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**~June 6, 2021~**



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

**Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12  
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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 *Livestreamed on YouTube* \*

Weekdays *No Daily Mass on site at this time\**

**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: *Virtually at this time.\**

Bible Study: *On Summer Break*

*\*Due to Coronavirus Precautions*

**THE MOST HOLY  
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**



**Preparing to Hear God's Word**

**Reading I: Exodus 24:3-8**~ Our covenant with God is ratified in blood.

**Responsorial: Psalm 116**~ I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

**Reading II: Heb 9:11-15**~ Christ's New Covenant is in his own blood.

**Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**~ Jesus offers his Body and Blood at the Last Supper. Each celebration of the Eucharist for us is a passing over from death to risen Life.

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Eze 17:22-24 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34**

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7	Matt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Cor 1:18-22	Matt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11	Matt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6	Matt 5:20-26
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 John 19:31-37	
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21	Luke 2:41-51

**PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday	Nelson Davies-Birthday
Monday	In memory of Audrey Willis
Tuesday	In loving memory of Jacqueline Ray-Birthday
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	In loving memory of Bertha Williams
Friday	In memory of James A. Simpson, Jr.
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, Franciss 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 happy repose of the souls of **James A. Simpson, Jr.**, and **Audrey Willis**, sister of Jean Stewart, and the comfort and consolation of their family and friends

*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, Audrey Caldwell, Franciss Davies, Priscilla Fuller, David Garner, Sr., 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**

*Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Matt 5:16)*

Lord of life, who can make of small things, simple deeds, and quiet actions mountains of mercy and rivers of grace, bless our offerings this week to its greater good, in Jesus' Name. 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 \$3,316.00, and \$655.00 for Maintenance.*

*Faith Direct contributions will be posted at a later date.*

**Mass attendance this week:** *39 people were physically present in church, and 77 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**

Mass continues to be Livestreamed on YouTube. The link is sent weekly via Flocknote.

**BIBLE STUDY SUMMER BREAK**

Our weekly Adult Bible Study will be on summer break until the Fall.

**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 Word Among Us with them** since we will have no other printed aids such as missalettes or hymnals.

**~PASTOR'S PEN~  
THE MOST HOLY  
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

*STM Family,*

After enjoying the Memorial Day holiday weekend, I trust that we are all getting into the more relaxed mood of summer. May we take time to recreate, refresh and renew ourselves after this past year; and may the Lord bless us all with good health and protection from all adversity, as well.

I want to use this time to share with you some thoughts as we enter into what is hopefully life free from "Covid 19". According to reports we should all be vaccinated. The virus is still with us and new variants are emerging. So, the best protection is the vaccine.

As we move forward, we are going to proceed with care and caution, and not move with undue haste as we transition. We will continue with our one Sunday Mass at 10:00, which will be livestreamed on YouTube. I would like to begin adding a second weekend Mass on Saturday (possibly in July.) Both Masses will be in the Church, ensuring safe physical distancing.

Another important aspect of moving forward involves our reconnecting in our organizations, ministries and fellowship. To assist in this regard, we were recently blessed with an evangelization and outreach grant to enhance our efforts to share our faith. We have suffered over the last year in being unable to evangelize, catechize and celebrate our sacraments. This will be a combined effort involving our parish and school. We are going to focus on our patron saint, Thomas More, whose life and service offer much to reflect on as we engage in the current political, racial and social issues that confront us in our community, country and world. We will initiate this effort as we celebrate our patron's feast day at our 10:00am Mass on June 27th.

Finally, in our efforts to promote positive dialog on issues of racism in our church and nation, we will be participating in an interparish conversation. In addition to St. Thomas More, participating churches are St. Joseph, St. Peter on Capitol Hill and Our Lady Queen of Peace here in Southeast. This will begin on June 7th using the all too familiar Zoom format. Hopefully, this process will be beneficial and build understanding between our different communities. We pray that this will be a first step in creating new bonds of fellowship and faith.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your commitment, support and love of the Lord over this past year. May our Lord and Savior give us strength, courage and increased faith as we embrace the challenges of the future. May we all be living witnesses of the Eucharist we share on this feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

*Be blessed and safe,  
Father Moore*

**Prayer to the Creator in Fratelli Tutti  
On Fraternity and Social Friendship**

*Lord, Father of our human family,  
You created all human beings equal in dignity:  
Pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice and peace.*

*Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified  
world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.*

*May our hearts be open  
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.  
May we recognize the goodness and beauty  
that you have sown in each of us,  
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,  
and shared dreams. AMEN*

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION  
CLASS OF 2021!**



*With gratitude to God, we offer our sincere  
**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following graduates  
from our STM families.*

***We will honor them with a special blessing at  
Mass on Sunday, June 27, 2021.***

***May they be blessed with an abundance of success  
as they venture into their future endeavors, trusting  
in the Lord to guide them!***

**~COLLEGE~**

*Christian Cropp                      St. John's University*

**~HIGH SCHOOL~**

<i>Janiyah D. Anderson</i>	<i>Eastern High School</i>
<i>Dionni Gillis</i>	<i>Bladensburg High School</i>
<i>Jahnae Haskins</i>	<i>Largo High School</i>
<i>Gabriel Jean-Charles</i>	<i>Friendly High School</i>
<i>Elijah Mayo</i>	<i>Home School 12</i>
<i>Robert James Arthur Moore</i>	<i>Henry Wise High School</i>
<i>Dionne Moore</i>	<i>North Point High School</i>
<i>Jalyn Whitaker</i>	<i>Oxon Hill High School</i>
<i>Bryce A. Wilson</i>	<i>Dacula High School</i>

**~MIDDLE SCHOOL~**

<i>Gerrod Mayo</i>	<i>St. Peter, Waldorf</i>
<i>Damia Moore</i>	<i>Maya Angelou French Immersion</i>
<i>Abdur Taalib</i>	<i>Accokeek Academy</i>

**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*

## ST. THOMAS MORE



## CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**WE CONGRATULATE OUR PRINCIPLE,  
GERALD SMITH,**

**who was recently elected President of the  
ADW Catholic Elementary Principal's Association,  
and  
pre-kindergarten and Religion educator, Kristen  
Weinman, on receiving the Golden Apple Award** for her  
outstanding devotion to teaching her witness to her deep  
Catholic faith. This award is given annually to  
outstanding educators in the Archdiocese of Washington.  
**Our school was also blessed with a River Smart Grant**  
which will establish an outdoor classroom and a  
Bioretention Cell which will mitigate water runoff and  
erosion.

**For More Information On Our School  
Visit Our Brand New Website: [stmcd.org](http://stmcd.org)  
School Office: 202-561-1189**

### **\*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!***



## **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 in our community with health and dental care, counseling and legal aid? These are just some of the services our generosity supports.

**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 that average \$318.** Through our collective efforts we can achieve our goal and support the ministries of our church.

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, and 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. You will sanitize your hands as you enter.***
- 3. Face masks are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for everybody.***
- 4. The ushers will seat you, maintaining physical distance between you and others.***
- 5. Please follow ushers' directions when receiving Holy Communion.***
- 6. When leaving the church at the end of Mass, ushers will direct you in exiting the church.***
- 7. Please maintain physical distancing in the back and outside of the church after Mass.***

## **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!***

## **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).***