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***June 20, 2021 ~ Father's Day!***



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

**Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12  
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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:**

Sunday	10:00am <i>Livestreamed on YouTube</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: Virtually at this time.\*

Bible Study: On Summer Break

*\*Due to Coronavirus Precautions*

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I: Job 38:1, 8-11**~ God speaks to Job in the midst of a storm and assures him of divine power over creation.

**Responsorial: Psalm 107**~ Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

**Reading II: 2 Cor 5:14-17** ~Whoever is in Christ Jesus is a new creation.

**Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**~ Jesus speaks to his disciples in the midst of a storm and calls them to deeper faith as he exercises divine power over the forces of nature.

### Readings for Next Sunday

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Gn 12:1-9	Mt 7:1-15
Tuesday:	Gn 13:2, 5-18	Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15: 1-12, 17-18	Jn 15:4a, 5b
Thursday:	Is 49: 1-6 Acts 13:22-26	Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday:	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22	Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-15	Mt 8:5-17

### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	In Honor of All Fathers/Father-figures In Memory of All Fathers/Father-figures
Monday	Jean Robinson-Birthday In loving memory of Jean Hamilton-Birthday
Tuesday	Health of Audrey Caldwell
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Health of Frances Davies
Friday	Intentions of STM Parishioners
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 pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of **John Travers, Jr.**, brother of Renee Coles, and the comfort and consolation of his family.

Please also pray for 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, 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 \$5,317.00, and \$581.00 for Maintenance.

Faith Direct donations amounted to \$5,939.00.

**Mass attendance this week:** 68 people were physically present in church, and 99 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~

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*STM Family,*

Last Sunday we heard from St. Paul in 2 Corinthians, chapter 5, "We walk by faith and not by sight." This week the disciples of Jesus find themselves in the midst of a violent storm at sea. Their anxiety surpasses their faith and they are doubting Jesus' power to calm their fears. All of us are emerging from the storm of the pandemic. Many of us are still unsure, uncertain about the future, wondering when we will return to church, among many other concerns. We have been blessed with livestreaming, but it is not the same as being in fellowship and communion with our church family. We have been blessed with the vaccine. The number of infections is decreasing. So let's walk by faith and lean on the Lord and return to church.

Let us come together and worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth next week as we celebrate the feast of our patron saint, Thomas More. We will also use this day to bless and recognize our scholars who graduated in this pandemic year of 2021.

Finally, Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers.

*May God bless us all abundantly and hopefully we will see each other at Mass next Sunday as we celebrate St. Thomas More.*

*Be Blessed and Stay 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*

**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*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
TO ALL FATHERS, FATHER FIGURES**



**AND THOSE WHO NURTURE & GUIDE  
IN WAYS SEEN & UNSEEN!  
MAY GOD BLESS & KEEP YOU!**

**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>

**SPECIAL THANKS FROM  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MINISTRY!**

Father Robert Boxie extends his sincere thanks for your generosity in supporting the Catholic Campus Ministry at Howard last Sunday. He is in the process of gathering the names of former Howard students and alumni. *Contact Fr. Boxie at HUBisonCatholic.org.*

## ST. THOMAS MORE



### CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*We are currently enrolling families  
for the 2021-22 School Year  
in grades prekindergarten through eighth.  
Don't delay!!  
Available spaces are filling fast  
in all grades.*

*Give your children the blessing of a good  
Catholic education here at St. Thomas More.*

*For More Information On Our School  
Visit Our Brand New Website: [stmhc.org](http://stmhc.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 are 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!*

## CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS MORE!!

*We have dealt with so much over the past months!  
On Sunday, June 27, we as a church family will  
celebrate the Feast of our patron saint, Thomas More.  
Our church is named after him, but do we know who  
he is? Do you know that he is the patron saint of  
lawyers and politicians? Do we know that he shed his  
blood and died, standing up for what was right and  
just? *Let our STM Family reengage, recommit and*  
***RETURN to Mass at 10:00am as we celebrate the***  
***life of our patron saint!****

### 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 supports chaplaincy programs in hospitals, jails and college campus ministries, including Howard University? 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.*