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***May 30, 2021 ~ Holy Trinity Sunday***



***Jesus Is The Answer  
For The World Today***

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**\*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*

# TRINITY SUNDAY

## Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 ~Moses tells the people that they must keep God's statutes and commands.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 33: Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Reading II:** Rom 8:14-17~The divine life in us is not something abstract but a relationship of children to our "Abba Father."

**Gospel:** Mt 28:16-20~The dignity of our baptism is that we share in God's life and mighty deeds. We are a people on a mission of spreading the good news.

### Readings for Next Sunday

Ex 24:3-8      Heb 9:11-15      Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Zep 3:14-18a	Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14	Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17	Mark 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11, 7:1, 9-17: 8:4-9a	Mark 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17	Mark 12:12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20	Mark 12:38-44

### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Margaret Spencer-Birthday
Monday	In Memory of Our U.S. Veterans In memory of Augustine Tom-Sahr
Tuesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Wednesday	Wanda Brooks-Birthday
Thursday	Health of David Garner, Sr.
Friday	Liz Berry & Chereese Ray-Birthday In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Saturday	Safekeeping of Our Youth

### PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Blondinia Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Audrey Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Jeff Cory, Odessa Curtis, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Felieu, 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 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, Audrey Caldwell, Frances Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Elizabeth Holmes, Bernard Jarvis, Marquel Poindexter, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Jean Stewart, John Travers, Jr., Monei Williams, 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

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty may become rich. (2 Cor 8:9)

Gracious God, receive these gifts of tithes and offerings as expressions of our love, and multiply them for the cause of the gospel here and to the ends of the earth. We pray in Jesus' NAME.

### ~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 **\$3,058.00**, and **\$130.00** for **Maintenance**.

**Faith Direct** contributions amounted to **\$8,813.00**.

**Mass attendance this week:** **63** people were physically present in church, and **76** joined live via YouTube.

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](http://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!

Thank you for supporting St. Thomas More!

### FAITH DIRECT!

The easiest way to support our church is through Faith Direct, our online giving platform that so many have been using over the past year. It is this easy: Go to our website: [www.stthomasmoredc.org](http://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 Zoom Meeting ID is 87377549190.**

**The password is 548415.**

**Phone in number: 301-715-8592.**

### WORD AMONG US FOR JUNE

The **Word Among Us for June** is now available for you to pick up at the Sunday Mass, or at the rectory during the week. Those who are attending Mass in the church **should bring their personal copy of the Word Among Us with them** since we will have no other printed aids such as missalettes or hymnals.

## ~PASTOR'S PEN~



### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

#### STM Family,

This weekend we observe Memorial Day. This holiday, first and foremost, gives us an opportunity to thank, remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation and the protection of our fundamental freedoms. This weekend is also the beginning of summer, vacations, rest and renewal. Today, we gather in celebration of our God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit—the mystery of our God who is three in one.

Our Gospel for Trinity Sunday is the Great Commission as recorded by the gospel writer, Matthew. And just like in all his preaching, in all his teaching, in all his parables, in all his prayers to his Father, Jesus tells us the meaning of life, and the importance of remaining faithful to that commission.

Now with the pandemic hopefully soon in the rearview mirror, and the expectancy of the summer season: the longer days; the blooming and greening; the vacations we are planning; the relationships and friendships to renew; we can read the signs of God's presence.

We are aware that there are lonely people all around who cry out for companionship and compassion. There are the hungry and the unemployed, the sick and the suffering. And when we extend ourselves in mercy, compassion and love; when we demonstrate our care and concern, we show and share God's presence to those around us. We reflect the Triune God: the gracious Father, in love with all of his creation; the obedient Son, bringing new life into all his Father's creation; the Holy Spirit, who is the very breath of the Father's love.

“Teach them to observe all the commands I gave you... This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.” This is the life-giving, life-enriching, life-saving ingredient we require for our spiritual nourishment, strengthening and growth.

The best testament to a Christian life lived well is maintaining a consistency between your words and your actions.

