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### May 14, 2023 ~ Mother's Day



## Let The Eucharist Revive Us Again!

#### **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12 Installed Acolyte: Ed Poindexter

Ms. Patricia Hamilton, Pastoral Administrator, x11

Mrs. Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10 Mr. Gerald Smith, Academy Principal

Ms. Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31

Mr. Henry Herrera, Gospel Choir Director Mrs. Denese Clay, Glorify Praise Team Director Mrs. Barbara Elliott, Parish Council Chair

Finance Council: Tracey Jean-Charles, Damon Smith,

Patricia Thomas

### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 4:00pm ~ Rectory Chapel Sunday 10:00am ~ Church

Livestreamed on YouTube

#### **Confession:**

After 10:00am Sunday Mass and by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Items for Sunday's Bulletin must be **submitted via email by 10:00am 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.

**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



### Sixth Sunday of Easter Preparing to Hear God's Word

**Reading I:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17~We are not only given the Spirit by the Father, we are also given the power to share that Spirit with others, as Peter and John went to Samaria to do.

**Responsorial:** Ps 66: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

**Reading II:** 1Pet 3:15-18~A prayer for Christians undergoing suffering.

Gospel: Jn 14:15-21~ Jesus promises to send us the Spirit.

Readings for Next Sunday
Acts 1:12-14 1Pet 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

### DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15	John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34	John 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	John 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8	John 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18	John 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28	John 16:23b-28

#### **PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

Sunday All Mothers & Mother-Figures

Our Deceased Mothers & Mother-Figures

Monday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

Tuesday Health of Marion & Ruth Richardson Wednesday In memory of Victoria Nicholas-Birthday

Thursday Health of Yolanda Rollins

Friday In loving memory of Margarita S. Perez

Saturday Safekeeping of Our Youth

### PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Rita Brewer, Blondinia Brown, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, 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, Zynae Green, Emmanuel Greene, Gloria Greene Rodriguez, William Gunn, Andre Harris, Margaret Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, Maximillon Holland, Darryl Jackson, Dr. Jimmie Jackson, Leane Jean-Charles, Ivy John, Phyllis & Harold Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, Gloria & William McCaskill, Ed Miller, Betty Moeller, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Leroy Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Robin Sescoe, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Margaret Spencer, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Myra Thompson, Mary & Charles Travers, Kristine Vivican, Rev. Raymond Wadas, Kayla Warren, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Anita Williams, Williams, Kobe M. Williams, David Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young, and all of our Sick/Shut-in parishioners.

### ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Please pray for PEACE in our world, all victims of violence, all impacted by COVID-19, our healthcare workers; and all who serve as caregivers for their aging parents/relatives.

Your continued prayers are requested for Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Frank & Rita Brewer, Nancy J. Evans & Myra Thompson, Francess Davies, Priscilla Fuller, David Garner, Christopher Holton, Sr., Leo James, Larry Owens, Marquel Poindexter, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Yolanda Rollins, Margaret Spencer, Charles Travers, Fr. Jordan Turano, Monei Williams, William Wims, 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.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP!

"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through, nor steal." (Matthew 6:20)

Gladly and with gracious hearts, we bring our offering before you this week. May they reflect the genuine gratitude that resides within us, and may they be used to declare our love for you and one another. We pray 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 for last Sunday amounted to \$6,054.00, and \$1,891.00 for the Maintenance Fund.

Faith Direct contributions will be reported at a later date.

### **Mass Attendance**

Saturday 4:00pm 11 in the Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am 128 in Church

160 Livestream Views on YouTube

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.

<u>Click on DONATE</u> and make your contribution by choosing <u>Enroll in Recurring E-giving</u> or <u>Make A One Time Gift Now.</u>

#### 10:00AM SUNDAY MASS

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

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*All* are invited to join our lively discussions on Zoom each Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The link is 808 1208 607: Pass code 548415.

### **ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP**

Our Adult Discussion Group meets on Sundays, <u>1-2:30pm</u>, via Zoom. Come enjoy fellowship and lively discussions.

The Zoom link is 83463722487; Pass code 074454

### ~ PRAY THE ROSARY ~

St. Thomas More Sodality welcomes you to join us as we pray the Rosary:

<u>Tuesdays at Noon</u>, and <u>Thursdays at 11:00am</u>.

Dial-in: 605 313 5818. Access code 883049#.

### WORD AMONG US FOR EASTER

The *Word Among Us* for EASTER is available in the church and rectory.

