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~ June 25, 2023 ~



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 <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: On Summer Break Bible Study: On Summer Break

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Jer 20: 10-13~ Jeremiah spells out clearly those who ought to fear: those who denounce God's prophet and take out vengeance on him.

Responsorial: Ps 69~ Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Reading II: Rom 5:12-15~ "For if by the transgression of the one (Adam) many died, how much more did the gracious gift of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow for the many."

Gospel: Mt 10: 26-33~ Jesus said to the Twelve, "Fear no one."

Readings for Next Sunday

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Gn 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-15 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18 Mt 7:6, 12-14 Wednesday: Gn 15: 1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20 Thursday: Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19 Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Friday: Mt 8:1-4 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15 Mt 8:5-17

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday In loving memory of John Travers, Jr.
Monday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

Tuesday Mary Waters-Birthday

Wednesday In loving memory of William Kemp-Birthday

Thursday In loving memory of Williard Pinkney

Friday Intentions of STM Parishioners

Saturday Iretha Person-Birthday

In loving memory of John Smalls-1yr.

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 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, Mary & 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 \$4,143.00, and*\$245.00 for the Maintenance Fund.
<u>Bake Sale Proceeds</u>: \$350.00.

Faith Direct totals will be reported at a later date.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 15 in the Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am 136 in Church

219 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your loving commitment to your church family.

FAITH DIRECT eGIVING!!

School's out! Summer is in! Before you begin your vacations, travels, and other summer plans, please consider *eGiving* to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even when you are away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish throughout the summer months, but you will also help reduce our costs for envelopes. Getting started with eGiving is easy. *Here are the ways to sign up:*

--*Visit* //faith.direct/DC773 (St. Thomas More Church code.) --*Call* Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757

--*Text* "Enroll" to 202-866-5450

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.

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.

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The prophet Jeremiah was never one to hold back his feelings from God. His book of Scripture is filled with wailing and lamentations. Jeremiah suffered betrayal and frustrations throughout his life—and he let God know it. Jeremiah bared his soul to God—the good, the bad, and everything in between. Through this honesty, trust grew between the great prophet and God almighty. Jeremiah did not lash out for show. He came to believe God could handle anything stirring in his heart. Jeremiah saw God as a partner, one who "is with me, like a mighty champion."

**We too can call upon God in every moment of our lives, even—and perhaps especially—the moments that are not so neat and tidy. God does not need to be protected from our trials. Rather, God longs to draw ever closer to us just as God drew closer to Jeremiah and the great prophets throughout time. God can handle us. God wants to handle us.

**Jesus makes God's close presence known to the disciples in today's gospel. He assures them that "even all the hairs of your head are counted" by God. Our God is a God of abundance who creates and reveals all the time. We need only to pay attention. We need only to be honest. We need only to trust God's great love for us.

(Living Liturgy)

May the Lord's peace and grace be with you!

PRAYERS AND CONGRATULATIONS!!

Prayers and Congratulations to

Amani-Rae Wright

who will receive her First Communion today at the 10:00am Mass!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS

~Preparing for Baptism~

Chizaram Muolete Jayden Quick

~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

APPRECIATION!!

We pray for and extend
Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation to
Father Moore as he marks his

16th Anniversary as Pastor of St. Thomas More
on Saturday, July 1, 2023!

Your church family loves and appreciates you,
Father Moore!



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.

CELEBRATING DEACON RICHARD WALKER'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY!!

Today we are celebrating
Deacon Richard Walker's

Fifteenth Anniversary of Ordination
at the 10:00am Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS,
AND WELCOME HOME,
DEACON WALKER!

<u>WEEKLY WORDS</u> OF SAINTLY WISDOM

Our saint for this week is St. Gregory of Nyssa: He said this:

"True perfection consists in having but one fear: the fear of losing God's friendship."

<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> Sister Thea Bowman

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman,

with an ardent love for you and the people of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing and unwavering witness to the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and the marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

ST. THOMAS MORE



CATHOLIC ACADEMY

<u>Registration Continues 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