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June 22, 2025 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

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Renee Coles, Parish Council Chair

Finance Council: Tracey Jean-Charles, Damon Smith, Patricia Thomas, George Hanna

Hope Dwells as the Desire and Expectation of Good Things to Come



WELCOME VISITORS!

We warmly welcome you to St. Thomas More Church! If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our parish family. We hope you worship with us again soon!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00pm – Rectory Chapel

Sunday, 10:00am – Church (also Livestreamed on YouTube and link is sent weekly via Flocknote)

Weekday Mass will resume in July.

SACRAMENTS

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.

Penance (Reconciliation, Confession): Sundays after the 10:00am Holy Mass and by appointment

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 Holy Mass

Adult Bible Study is on Summer Break and will resume in the Fall.

RE-Member The Church

If you have been away from the Church and are led by the Holy Spirit to come back to us, please consider our invitation to **“RE-MEMBER”** the Church. Call the Church office (202-562-0431) or speak to Father Moore for more details.

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#.*

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sunday	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17
Monday	Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday	Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20
Thursday	Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29
Friday	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7
Saturday	Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17
Sunday	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

• Praying before the Eucharist in adoration, a young Saint Juliana of Cornillon had a peculiar vision: a bright full moon with a strange dark stripe blotting out a slice of its brilliance. As she experienced this same vision repeatedly over many years, she gradually realized its meaning: a feast was missing from the liturgical year, a celebration of the body and blood of Christ. The brilliant white of the moon—like a host exposed in adoration—was not complete. Juliana felt called to bring this vision of love for the Eucharist to the whole church. And after her death, her hope was realized with the celebration of Corpus Christi (the body of Christ) being added to the church's universal calendar in 1264. It has been celebrated ever since.

• We are made in the image of God and yet are so far from God in our brokenness and sin. The Eucharist—Christ's body and blood broken for us—feeds us and fills us and saves us from our brokenness. In our pilgrim church on earth, we are fed the bread of life until we might one day stand rejoicing at the heavenly banquet that has been prepared for us. Christ is truly present in the church's Eucharist; he is present for us and in us. We do this in remembrance of him, for we are now Christ's Body.

• In our gospel today, thousands who have followed him with wonder are now filled with more food than they can even eat. An abundance of leftovers fills so many wicker baskets that every disciple could have lugged one away and fed even *more* people with the bounty of Christ. When we celebrate the Eucharist, what do we do with our leftovers—and not simply the hosts that might be reserved in the tabernacle? Christ fills us beyond our capacity with his grace and mercy. Do we, his disciples in this day, bring the abundance of his love to all the world?

(Living Liturgy) *May the Lord's peace and grace be with you!*

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And Their Families:

Kenneth Jones (nephew of Alice Proctor)

Nahja Smith (mother of Damon Smith)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER CORNER

Novena Prayer for Corpus Christi

O Lord Jesus Christ,
 You who have given us
 Your precious Body and Blood
 to be our meat and drink,
 grant that through
 frequent reception of You
 in the Holy Eucharist,
 I may be strengthened
 in mind and body
 to do Your holy will. Amen.
 Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, have mercy on us.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus,
 fountain of every blessing,
 I adore you, I love you, and
 with lively sorrow for my sins,
 I offer you this poor heart of mine.
 Make me humble, patient, pure
 and wholly obedient to your will.

Grant, Good Jesus,
 that I may live in you and for you.
 Protect me in the midst of danger.

Comfort me in my afflictions.

