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95TH ANNIVERSARY



A JOURNEY OF FAITH. A LEGACY OF LOVE.

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Catholic Church is a Parish
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**LOVE, HOPE, AND
TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST,**

Fostering Spiritual Growth,
Compassion, and Service,
inspired by the examples of
our Patron Saints,

SS Thomas More and
John Fisher.



FAITH

Rooted in Christ



HOPE

Alive in our hearts



LOVE

United as one family



SERVICE

Called to serve others

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SS. THOMAS MORE & JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH ACHIMOTA



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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2ND AUGUST, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Theme for the Week

"GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES FOR US WITHOUT COUNTING THE COST"

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3: The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendants of David.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-18:
YOU OPEN YOUR HAND, LORD, AND YOU SATISFY US.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21: Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

REFLECTION

Beloved in Christ, the readings of this Sunday reveal a God whose generosity knows no limits. Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord lovingly invites everyone: "Come, everyone who thirsts... buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Is 55:1). God does not calculate our worthiness before offering His grace. He freely gives what truly satisfies the deepest hunger of the human heart. In the Gospel, Jesus demonstrates this same divine generosity by feeding the five thousand with only five loaves and two fish. Instead of sending the crowd away hungry, He transforms scarcity into abundance, leaving twelve baskets of leftovers. God's providence is never measured by human limitations but by His infinite love.

St. Paul strengthens our confidence by assuring us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Rom 8:35, 37-39). God's provision is therefore not limited to material needs. He nourishes us with His Word, strengthens us through the Sacraments, forgives our sins, and remains faithful even in times of suffering and uncertainty. His love is constant, unconditional, and overflowing.

As Catholic faithful, we are invited to trust completely in God's providence and to imitate His generosity. When we recognize that everything we have is a gift from Him, we become willing to share our time, talents, and resources with those in need. The Eucharist, the greatest gift of Christ, continually reminds us that God always provides for His children without counting the cost, calling us to do the same for one another.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL THEME (2026)

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

CLERGY

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REV. FR. CLEMENT QUAGRAINE

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REV. FR. EVANS HALOLO

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REV. FR. DELASE ATSU PARKU

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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

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



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

95TH ANNIVERSARY Thanksgiving & Harvest

IN AID OF THE ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH PROJECT

THEME: I WILL NOT REST UNTIL I FIND A PLACE FOR GOD (PSALM 132:4-5)

Target: GH¢750,000.00

LAUNCH DATE : 12TH JULY, 2026
HARVEST DATE : 8TH NOVEMBER, 2026



Account Number: **1117000222801**
Account Name: St. Thomas More Catholic Church
NIB Bank, Abeka Branch



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SS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER CATH. CHURCH

Have You Paid Your Harvest Levy?

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Youth - 100.00
Kids - 50.00



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KNOW YOUR FAITH

Why do Catholics leave Jesus crucified on the cross in Catholic churches when Jesus is risen?

Have you ever wondered why the Catholic Church uses a crucifix as a symbol as opposed to other Christian churches that use an empty cross? It is common to hear from those outside the Church that He is risen, but we “leave Him hanging there” or that the crucifix reduces the power of the Resurrection. Also, the crucifix is often thought of as gruesome or morbid. These misconceptions are due to a lack of understanding of what the crucifix actually means to us as Catholics.

Jesus is not “left on the cross,” but rather his saving love is displayed. Jesus died for our sins out of love is the central message of a crucifix. The centrality of this to the mission of Jesus on earth is mentioned several times in the New Testament:

For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. . . (1 Cor. 1:23)

And just as Moses lifted the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn. 3:14-16)

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you. (Lk. 22:19-20)

God could have chosen any method for the redemption of humanity. In his desire that humanity should know the depravity of sin and the depths of God’s love, he chose to die on the cross. Displaying a crucifix does not in any way deny the resurrection of Jesus. After all, do faith communities that display only a cross want to downplay the sufferings of Jesus? Of course not; it is just a different preference of emphasis. In the Catholic Church, the crucifix has been the traditional sign and statement of our faith in God’s love and mercy. It reminds us that Jesus never promised his followers an easy life (Matt. 16:24) but that if we join our sufferings to his, we too ultimately triumph as he did.

