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**~ January 21, 2024 ~**



# 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

## **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Preparing to Hear God's Word**

**Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10** ~God's mercy is shown to the Ninevites.

**Responsorial: Ps 25**~Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Reading II: 1 Cor 7:29-31**~The world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel: Mk 1:14-20**~Repent and believe in the Gospel.

### **Readings for Next Sunday**

**Deut 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28**

### **DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday:	1 Sam 5: 1-7, 10	Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sam 6:12b-15, 17-19	Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sam 7:4-17	Mark 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22: 3-16	Mark 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tim 1:1-8	Mark 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sam 12:1-7a, 10-17	Mark 4:35-41

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

Sunday	In loving memory of Carrie Pearson
Monday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Tuesday	In loving memory of Leonard Singleton-Birthday
Wednesday	Karyn N. Hamilton-Birthday
	In loving memory of Robert Milner & Mary Webster
Thursday	Health of Billy Hawkins
Friday	In loving memory of John H. Small-Birthday
Saturday	Health of Barbara Kennedy

### **PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Rita Brewer, Blodinia Brown, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Frances Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, 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, Maximillion Holland, Darryl Jackson, Dr. Jimmie Jackson, Leane Jean-Charles, Phyllis 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 Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Margaret Spencer, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Mary 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 soul of **Helen Elizabeth Hurd**, (age 101)-grandmother of Wanda Cooper and Felicia James, and for her family's comfort.

Pray also 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 loved ones.

Your continued prayers are requested for Shirley Adams, Sheila D. Brown, Frank & Rita Brewer, Margaret Chambers, Frances Davies, Priscilla Fuller, Tanya Gaddie, Elma Garnett, Denzil Garvey, Billy Hawkins, Rodney Hollins, Jr., Christopher Holton, Sr., Barbara Kennedy, Erma Lewis, Larry Owens, Marquel Poindexter, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Yolanda Rollins, Margaret Spencer, Jan Thelin, Mary Travers, Fr. Jordan Turano, Monei Williams, William Wims, Sharie Wood, 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.

### **WORD AMONG US FOR JANUARY**

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

## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

Now we give and now we share, O Lord, for now the hour of opportunity is wedded with the moment of need and the glad sharing of the saints.

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

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday

**amounted to \$5,835.00 and**

**\$235.00 for the Maintenance Fund.**

**Faith Direct offerings totaled \$4,895.00.**

### **Mass Attendance**

Saturday 4:00pm **18** in the Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am **140** in Church

**265** Livestream Views on YouTube

**Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.**

### **FAITH DIRECT eGIVING!!**

Please consider **eGiving** to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even if you are away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish, 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**

**Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom on**

**Tuesdays at 7:30pm.**

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

**All are invited to join our lively discussions.**

### **LEARNING MORE IN '24!**

**All adults** are welcome to join our Adult Faith Formation Class, our program for adults interested in becoming Catholic, or those who want to learn more about their faith. **We meet on Wednesday at 7:00pm via Zoom.**

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

### **~ PRAY THE ROSARY ~**

St. Thomas More Sodality welcomes you to

join us as we pray the Rosary:

**Tuesdays at Noon, and Thursdays at 11:00am.**

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

### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Join us for **Weekday Mass** at 9:00am in the Rectory Chapel on Monday and Wednesday, and on Fridays for the school Mass at 10:00am in the Church.

## ~ HOMILY POINTS ~

### *Third Sunday In Ordinary Time*

\*The people of Nineveh turned from their evil ways. Together this “enormously large city” answered God’s warning spoken through the prophet Jonah. God spared the people because of their faithfulness. What might it look like for a community today to repent from its shared sins and take seriously its need for reform? How might this group—whether it be a whole city, a small family, or something in between—commit to communal acts of repentance so that it might be a space of dignity and justice for all?

