THANKSGIVING	30579.00
Wed.	1721.50						TITHE	-
Thur.	2958.00						OFFERTORY ENVE.	515.00
Fri.	11854.50							
Sat.	4750.00							
July	556.00							
Total	30579.00						TOTAL	37262.40

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.