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## *March 25, 2018 ~ Palm Sunday*



**Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.  
Give success to the work of our Hands! (Psalm 90)**

**Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12  
Ms. Patricia Hamilton, Pastoral Administrator, x11  
Mrs. Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10  
Ms. Bridget Coates, Academy Principal  
Ms. Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31  
Mr. Henry Herrera, Gospel Choir Director  
Mrs. Charnetta Dobbins, Youth Choir Director  
Mrs. Denese Clay, Glorify Praise Team Director  
Mrs. Barbara Elliott, Parish Council Chair  
Ms. Diana Brown, Finance Council Chair

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday	5:00 pm	(Rectory Chapel)
Sunday	8:45 am	Youth Choir
	11:30 am	Gospel Choir
Weekdays	8:00 am	(Rectory Chapel)

**Bulletin Deadline:** Items for Sunday's Bulletin must be received via email **by 12:00 pm Monday** in order to have them included in Sunday's publication. Thank you for honoring this important timeline.

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office to register for classes.

**Confession:** After Sunday Masses, by appointment, or on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm in the Rectory.

**Marriage:** Diocesan policy requires notification to the priest at least six months in advance. Attendance at pre-Cana classes is also required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please notify the Parish Office when a member of the parish is in the hospital, nursing home, or is otherwise unable to come to Mass and wishes to receive any of the sacraments.

**Religious Education:**

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact Fr. Raymond Moore at the Rectory.  
CCD Classes: Every Sunday at 10:30am  
Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Palm Sunday Procession: Mk 11:1-10**

**Reading I: Is 50:4-7** – The true servant of God did not protect himself from death.

**Responsorial Psalm 22: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Reading II: Phil 2:6-11** – This is an early song of faith in Jesus who died and was raised.

**Gospel: Mk 14:1-5** – The passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Readings for Next Sunday

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43      Col 3:1-4      Jn 20:1-9**

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex: 12:1-8, 11-14	1 Cor 11:23-26      Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13-53:5-12	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9      Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday:	<i>~Easter Vigil Readings~</i>	
	Gn 1:1; 2:2	Ex 14:15--15:1      Is 55:1-11
	Rom 6:3-11	Mk 16:1-7

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am In loving memory of Alice Baruwa

11:30am In loving memory of Leo Brown

Monday In loving memory of Sandra Barron

Tuesday In loving memory of Edith F. Ellis-Birthday

Wednesday In loving memory of Mattie Wright Dean

Thursday Fr. Moore & Fr. Casimir-Feast Day

Saturday All being received into the Church

In loving memory of William Kemp

### PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kayla Adams, Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Marie Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Mary Agnes Bush, Roland Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Dcn. Ralph Cyrus, Frances Davies, Viola Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, Eric Fuller, Priscilla Fuller., Craig Fulmer, Betty Furr, Tasha Gant, David Garner, Tyrone Garrison, Brenda Green, Emmanuel Greene, William Gunn, Earl Hamilton, Andre Harris, Margaret Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, James Hilton, Maximillon Holland, Elizabeth Holmes, Darryl Jackson, Jimmie Jackson, Ivy John, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, Gloria & William McCaskill, Emma McEntyre, Robert Milner, Betty Moeller, Gloria Morgan, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Jean, Leroy & Robert Robinson, Daja Rogers, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Claudell St. Julien, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, Kayla Warren, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Anita Williams, Bertha Williams, Kobe M. Williams, David Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young, *and all who are Sick and/or Shut-In.*

### ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of our beloved parishioner **Alice Baruwa**, husband of **Larry Baruwa**, and **Mattie Wright Dean**, mother of **Vena Simmons**. Please also pray for the comfort and consolation of their families.

Your continued prayers are appreciated Your continued prayers are also asked for the health and well-being of **Kayla Adams**, **Shirley Adams**, **Sheila D. Brown**, **Audrey & Roland Caldwell**, **Lisa Chinn**, **Vi Davies**, **Priscilla Fuller**, **Elizabeth Holmes**, **Ronald Johnson**, **Marion & Ruth Richardson**, **Robert Robinson**, **Mary Waters**, all of our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; *and*

**Pope Francis**, **Fr. Moore**, **Fr. Casimir**,  
**Ed Poindexter & Deacon Ralph Cyrus**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

*So, then, each one of us will be accountable to God!*  
(Romans 14:12)

Not only our money, O God, but all that we have and are is a gift from you. Help us to find the joy of sharing our blessings with others through our stewardship of time, talent and treasure. May we one day hear the Lord's words, *Well, done good and faithful servants!* AMEN.

**Stewardship Thought:** "You never seem to have more money than when you are giving it away to someone who has less."

Tithes and offerings for **March 18, 2018** amounted to **\$4,961.29**; Faith Direct-\$2,724.28; Maintenance-\$40.00; Youth-\$4.00.