Give me health of body,
 assistance in my temporal needs,
 your blessing on all that I do,
 and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Please Pray For Our Sick, Shut-In, And Those In Need:

Cardinal Gregory, Fr. Raymond Moore, Fr. Casimir, Ed Poindexter, Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Rita Brewer, Blondinia Brown, Sheila D. Brown, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, Jane Cannon, Margaret Chambers, Dixie Clark, Shertia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Damian Daniel, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Eleanor Dozier, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, Priscilla Fuller, Craig Fulmer, Betty Furr, Tanya Gaddie, Tasha Gant, David Garner, Tyrone Garrison, Denzil Garvey, Zynae Green, Emmanuel Greene, Gloria Greene Rodriguez, William Gunn, Andre Harris, Margaret Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, Maximillon Holland, Christopher Holton, Sr., Darryl Jackson, Dr. Jimmie Jackson, Leane Jean-Charles, Carolyn Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, Barbara Kennedy, David Larison, Erma Lewis, Dennis Lucas, Gloria & William McCaskill, Herb Meredith, Beverly Miller, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Mamie Outlaw, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Leroy Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Robin Sescocoe, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Margaret Spencer, Edsel Swann, Jan Thelin, Jane Thomas, Antoinette (Toni) Torain, Mary Travers, Chandra Upsher-Harris, Kristine Vivican, Kayla Warren, Mary Waters, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Monei Williams, William Wims, Kobe M. Williams, Jane Willis, David Wilson, Gloria Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young.

Please pray for the well-being of all impacted by changes within our U.S. Government, peace in our world, all victims of violence, all impacted by diseases, all healthcare workers and caregivers.

**PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR
SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

~Rite of Christian Initiation for Children~
Ashanti Sedega Sarai Sedega

~Preparing for Confirmation~
Terral Lewis, Jr. Karter Martin
Marleigh Campbell Tylia Pilgrim
Damari Dozier Terrance Tyer
Ashwin Gordon

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Our Class of 2025 Graduates
Monday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Tuesday	Well-being of Yolanda Rollins
Wednesday	Intentions of STM Parishioners
Thursday	Safekeeping of Our Youth
Friday	Mary Waters-Birthday
Saturday	In loving memory of William Kemp-Birthday

**Please Pray for the Canonization of Our Seven
AFRICAN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR
SAINTHOOD**

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

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman

Servant of God Father Martin de Porres Ward, OFM Conv.

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

STM FOOD PANTRY

NEXT DISTRIBUTION: Monday, June 30, 10am-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 meat, 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.

NEEDED: Non-perishable items such as **Rice, Pasta, Dry Beans, Hot & Cold Cereal, Canned Goods such as Meat, Tuna, Beans, Soup, Vegetables, Fruits.** **(Also, items readily useful for those who are homeless are much appreciated.)**

Thank you to our many generous members who donated to the pantry throughout the pandemic and have continued doing so!

From Father Moore With Love-

Church family, I am so grateful for your love, prayers, encouragement and support. My hope is that I continue to heal and recover, that I can be the Shepherd that you deserve and desire. Healing is a process and patience is needed to make recovery possible. So again, I love STM with all my heart and grateful to all of you. In the Lord's love and peace—Father Moore

Father Moore sincerely thanks Father Peter Chineke, Celebrant, for Saturday's Vigil Mass, today's Holy Mass, as well as covering the remaining scheduled Masses below:

Saturday, June 21, 4 pm – Father Peter
Sunday, June 22, 10 am – Father Peter
Saturday, June 28, 4 pm – Father Peter
Sunday, June 29, 10 am – Father Peter

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Gracious and generous God, accept our offerings as tangible and visible evidence of our devotion and dedication to your church in service to your kingdom. Stir the hearts of your people to spiritual acts of worship as we offer others as well to your service, loving you and others in word and deed.

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:

In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$3,465.00, and Faith Direct donations amounted to \$7,537.00.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm **16** in the Rectory Chapel
Sunday 10:00am **136** in Church
207 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

**2025 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL**

The 2025 Appeal is now underway!

You may have received a letter asking for your support. Thanks to all who generously supported the 2024 appeal. STM was asked to contribute \$36,900-- of which we raised \$25,000. Although we fell short of the goal, we were most generous. Thank you!

This year's goal is the same: \$36,900.

Please be as generous as your means allow. Every little bit helps our Archdiocese to provide many ministries and services. For your convenience, Appeal Forms are available in the back of the church.

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