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**~July 4, 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*

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** Ez 2:2-5~God calls Ezekiel to be a prophet.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 123~Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

**Reading II:** 2 Cor 12:7-10~Despite his weakness, Paul is called to be an apostle.

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6~Jesus is rejected in the synagogue.

### Readings for Next Sunday

Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a	Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33	Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-14a	Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5	Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30	Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a	Mt 10:24-33

### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	In loving memory of Jason Plaskett, Jr.-2 years Gratitude to God for our Freedom
Monday	In loving memory of Carrie Pearson/KD Turay
Tuesday	Mack & Barbara Kennedy-Anniversary
Wednesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Thursday	Our Professional and Family Caregivers
Friday	Safekeeping of our Youth
Saturday	Kennedi Price-Birthday In loving memory of Bertha Williams

### 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 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. Casimir, 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 \$3,733.00, and \$240.00 for Maintenance.

Faith Direct will be reported at a later date.

**Mass attendance this week:** 87 people were physically present in church, and 147 joined live via YouTube.

Please continue to support the church in the manner in 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.

### HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, for the (observed) Independence Day Holiday. Please enjoy and be safe.

**~PASTOR'S PEN~**

***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*STM Family,*

Today we observe our nation's Independence Day in the light of the 100 Anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre and the very first observance of the Juneteenth National Holiday. For your reflection I want to share with you Langston Hughes' poem, *I Dream A World*:

***I Dream A World***

*I dream a world where man*

*No other man will scorn,*

*Where love will bless the earth*

*And peace its paths adorn*

*I dream a world where all*

*Will know sweet freedom's way,*

*Where greed no longer saps the soul*

*Nor avarice blights our day.*

*A world I dream where black or white,*

*Whatever race you be,*

*Will share the bounties of the earth*

*And every man is free,*

*Where wretchedness will hang its head*

*And joy, like a pearl,*

*Attends the needs of all mankind-*

*Of such I dream, my world.*

*Let us pray this Independence Day for justice, equality and equity, peace and compassion among people of this nation and world.*

*Be Blessed and Stay Safe,*

*Father Moore*

***HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!  
GOD BLESS AMERICA!***



**~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.”*

**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*

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

*We will celebrate*

*First Communion and First Confession on  
Saturday, July 17th at a special 11:00a.m. 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: [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 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.*

## 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!*

## 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.*

## 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)*