

Saint Thomas More Parish & Academy
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**Jesus Is The Answer
For The World Today**

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
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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:**

Sunday	10:00am Cantor Only*
	<i>Live streamed and on Zoom*</i>
Weekdays	<i>No Daily Mass on site at this time*</i>

Bulletin Deadline: Items for Sunday's Bulletin must be **received via email by 12:00pm 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: *By appointment only at this time.**

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-Virtually at this time.*
Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm-Virtually at this time.*

****Due to Coronavirus Precautions***

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: 1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19~*Samuel responds to the call of God.*

Responsorial: Ps 40~ *Here am I Lord, I come to do your will.*

Reading II: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17~*The body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit.*

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42~ *The disciples heard and followed Jesus.*

Readings for Next Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6	Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2: 5-12	Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18	Mark 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14	Mark 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11	Mark 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16	Mark 2:13-17

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	In loving memory of Jacqueline Wilson
Monday	In loving memory of Roderick Bell
Tuesday	Health of Viola Barnes
Wednesday	Safekeeping of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris Ayanna Ezeani-Birthday
Thursday	In loving memory of Carrie Pearson
Friday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Saturday	In memory of Leonard Singleton-Birthday

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Bayly, Blondinia Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Audrey Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Jeff Corry, Odessa Curtis, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, Priscilla Fuller, Craig Fulmer, Betty Furr, Tasha Gant, David Garner, Tyrone Garrison, Brenda Green, Zynae Green, Emmanuel Greene, William Gunn, Andre Harris, Margaret Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, Maximillon Holland, Elizabeth Holmes, Darryl Jackson, Dr. Jimmie Jackson, Leane Jean-Charles, Ivy John, Nancy Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, Gloria & William McCaskill, Ed Miller, Betty Moeller, Gloria Morgan, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Jean, Leroy & Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Gail Ruffin, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Mary Travers, Kristine Vivican, Rev. Raymond Wadas, Kayla Warren, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Anita Williams, Kobe M. Williams, David Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young, *and all who are Sick/ Shut-In.*

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

*Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **Lady Jacqueline Wilson**, past Director of the AOW Office of Black Catholics, who recently passed away. Please also pray for the consolation of her family, **LPC Court 364** and all whose lives were enriched by her unwavering dedication to serve others. Please also remember all victims of COVID-19, their families, caregivers and all of our frontline workers.*

Your continued prayers are requested for *Shirley Adams, Blondinia Brown, Sheila D. Brown, **Viola Barnes-surgery**, Audrey Caldwell, Frances Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Bernard Jarvis, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Jean Stewart, our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; and Pope Francis, Cardinal Gregory, Fr. Moore, Fr. Casmir, Ed Poindexter and Seminarian Jonathon Barahona.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

(And the magi) opened their treasures and presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11)

God, you who are the source of all gifts, multiply our New Year tithes and offerings that they may accomplish your plans, priorities and purposes in this year of favor, 2021. AMEN

~They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love~

Thanks for your loving commitment to your church family.

Tithes and offerings that were received at Mass, were dropped off or mailed in amounted to **\$4,785.00** and **\$1,340.00** for **Maintenance**.

Faith Direct contributions amounted to **\$9,815.00**.

Mass attendance this week: **39** people physically present in church, and over **87** joined live via Zoom or YouTube.

Thank you for your financial support of your church!

Please continue to support the church in the manner with which you are most comfortable.

Thanks to all of you who have ventured into electronic giving. Simply go to the **STM web page:** www.stthomasmoredc.org and click on "Donate" and then "Make A One Time Gift Now." You will then be asked for credit card information. Making a one-time gift DOES NOT sign you up for Faith Direct!

Thanks for supporting St. Thomas More!

FAITH DIRECT!

The easiest way to support our church is Faith Direct, our online giving platform that so many have been using over the last ten months. It's this easy: Go to our website: www.stthomasmoredc.org. Click on **DONATE** and make your contribution by choosing **Enroll In Recurring E-giving** or **Make A One Time Gift Now**.

10:00AM SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON YOUTUBE/ZOOM

We will celebrate Sunday Mass each week at 10:00am for the foreseeable future. Those who wish to participate on Zoom are most welcome.

Meeting ID: 85238118028. The Password is: 545701.

Phone in number 301-715-8592.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

All are encouraged to join with us in our weekly Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:30.

The NEW Zoom Meeting ID is 87377549190.

The NEW password is 548415.

Phone in number: 301-715-8592.

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, **January 18th** in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. We will also be closed on the Presidential Inauguration Day, **Wednesday, January 20, 2021**. Please stay safe and continue to pray for a peaceful transition of leadership in our Nation's Capital.

~PRAYER FOR OUR NATION~

*Rise up, Lord, in defense of your people
and this nation.
Do not hide your face from us in our
trials and tribulation.
Father of orphans, friend of the widow,
wealth of the poor,
Provider for the hungry and the oppressed,
Healer of the sick and hope for us all,
we rejoice in making you known to others.
May we find in you comfort and security
in times of pain and anxiety
as we work to make this country
"One nation under God."*

~PASTOR'S PEN~

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

***Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
Inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris***

STM Family,

In this momentous week, let us reflect on our Gospel today in the light of the current troubles and struggles in our country. Let us also be encouraged with the words of Jesus and Dr. King. May this week be one of peace and reconciliation.

Here are some challenging and hopeful words from Dr. King, for your reflection, as we observe his birthday and prepare to welcome a new Administration:

"We must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future."

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right when the head is wrong."

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends."

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

"The time is always right to do what is right."