\*Jesus calls Simon and Andrew from their work catching fish. He opens new possibilities for the disciples, saying, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Conversations about calling often center on what we are being called *to*—like a career change, budding relationship, or new way of being in the world. But being called *to* something almost always necessitates being called away *from* something else. God did not create humans with unlimited time and attention. We are constantly negotiating between giving up and taking on. There are times in life when God calls us *from* a particular situation or relationship. In today’s gospel, Jesus calls Simon and Andrew from their job as fishermen so that they could be free to embrace a life of discipleship. What might God be calling you away from these days? What new calling may be emerging in its place?

\*Today’s gospel makes an intriguing statement on the priority of work. To a culture that values climbing the corporate ladder and giving your whole self to your job, Mark’s Gospel says stop. There is a different way. We cannot make work a god. Discipleship must take priority.

*(Living Liturgy)*

*May the Lord’s peace and grace be with you!*

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS

#### ~Preparing for Full Communion~

*Tiffany Porter*

#### ~Preparing for Baptism~

*The Owens Family:*

*Mom-Amanda;*

*Children-Aidyn, Peyton, Brooklyn, and Skylar*

#### ~Preparing for First Communion~

*Emmanuel Collins*

*Kylie Dozier*

*Damari Dozier*

*Kinsley Martin*

#### ~Preparing for Confirmation~

*Cameron Anthony*

*Kameron Martin*

*Camille Anthony*

*Adrian Otis-Coker*

*Ariel Collins*

*Marquee Sherrell*

*Christian Doricent*

*Habiba Taalib*

*Aurora Jarvis-Washington*

*Sydney Weber*

*Isis Jarvis-Washington*

*Tierra Tyer*

#### ~Preparing for Matrimony~

*Marc Ray and Shanice Ledbetter*



## 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.*

### FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

*We are now in the second half of this session of Religious Education. Our hope is that parents and children will make church a top priority for 2024. Make a firm commitment to coming to Mass and class on Sunday! Time is running out as we approach the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. **We are counting on you!***

### AFRICAN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD!

*Please Pray for the Canonization of  
Our Six African American  
Candidates for Sainthood:*

*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*

### SERVING MORE IN '24!!

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> IS VALENTINE’S DAY  
...and this year it is also ASH WEDNESDAY.**

*This year we, as the STM church family, are  
focusing on recommitting  
to service and ministry participation.*

*Is there a particular ministry that the Lord might be calling you to join? Then why don’t you think about it? Pray about it? Commit to it? You will surely be blessed if you do!*

### 2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL:

***“United In Purpose.”***

*Thanks to the generosity of 68 of our parishioners, we finished the 2023 Appeal at 66% of our 2023 Annual Appeal goal with pledges of \$24,395.00 in commitments toward our goal of \$36,900.*

*The 2024 Appeal will begin shortly. You may have received information in the mail. **Our goal for this year is still \$36,900.** Let us do what we can to support the various ministries of the Church.*



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keep abreast of our Scholars throughout the year,  
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**School Office: 202-561-1189**  
*We thank you for your continued support!**



**STM FOOD PANTRY!!**  
**DISTRIBUTION HOURS:**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY**  
**OF EACH MONTH...**  
**10:00am- Noon**

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.

*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 550+ SHARE PACKAGES that have been purchased to support those we serve from our STM Food Pantry! Thank you!*

Contribution Statements were mailed on January 18, 2024. Parish Soft is our recordkeeping program. ***Please be most attentive to your TOTAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT.***

**In the event that you have any questions and/or clarifications please contact Pattie Hamilton via EMAIL at the following e-address: [HAMISINGS@MSN.COM](mailto:HAMISINGS@MSN.COM).**

*Thank you for addressing your questions ONLY to Pattie, who is the best person to handle any questions regarding your statements. We wish to ensure that all statements are in alignment.*

Those contributing via Faith Direct will receive a separate statement directly from Faith Direct E-giving.

*More of us are now vaccinated and have even received “boosters” at this time. More of us have also been returning to Mass on Sunday morning. As a reminder, these are the procedures we will continue to 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

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