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**~October 10, 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 <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: Every Sunday after 10:00am Mass

Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm, via Zoom

*\*Due to Coronavirus Precautions*

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** Wis 7:7-11 ~ *Wisdom is more valuable than anything.*

**Responsorial:** Psalm 90 ~ *Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

**Reading II:** Heb 4:12-13 ~ *The Word of God is sharper than a two-edge sword.*

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30 ~ *Jesus is the Wisdom of God—no riches or possessions compare to him. When we choose to follow him all good things come to us.*

### Readings for Next Sunday

Is 53:10-11    Heb 4:14-16    Mark 10:35-45

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7	Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25	Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11	Luke 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30	Luke 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8	Luke 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18	Luke 12:8-12

### PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	All Impacted by Breast Cancer
Monday	Health of Viola Barnes
Tuesday	In memory of Aaron Otis-Coker
Wednesday	In loving memory of Jason Dantley-Birthday
Thursday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Friday	Daphne Andrews-Birthday
Saturday	Well-being of Audrey Caldwell

### 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, Nancy J. Evans, 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, 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 Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Gail Ruffin, 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 ~

*Your prayers are asked for the peaceful repose of the soul of Oblate Sister of Providence, Sr. Marilyn Hopewell, and for the consolation of her community, and all whose lives she touched.*

*Please also pray for all victims of COVID-19, their families, caregivers, and our frontline workers.*

Your continued prayers are requested for Shirley Adams, Blondinia Brown, Sheila D. Brown, Viola Barnes, Frank and Rita Brewer, Audrey Caldwell, Nancy J. Evans (sister of Blondinia Brown), Francess Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Hortencia Herrera (mother of Henry Herrera), Elizabeth Holmes, Christopher Holton, Sr., Bernard Jarvis, Alice Proctor & her sister, Sarah McCray, Marquel Poindexter, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Yolanda Rollins, Alena Russell, 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 and Ed Poindexter.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

*But you, brothers and sisters, do not weary in well doing.  
(2 Thessalonians 3:13)*

Lord, We pray that you will make us strong and faithful in our stewardship. This we pray with the assurance that you will cause our efforts, in due time, to succeed. Amen.

### ~They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love~

*Thanks for your loving commitment to your church family.*

Tithes and offering that were received for **Sunday, October 3rd** amounted to **\$6,232.00**, and **\$1,472.00** for **Maintenance.**

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

### Mass attendance this week:

*152 people were physically present in church, and 67 joined live on 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.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*Adult Bible Study meets weekly on Zoom.* All are encouraged to join with us each Tuesday evening at 7:30.

**The link is 808 1208 607: Pass code 548415.**

### ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Adult Discussion Group meets on Sunday at 12noon via Zoom. Come enjoy fellowship and lively discussions.

**The Zoom link is 808 1208 607:**

**Pass code 548415**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Many have not been to Confession in a long, long time. *Confessions will be offered on Sunday after the 10:00am Mass and on request at any convenient time.*

### WORD AMONG US FOR OCTOBER

The October issue of the *Word Among Us* is available in the church and rectory.

## ~PASTOR'S PEN~



### *Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

*Dear Church Family,*

*I can just shout WOW and WONDERFUL after our revival last Monday evening.*

The Lord surely used Father Boxie to deliver his word. In The Midst Of It All, we are just like the woman with the issue of blood. We are challenged, like her, to realize that Jesus is the answer for the world today! We, like her, must follow after the Lord. We, like her, must believe that he can do what nobody else can. We, like her must risk reaching out to touch the hem of his garment. We, like her, must find purpose in our pain.

In today's Gospel, a young man "runs up to Jesus" and reverently kneels before him with his urgent question, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus, in reply, gazes at the man and loves him so much that he gives him the radical answer that his radical question deserved. Jesus asks him to get rid of all that he owns, to extend his love of God to the poor by selling all he owns and giving the proceeds to help the needy, leaving himself dependent on nothing but treasure in heaven. The young man is shocked by Jesus's reply, and instead of following he goes away "sad, for he had many possessions."

Like the woman with the hemorrhage and the young man, each one of us seeks something from Jesus. We are all still grappling with the pandemic. We are all still struggling with different situations. Fortunately, we have been blessed with our revival. We are reminded that Jesus is still "In The Midst of It All."

Our prayer is that the revival will move and motivate us to take the next step and reconnect and recommit to our St. Thomas More Church family in communion and fellowship with Christ Jesus and each other.

Finally, over the next few weeks we invite you *Take The Next Step* in your personal stewardship of sacrifice and service. May the Lord bless us all with His amazing and abundant grace.

*In the Lord's peace and grace,*

*Father Moore*

### **OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE:**

*The Church Office will be closed  
tomorrow,  
October 11<sup>th</sup> for the Federal Holiday.*

## WELCOME VISITORS!



*We warmly welcome our visitors to  
St. Thomas More Church.  
We invite all who are seeking a  
church home to join our  
STM Church family.*

### **32<sup>nd</sup> EAST OF THE RIVER REVIVAL**

#### **RECORDING:**

***"In The Midst of It All."***

The recording of last week's revival is now available by visiting <https://stlukechurchssj.org> and clicking on "videos"...

Or checking our Flocknote for the YouTube link.

### **MATRIMONY & CONFIRMATION**

***Your Prayers Are Asked For Those Preparing For  
Matrimony and Confirmation***

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***

***Umaimah Taalib***

### **FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

We have begun our 2021-22 IN PERSON instruction. All our children should receive the blessing of our strong program of religious formation. *We meet on Sunday morning after the 10:00am Mass.*

### **PLEASE SUPPORT**

#### **THE VIRGINIA MERRICK CENTER!**

***We are blessed to have the Merrick Center  
in our community.***

***Many of you worked diligently for its construction.  
Now you can help support the continued operation of  
the Merrick Center with your donations to the United  
Way's "Combined Federal Campaign."***

***Pledge your support the the Merrick Center using  
Campaign #13745.***

## ST. THOMAS MORE



## CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*We are currently enrolling families for the 2021-2022 School Year in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth.*

*To better educate our scholars we are in the process of constructing an outdoor classroom space. This will also aid in our efforts to control water runoff and maintain a good natural environment.*

*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 weekly 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 are 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!*

### ~ELDERS’ PRAYER FOR OUR YOUNG~

*Creator God,  
Jesus, our Savior,  
Holy Spirit of Wisdom, knowledge and understanding:  
Bless our young with  
Minds eager to learn,  
Memories strong to remember,  
Hearts ready to love,  
And lives committed to Jesus Christ.  
Keep them safe this week under the protection of  
Your Grace and Mercy.  
This we pray through Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

### 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL!

This year’s appeal theme is “Seeking Christ.” In the words of our archbishop, Cardinal Gregory: “Together, nourished by the sacraments, we become Christ’s hands and feet, and with apostolic zeal reach out to all those suffering in body, mind, and spirit. This is the mission of the church: to be the ark upon which all are saved, the boat from which we cast our nets, and the lamp that draws in all who wander and are lost.” 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.

*Our 2021 goal is \$33,900! As of today, our total pledges amount to \$27,520.00, which is 81.2% of our goal! 105 of us have made pledges so far. Thank you very much.*

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.*

### 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!*