Attendance	5:00pm	15
	8:45am	117
	11:30am	<u>124</u>
		256

Thanks to all who have so well supported our Growing One Step stewardship program. Because of the strong commitment of many of us, we are blessed with good success thus far. May we be blessed as we bless our ministry and commitment to the Lord!

**Your on-going contributions are most appreciated!**

### FAITH DIRECT: Fall Into e-Giving with Faith Direct!

This is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your tithes and offerings to St. Thomas More. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save for you. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code, **DC773**.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** Adult Bible Study *will be on break March 27 & April 3*. We will resume on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30pm in the rectory, continuing with the topic, "What Was Adam Doing When Eve Was Eating The Apple?" Why not come and find out? All are welcome.

**2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:** Adults seeking a closer walk with Jesus are invited to join our Faith Formation Program for Adults. We meet on Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Red Room.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION! *Classes are now in progress!*** Classes take place from 10:30 to 11:30am in the school. Please contact Ms. Wanda Brooks for more information.

### 2018 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS!

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the **Annual Jubilarian Mass** honoring couples married **25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years** at 2:00pm, on Sunday, **June 17, 2018**.

**Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.**

Please contact Pattie Hamilton in the Church Office (ext.11) or via [stmchurch@comcast.net](mailto:stmchurch@comcast.net) **by Wednesday, April 11, 2018**, so that she may register you on-line per the AOW registration procedure.

## PASTOR'S PEN

### PREPARING FOR THE



### EASTER SACRAMENTS

*From the days of the Apostles, Easter has been the special time to welcome new members into the family of the Church. Lent is the special season of final preparation for their initiation at Easter.*

*Our church is blessed to welcome the following:*

#### Adult to be Baptized

*Marikia Hawkins*

#### Baptized Adults Making Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation

*Darren Coles  
Sheila Dunn*

#### Youth and Children To Be Baptized

*Jaida Alexander  
Christian Archer  
Keith Hawkins  
Liliana Hawkins  
Penelope Hawkins  
Briana Jean-Charles  
Gabriel Jean-Charles  
Tyler Jones  
Tyree Jones  
Tyreon Jones  
Tyronne Jones  
Tyson Jones  
Averi Martinez  
Kennedi Price*

*Please keep all of our candidates  
in your prayers during Lent.*

*In the Love of Jesus,*

*Rev. Raymond Moore*

#### 2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL!!

The 2018 Cardinal's Appeal has begun. You should have received a letter from the Cardinal asking for your support. Last year, we were able to contribute \$ 24,090 to the appeal. In our solicitation on Commitment Sunday, January 28, 50 members made pledges. Your pledges help to support our Catholic Charities programs as well as tuition assistance for Catholic schools, including St. Thomas More. You can donate today by simply completing a pledge form which is available in the church.

*Thanks to all who have pledged so far!*



## WELCOME VISITORS!

*We warmly welcome our visitors to St. Thomas More! We invite all who are seeking a church home to join our church family.*

*Please sign our Guest Book!*

#### ~ LENTEN GUIDELINES ~

*The Discipline for fasting and abstinence were introduced by Pope Paul VI in 1966. Here is a breakdown of what the Church asks of us:*

*-Fasting* means eating a lesser amount of food. While fasting, only one full meal is taken. Two other smaller meals are usually eaten. While fasting, we do not snack between meals!!

*-Catholics who are 18 years of age and not yet 60 years old* are asked to observe the fast days of the Church. There are only two days of fasting: *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.*

*-Abstinence* means not eating any meat. Dairy products as well as fish and seafood may be eaten.

*The church has established ASH WEDNESDAY  
and*

*ALL THE FRIDAYS OF LENT AS  
DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT!  
WE MUST FAST AGAIN ON GOOD FRIDAY!*

#### **\*\* SPECIAL LENTEN SCHEDULE\*\***

*Stations of the Cross*

*Wednesday, Noon-1pm, Rectory Chapel*

*Confession*

*Tuesday, Noon-1:00pm & 6:30-7:30pm, Rectory Chapel*

#### 2018 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**March 25-** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:  
*Blessing and Distribution of Palms at all Masses*



**\*PASCHAL TRIDUUM\***  
*(7:30pm each evening)*

**March 29-** Holy Thursday

*Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet*

**March 30-** Good Friday

*Service of the Lord's Passion*

**March 31-** Great Easter Vigil

*Mass, Baptisms and Reception into the Church*

**\*EASTER\***

**April 1-** Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

*Mass at 8:45am & 11:30 am*

#### ~ HOLIDAY SCHEDULES ~

*Pastor's Bible Study will be on break  
March 27 & April 3!*

*Religious Ed classes be on break  
Easter Sunday, April 1!*

*~Office Closures~*

*The church office will be closed  
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.*

