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June 4, 2023 ~ Trinity Sunday!



Let The Eucharist Revive Us Again!

Pastoral Staff:

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

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

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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 <u>submitted via email by 10:00am Monday</u> 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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9~ God's mercy and forgiveness are revealed to Moses.

Responsorial: Dan 3~ Glory and praise forever!

Reading II: 2Cor 13:11-13~ Christ's grace, God's love and the Spirit's fellowship.

Gospel: Jn 3:16-18~ "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

Readings for Next Sunday

Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Acts 26:19-23 Mark 12:1-12 Tuesday: Tob 2:9-14 Mark 12:13-17 Wednesday: Tob 3:1-11a, 16-17 Mark 12:18-27 Thursday: Tob 6:10-11, 7:1, 9-17, 8:4-9a Mark 12:28-34 Friday: Tob 11:5-17 Mark 12:12:35-37 Saturday: Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mark 12:38-44

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday All Class of 2023 Graduates

Chereese Ray-Birthday

Monday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

Tuesday Sharie and William Wood-Anniversary

Nelson Davies-Birthday

Wednesday Safekeeping of Our Youth

Thursday In loving memory of Jacqueline Ray Friday In memory of Dcn. Nerus Martin Saturday In loving memory of Bertha Williams

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, William Wims, Kobe M. Williams, David Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young, and all of our Sick/Shut-in parishioners

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of **Leo James**, husband of Felicia James, **Gilbert Herrera**, father of Henry Herrera, and the consolation of their families.

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., 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~

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday amounted to \$3,526.00, and \$0.00 for the Maintenance Fund.

Faith Direct donations will be reported at a later time.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 14 in the Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am 157 in Church

168 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your loving commitment to your church family.

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 ON BREAK

Adult Bible Study is now on break for the Summer. All are invited to attend when we resume meeting in the Fall.

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

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Join us for *Weekday Mass* at 9:00am in the Rectory Chapel on Monday and Wednesday.

~PASTOR'S PEN~ MOST HOLY TRINITY

Church Family,

The week following Pentecost we encounter the fullness of our awesome, almighty and mysterious God. Our readings for today point to a crucial aspect of the divine-human relationship we have—One God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—dwells with us always. Our God is not one to stay up in the clouds. Just the opposite. Today, in our Exodus passage, Moses encounters the Lord coming down from the clouds. The Lord stands close enough to have a conversation with Moses. Many of us today may wish the Lord would speak as clearly and directly to us. Frustration can arise in prayer when we do not receive the clarity desired from God. Yet while our dialog with the divine may appear different than Moses's, God assures us that he will be with us always until the end of time.

In today's Gospel, John 3:16, we receive further assurance of God's presence. Out of great love for us, God gave his only Son to save the world. Recall how we spent the last few months of Lent and Easter hearing stories of Jesus's time on earth, both before and after his death on the cross. Even death cannot separate us from God!

Then last week we celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, breathed upon the earliest disciples by Jesus himself, who continues to be our advocate and guide. Our triune God dwells with us. St. Paul sums this blessing up well in today's second reading: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Three questions for your reflection:

- 1. Is there a person of the Trinity you think of most often when you pray? While the unity of the Trinity means that of course God in his fullness hears your prayers, what might it be like to try praying to one of the other persons?
- 2. What might God be inviting you to keep an eye out for from the Spirit's movements or promptings?
- 3. Which relationships in your life reveal God's love to you? In which relationships is it more challenging to see God at work?

Be blessed,

Father Moore

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS

~Preparing for Baptism~

Chizaram Muolete Jayden Quick

~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
Isis Jarvis-Washington

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

~Preparing for Matrimony~

Marc Ray and Shanice Ledbetter

WELCOME, ELIZABETH MARGARET CROSBY!!

We warmly welcome our newly baptized member, Elizabeth Margaret Crosby, daughter of Nash and Chelsea Crosby, who was baptized last week on the day of Pentecost.

WORKSHOP FOR STM LECTORS!

A Workshop for STM Lectors will take place at St. Thomas More on **Saturday**, **June 17**th at **10:00am**.

This workshop is open to all lectors and those who are interested in becoming a lector.

If you have any questions, please call or text **Pamela Meredith** at 202-677-9863; or email *pammeredith@hotmail.com*.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Classes are now finished for this school year. Thanks to all our families and teachers for their strong commitment.

WEEKLY WORDS OF SAINTLY WISDOM

Our saint for this week is Blessed Fulton Sheen.

He said this: "You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus, get a new center, will what God wills, and your joy no other person shall take from you."

<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> Father Augustus Tolton

O God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death. If it be Your Will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession (mention your request) so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are our God living and reigning forever and ever. 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