### WEEKDAY MASS

Join us for *Weekday Mass this week* at 9:00am in the Rectory Chapel on Monday and Wednesday; and at 10:00am in the Church on Friday, with livestreaming on YouTube.

### ~PASTOR'S PEN~



### **COUNTDOWN TO PENTECOST!**

Church Family,

This is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, and there are 14 days to Pentecost. Let us pray our...

### PENTECOST POWER PRAYER

Loving Lord,

here I am, just as I am.

I trust that you have incredible plans for me.

So, transform me. Empower me. Use me!

Everything is on the table.

Take what you want to take.

And give what you want to give

so that I can live the life you envision for me.

I hold nothing back.

I am 100% available.

So, dear God, send your Holy Spirit upon me that I may build your Kingdom in my words and work.

Through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Happy Easter!!

Father Moore

### FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Please keep in prayer our *First Communicants* who will receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist on *June 11<sup>th</sup>* during the 10:00am Mass.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS

<u>~Preparing for Baptism~</u> Jayden Ouick

### ~Preparing for First Communion~

Ayan Connelly Brianna Doricent Amani-Rae Wright

### ~Preparing for Confirmation~

Cameron Anthony
Camille Anthony
Ariel Collins
Christian Doricent
Aurora Jarvis-Washington
Aurora Tyer

Kameron Martin
Adrian Otis-Coker
Marquee Sherrell
Habiba Taalib
Sydney Weber
Tierra Tyer

### ~Preparing for Matrimony~

Marc Ray and Shanice Ledbetter

### ~HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY~ TO ALL MOTHERS, MOTHER-FIGURES



AND WOMEN WHO
NURTURE AND CARE FOR OTHERS!
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!!

### **WELCOME VISITORS!**

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

### A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!!

We welcome to our church:

Victor Rolling, Mefodiy Kiselev, Joan Frederick, Alexis Gross, Dorothy Frederick, and Ebele Iyiegbu.

### **WEEKLY WORDS OF SAINTLY WISDOM**

Our saint for this week is St. Francis of Assisi.

He said this:

"We lose all the material things we leave behind us in this world, but we carry with us the reward of our charity and the alms we give. For these, we will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense we deserve."

### <u>Pray for the Canonization of Our Six</u> <u>African American Candidates for Sainthood:</u>

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman Venerable Henriette DeLille Venerable Pierre Toussaint Servant of God Mother Mary Lange Venerable Augustus Tolton Servant of God Julia Greeley

### <u>Prayer for Canonization of</u> <u>Julia Greeley</u>

Heavenly Father, your servant Julia Greeley dedicated her life to honoring the Sacred Heart of your Son and to humble service of the poor. Grant to me a generous heart like your Son's, and if it be in accordance with your holy will, please grant this favor I now ask through Julia's intercession (insert your intention). I pray this through Christ our Lord. AMEN

### ST. THOMAS MORE



### CATHOLIC ACADEMY

<u>Registration Has Begun for the</u> <u>2023-2024 School Year!</u>

For More Information On Our School
Visit Our Website: stmdc.org
School Office: 202-561-1189
We thank you for your continued support!



# FOOD PANTRY Open On ALTERNATING FRIDAYS 10:00am- Noon!

Even well before the pandemic, our community has been long recognized as a "food desert." With your help we have been able to continue assisting our neighbors.

We provide nutritious foods, including meats, fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, and milk in our 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. 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.)

Again, thanks to our many members who have donated to the pantry throughout this pandemic.

### **SHARE INFORMATION**

Value Package \$25.00

Please contact Flo Gantt for Registration info.

Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$25.00 to provide a SHARE Package to a family in need. If interested, please contact any member of our SHARE Team.

We are grateful to you for the <u>550+ SHARE PACKAGES</u> that have been purchased to support those we serve from our STM Food Pantry! Thank you!

### **2023 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE!**

"Many Ministries, One Church."

Thanks to the generosity of 45 of our parish families, our parish currently stands at 58% of our 2023 Annual Appeal goal with pledges of \$21,232.00 committed as of this past week---toward our goal of \$36,900.

If you haven't yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by visiting **give.adw.org.** 

By donating today, you will support more than seventy ministries vital to the life of our Church.

### Again, our 2023 goal is \$36,900!

Many thanks to those of you who have already made pledges supporting the Annual Appeal.

### **UPDATED COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS IN CHURCH**

As more and more of us are vaccinated, more and more of us have been returning to Mass on Sunday morning. Here are the procedures we will maintain to ensure the continued 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 coverings are now optional.
- 4. Please receive Holy Communion in your hand.

NOTES FOR TODAY