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MOTIVATION

Worrying about Nothing

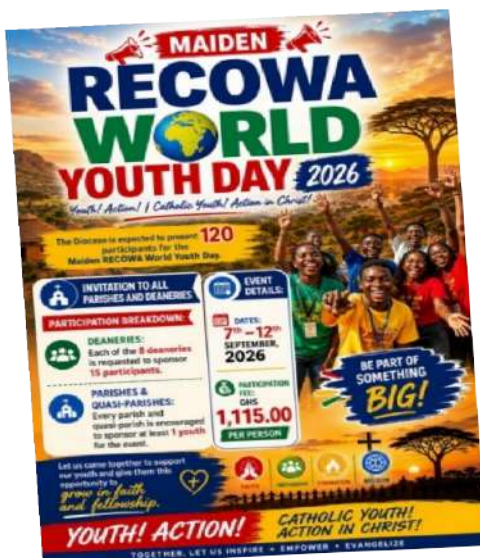
One woman said to her doctor. If I went anywhere, I would tell myself after leaving the house.

- Maybe I forgot to turn off the power
- Maybe the house caught on fire
- Perhaps the children went out onto the street with their bicycles and were over by a car!

Therefore, I always get worried and hurry back to my house to make sure nothing has happened and that nothing happens.

Moral: Worry steals the joy of life; let go of the empty worries.

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:**

3rd Publication between:

 - Gabriel Akwetey Kwaku Ekpe (son of Samuel Ekpe) and Jennifer Manishimwe (daughter of David Hategekimana and Cloudine Nyirarukundo).
- **Death Report:**
 - The death is reported of **Obaapanyin Esi Ntsimah**, mother of Grace Bentil, a member of the Youth Choir. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.
 - This death is reported of **Mr. George A. Asamoaning**, husband of Mrs. Comfort Asamoaning, a member of the Christian Mothers Association and Northern Union. Funeral details will be announced later.

Let's keep the family in our prayers during this difficult time.
- A parishioner is in search of a two-bedroom apartment in Achimota and its environs. He can be reached at **0541282818** or by contacting the church offices.
- **Funeral Arrangements:**
- **Offertory for next Sunday:**
 - @ STM: 7:00 am Mass: Christian Village Community & 9:30 am Mass: Open to Parishioners.
 - @SJF: 6:30 am Mass: Open to Parishioners & am & 9:30 am Mass: Alogboshie Community



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-
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 (03/08/2026)	Jer 28:1-17 / Ps 119:29,43,79,80,95-102 / Mt 14:22-26
Tuesday (04/08/2026) John Mary Vianney, p M	Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 / Ps 102:16-18,19-21,29 / Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday (05/08/2026) Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome	Jer 31:1-7 / Ps Jer 31:10,11-12ab, 13 / Mt 15:21-28
Thursday (06/08/2026) Transfiguration of the Lord, F	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14- / Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mt 17:1-9
Friday (07/08/2026)	Na 2:1,3;3:1-3, 6-7 / Ps Dt 32:35cd-36ab,39abcd,41 / Mt 16:24-28
Saturday (08/08/2026) St. Dominic	Hab 1:12-2:4 / Ps 9:8-9,10-11,12-13 / Mt 17:14-20
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)	1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a / Ps 85:9,10,11-12,13-14 / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

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	1000.00	100.00	2.00	2411.00	2ND	MAIN COLLECTION	3358.70
Mon.	973.00	500.00	-	-	1473.00	3RD	MEN COLLECTION	1771.00
Tue.	1656.00	5.00	730.00	20.00	2411.00	2ND	THANKSGIVING	22.00
Wed.	1041.00	200.00	100.00	-	1341.00	4TH	TITHE	-
Thur.	738.00	-	50.00	-	788.00	6TH	OFFERTORY ENVE.	200.00
Fri.	814.00	-	250.00	-	1064.00	5TH		-
Sat.	3877.00	80.00	-	-	3957.00	1ST		-
July	255.00	-	-	-	255.00	-		-
Total	10663.00	1785.00	1230.00	22.00	13700.00		TOTAL	5351.70

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	-	-	-	1530.00	7TH	MAIN COLLECTION	5732.40
Mon.	4083.00	-	-	-	4083.00	3RD	MEN COLLECTION	3431.90
Tue.	3126.00	-	-	-	3126.00	4TH	THANKSGIVING	-
Wed.	1721.50	-	-	-	1721.50	6TH	TITHE	-
Thur.	2958.00	-	-	-	2958.00	5TH	OFFERTORY ENVE.	550.00
Fri.	11854.50	-	100.00	-	11954.50	1ST		
Sat.	4750.00	20.00	-	-	4770.00	2ND		
July	556.00	-	-	-	556.00	-		
Total	30579.00	20.00	100.00	-	30699.00		TOTAL	9714.30

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.