#### **So keep in mind:**

*You are writing a Gospel,  
a chapter each day,  
by deeds that you do,  
by words that you say.*

*Others read what you write.*

*Whether faithless or true.*

*Say! What is the gospel  
according to you?*

*Together may we each bear witness to our God—Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit.*

***Be blessed and safe,***

***Father Moore***

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

***The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31,  
2021, for the MEMORIAL DAY FEDERAL HOLIDAY.***

### **Our Family Prayer for Justice and Human Dignity**

*Father, we ask that through your Son, Jesus,  
and in communion with the Holy Spirit,  
you help us in the battle against America's  
“original sin” of racism that divides us from  
being the Body of Christ that we are called to be  
as your children.*

*We implore you to give us your wisdom, so that we  
may build a community founded on the Gospel message  
of the life and dignity of all people from conception  
to natural death, and to live in communion like the  
divine communion of the Holy Trinity.*

*Bless parents that they may form their children in faith,  
to love one another regardless of skin color, ethnicity and  
national origin, just as Jesus loves us.*

*Bless and protect all of us as we live out our faith in being  
“instruments of your peace” as St. Francis said.*

*Fill us with a thirst for justice and righteousness.*

*Hear our prayer and give us the courage, compassion,  
and perseverance to root out any form of injustice within  
our communities and bring the healing love of Christ  
to all in need.*

*Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Church, hasten to  
help us, and intercede on our behalf,*

*so that our Archdiocese can continue to witness  
to the Gospel message of life*

*and dignity of all people. AMEN.*

### **MATRIMONY, CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION!**

#### ***Your Prayers Are Asked For Those Preparing For Matrimony, Confirmation and First Communion.***

The seven sacraments give us a door to God's grace. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The sacraments are signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church by which the divine life (grace) is dispensed to us.”

#### **Preparing for Matrimony:**

***Khadijah McNair and Yonte McCormick***

#### **Preparing for Confirmation:**

***Charles Anthony, Damia Moore, Selah Smith,  
Abdur Taalib and Umaimah Taalib***

#### **Preparing for First Penance/Communion:**

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

### **CATCHING UP ON SACRAMENTS**

Families are reminded of the importance of celebrating the sacraments. If your family has persons to be baptized, receive their First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Matrimony, ***please contact Father Moore to register for the process of preparing for these important sacraments.***

### **~SODALITY ROSARY~**

Please join the STM Sodality, via Zoom, to pray the Rosary ***each Wednesday at 11:00am.***

***Meeting ID: 88406894101,***

***Passcode: 879964, Phone in number: 301-715-8592***

## ST. THOMAS MORE



### CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**WE CONGRATULATE our Pre-Kindergarten and Religion Educator, KRISTEN WEINMAN, on receiving the Golden Apple Award for her outstanding devotion to teaching, and her witness to her deep Catholic faith. This award is given annually to outstanding educators in the Archdiocese of Washington.**

**For More Information On Our School**

**Visit Our Brand New Website: [stmhc.org](http://stmhc.org)**

**School Office: 202-561-1189**

### GRADUATION RECOGNITION 2021

In keeping with our long-standing tradition, we will honor our graduates again this year! Please submit the names of your graduates by calling the rectory, 202-562-0431, so that they will be included in our program as we celebrate their accomplishments!

### \*FOOD PANTRY NEWS\*

**Our Food Pantry is Open Each Friday**  
**Beginning at 11:30am.**



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 starting at 11:30am.**

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***

**(Also, items readily useful for those who are homeless.)**

***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!***

## 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Each year our effort in supporting the good works of charity, education and evangelization provided by our Archdiocese gives hope to so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. You may be aware of the good works of Catholic Charities, but did you know that the Annual Appeal also assists many of our families with tuition assistance for Catholic education? This is just one more blessing provided through our generous giving.

**Our 2021 goal is \$33,900!**

**As of today, our total pledges amount to \$20,365, which is 60% of our goal.**

**Sixty-four of us have made pledges, which is an average of \$318.**

Through our collective efforts we can achieve our goal and support the ministries of feeding the hungry and providing quality Catholic education and faith formation for our children. ***All Catholics in every parish will be asked to make a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal.*** Let’s do our very best to support the good works of our Church in the Archdiocese of Washington.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider pledging today. You may use the self-addressed, postage paid pledge form, or go on-line at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

***Thanks for your support of the Annual Appeal.***

***Together we will keep***

***making a difference in our community!***

### COVID 19 PROCEDURES IN CHURCH

As more and more of us are vaccinated, more and more of us will be returning to Mass on Sunday morning. Here are the procedures that we have been practicing to ensure the health and safety of our church family:

- 1. Please DO NOT come to Mass if you have a fever or are not feeling well.***
- 2. Everyone must register by signing in at the door when you arrive.***
- 3. You will sanitize your hands as you enter.***
- 4. Face masks are required for everybody.***
- 5. The ushers will seat you, maintaining physical distance between you and others.***
- 6. Please follow ushers’ directions when receiving Holy Communion.***
- 7. When leaving the church at the end of Mass, ushers will direct you in exiting the church.***
- 8. Please maintain physical distancing in the back and outside of the church after Mass.***

### VIEW THE SUNDAY BULLETIN ON-LINE

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

Please visit [www.stthomasmoredc.org](http://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](mailto:hamisings@msn.com).***