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

"We must accept finite disappointments but never lose infinite hope."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk. If you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

As we observe the 92nd birthday of Dr. King, we are inspired and encouraged with his words and his prophetic vision. May our hope for the future be strengthened as we place our faith in the Lord, Jesus. *May all of us remain safe as we celebrate and honor Dr. King. May God's grace fill President Biden and Vice President Harris. May peace and justice be renewed in our nation.*

Be blessed. Be safe. And stay healthy.

Father Moore

~ ELDERS' PRAYER FOR OUR YOUNG ~

*Creator God,
Jesus, our Savior,
Holy Spirit of Wisdom, knowledge and understanding:
Bless our young with
Minds eager to learn,
Memories strong to remember,
Hearts ready to love,
And lives committed to Jesus Christ.
Keep them safe this week under the protection of
Your Grace and Mercy.
This we pray through Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

**FIRST COMMUNION AND
CONFIRMATION!**

*We want to ask the prayers of our entire STM
family for our young members who are preparing
for the Sacraments of
First Holy Communion, Penance and
Confirmation!*



~ First Penance/Communion Candidates ~

***Heavenlee Curtis
Terral Lewis and
Kennadi Martinez***

*Their catechists are
Ms. Frances Hicks and Mrs. Nicole Garrison.*



~ Confirmation Candidates ~

***Charles Anthony
Demia Moore
Selah Smith
Abdur Taalib
Umimah Taalib***

*Their catechists are
Ms. Wanda Brooks and Father Moore.*

WORD AMONG US FOR JANUARY

The *Word Among Us* for January is available at the Sunday Mass, or at the rectory during the week. Those who are attending Mass should bring their copy with them since we will have no other printed aids such as missalettes or hymnals.

SODALITY ROSARY: Please join the STM Sodality, via Zoom, to pray the Rosary ***each Wednesday at 11:00am.*** Detailed information has been sent to all parishioners via Flocknote.

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC ACADEMY!



*Serving Students in Grades Pre-K3-8
Catholic Environment~Academically Excellent
Mr. Gerald Smith, Jr., Principal
(202)-561-1189*

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR STM ACADEMY by purchasing a **stylish and comfortable face mask, featuring our logo!** This mask also has the added convenience of adjustable ear loops that insure a perfect fit for everyone. The fabric is soft and very wearable. **Your purchase will help support our school.**
The cost is just \$5.00.

Masks are available at the school or rectory, and on Sunday morning at the 10:00 Mass. **Thanks for your support!**

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

**Our Food Pantry is open each Friday
from 11:30am to 2:00pm.**

Even well before the pandemic, our community has been long recognized as a “food desert.” But with your help we have been able to assist our neighbors. We provide nutritious foods, including meats, fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and milk in our biweekly food distributions. We are indebted to our faithful volunteers and supporters who make this possible. We are grateful to those individuals and families who have made donations of food and cash. We also blessed with the ongoing support of the Mulholland Foundation, our Sodality, and the Ward 8 Farmer’s Market.

Our Food Pantry is open each Friday from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Together we can make an impact and help meet the food needs in our community. **Thanks for your help!!**

Needed pantry items include non-perishables such as

***Rice/Pasta/Dry Beans,
Hot & Cold Cereal,
and
Canned Goods such as
Meat/Tuna/Beans,
Soup/Vegetables/Fruits***

***To drop off food at the rectory, please call ahead
to make sure someone is available to accept it.***

Again, thanks to our many members who have donated to the pantry throughout this pandemic!

SHARE INFORMATION

Value Package- \$22.00.

Please contact Flo Gantt for Registration info.

Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$22.00 to provide a SHARE Package to a family in need. If interested, please contact any member of our SHARE Team. Thank you!

2020 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL!

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, extends his heartfelt gratitude for our support of the 2020 Annual Appeal.

Church members across the Archdiocese have contributed \$10 million for the many charitable works supported by the Appeal. **Our parish currently stands at 64% of our 2020 goal of \$37,000, which amounts to \$23,840 in pledges.**

If you have not yet made your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal, it is not too late. Simply visit appeal.adw.org and make your gift. **Let's try to meet our goal before the end of 2020. Thanks for your generous support of the parish and the Appeal.**

MASS ON AIR AND ONLINE

Mass is celebrated daily on EWTN Catholic Television. The *Archdiocese of Washington* livestreams Mass on adw.org/live-streamed-mass-and-prayers/.

The Sunday TV Mass is broadcast on WDCW 50 at
10:30am Sunday morning:
Comcast DC Channel 23, and PG Channel 3.

STM COMMUNITY CONNECTION MINISTRY!

To assist our STM Church Family during these difficult times we still have available the STM Community Connection Ministry.

Our goal is to reach out to the STM Church family to be of service in meeting needs that may arise during this Coronavirus crisis.

You are invited to contact:

Clinton Ray (240-271-6164)

Margaret Spencer (202-561-8974)

Margaret Butler (301-702-1398)

or the Church Office (202-562-0431)

FLOCKNOTES INFORMATION

~STREAMLINED SIGN-UP~

To simplify the process of signing up, you are asked to contact one of these members who will help you:

Margaret Butler (Sodality Prefect) 202-549-1506

Darren Coles (Flocknotes Manager) 240-605-8467

Clint Ray (Coordinator) 240-271-6164

So far *191* of you have signed up for this helpful and important communications tool.

Flock Notes has been a highly valuable tool for spreading important information about recent events and activities regarding St. Thomas More, particularly during the Coronavirus Emergency.

VIEW THE SUNDAY BULLETIN ON-LINE

Our Sunday Bulletin continues to be available on our STM website each week.

Please visit www.stthomasmoredc.org to access the church website. Click on the “Sunday Bulletin” link to open the specific Bulletin you would like to view.

The Sunday Bulletin is generally uploaded onto our STM website by Thursday evening. Questions: Please contact Pattie Hamilton: hamisings@msn.com.