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**~June 27, 2021~**



**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 <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*

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24~Wisdom reminds us that we are created in God's image.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 30~ I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Reading II:** 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15~Imitate Christ by giving generously of yourselves.

**Gospel:** Mark 5:21-43~ Jesus, in healing the hemorrhaging woman and Jairus' daughter, re-creates us in the wholeness and wellbeing God intends for us.

#### Readings for Next Sunday

Ez 2:2-5    2 Cor 12:7-10    Mark 6:1-6

#### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Gn 18:16-33	Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Acts 12:1-11    2Tim 4:6-8, 17-18	Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20a	Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19	Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8	Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22	Jn 20:24-29

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Mary Waters-Birthday Class of 2021 Graduates Ken & Debi H. Schoening -40 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Monday	In memory of William Kemp-Birthday
Tuesday	In memory of Williard Pinkney
Wednesday	In loving memory of John Travers, Jr.
Thursday	Rev. Raymond Moore-14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Friday	In memory of Doris & Dcn. Martin-Prayer Gp
Saturday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

#### 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, Francess 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 **Richard Brandon**, (Brandon and Grimes family) and his family's comfort. 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, Francess 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

*They gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will. (2 Cor 5:3)*

God of grace, God of glory, help us understand that we are recipients of your mercy. What we are, your grace has made us. What we have, your providence has given us. And now do your gracious work also in others, through the gifts we bring today. 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 \$8,011.00, and \$415.00 for Maintenance.*

*Faith Direct donations amounted to \$7,948.83.*

Mass attendance this week: 74 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 JULY

The *Word Among Us for July* 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.

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, FATHER MOORE!!

July 1<sup>st</sup> will mark Fr. Moore's 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor!

*Your STM Family, give thanks to God for your many years of being our shepherd, particularly during the uncertainties of the Coronavirus Pandemic!*

*We pray that our good and gracious God will continue to bless you abundantly!*

*We Love and Appreciate You, Father Moore!*

**~PASTOR'S PEN~**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**STM Family,**

Today' observance of St. Thomas More's Feast Day is so on time for the world that we live in with all its complexities. Our patron saint is a bright light shining in our world today as we deal with the many injustices, inequities and struggles that challenge and so often divide us along racial, religious and political lines. St. Thomas More said that he "was the king's good servant but God's first. And, like Congressman John Lewis, he was willing to get into "good trouble." Are we?

*Here are some quotes that reflect the thoughts of our patron saint:*

*"Pride thinks its own happiness shines the brighter, by comparing it with the misfortunes of other persons, that by displaying its own wealth they may feel their poverty more sensibly."*

*"Pride measures prosperity not by her own advantages but by the disadvantages of others. She would not wish to be a goddess unless there were some wretches left whom she could order about and lord it over, whose misery would make her happiness seem all the more extraordinary, whose poverty can be tormented and exacerbated by a display of her wealth. This infernal serpent, pervading the human heart, keeps men from reforming their lives."*

*"What you can't put right you must try to make as little wrong as possible. For things will never be perfect, until human beings are perfect."*

*"How much better it would be to have everything one needed, than lots of things one didn't need."*

*"I'd rather say something untrue than tell a lie. In short, I'd rather be honest than clever."*

*"God made the angels to show Him splendor, as He made animals for innocence and plants for their simplicity. But man he made to serve him."*

***Be Blessed and Stay Safe,  
Father Moore***

**\*\*PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS MORE\*\***

***O God, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient, and charitable, and a taste for your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words and deeds.***

***O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love for you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you, your grace, and your tender compassion toward us.***

***Give us the grace to work for what we pray for. AMEN***

**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 today, June 27<sup>th</sup>. 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~**

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

**~MIDDLE SCHOOL~**

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

**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 Umimah Taalib***

**Preparing for First Penance/Communion:**

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

**\*\*FIRST COMMUNION ON JULY 17th\*\***

***We will celebrate First Communion and First Confession on Saturday, July 17th at a special 11:00 AM Mass. First Confession will take place before the Mass.***

***We invite the entire STM family to lift up those preparing to receive the graces of these sacraments.***

## 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 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!  
**T-O-D-A-Y, June 27th**, 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 and recommit as we  
have RETURNED to 10:00am Mass to 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 REQUIRED 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.***