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April 19, 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

~PENTECOST POWER PRAYER~

Let's all pray this prayer each day until
Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026:

*Loving Lord,
Here I am, just as I am.
I trust that you have an incredible plan 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 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 do your will and build your Kingdom. Amen.*

Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12
Ed Poindexter, Installed Acolyte
Linda Clay Roberson, Pastoral Administrator, x11
Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10
Barry Rhodes, Assistant to Pastor, Facilities Director
Harold Thomas, Academy Principal
Marcus Thompson, Academy Assistant Principal
Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31
Henry Herrera, Gospel Choir Director
Renee Coles, Parish Council Chair
Finance Council: Tracey Jean-Charles, Damon Smith, Patricia Thomas, George Hanna

“He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.” Matthew 28:6



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)

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptisms: Parents should contact Father Moore to arrange for preparation and scheduling.

Matrimony: Couples planning a Catholic wedding, please contact the Pastor for instruction, at least six months in advance.

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 for Children: Sunday following 10:00am Holy Mass.

High School Youth Group: Sunday after 10:00am Holy Mass.

Adult Faith Formation (OCIA): This group is intended for adults who would like to become Catholics. Please contact the parish office.

Young Women's Bible Study
(sponsored by A Simple House missionaries)
will resume April 26.

Young women (ages 16 and older) are invited to join in a young women's Bible Study on Sunday morning following the 10:00am Mass in the rectory living room.

EASTERTIDE DAILY MASS READINGS

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Saturday	Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- The disciples experienced some serious trauma. Not only did they watch their friend and teacher die a brutal death, but now they have heard stories of angels and an empty tomb. Luke doesn't tell us exactly what these disciples were conversing and debating about, but it seems they were trying to make sense of their experience, even asking Jesus, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place?"
- Of course Jesus knows what happened in Jerusalem. Jesus knew the events intimately. He lived them. But notice his response. Rather than shifting the attention to himself, Jesus simply listens and invites the disciples to share their own experiences and story. He does not interrupt. He does not challenge their feelings or emotions. Rather, Jesus listens. In a world that seems more divisive than ever, we must be willing to follow Jesus' example and listen to the reality of others, reserving our judgment and setting aside our agendas.
- Of course this is a wonderful eucharistic story. The disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking and sharing of bread. But with such an emphasis on listening, this story also reminds us of the importance of the Liturgy of the Word where we hear the stories of our ancestors in faith and of Jesus himself. Let us pray that we may listen attentively to God and others and all that is revealed to us in Scripture and in our lives.

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

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And Their Family:

David Satterwhite
Mamie Outlaw (wife of John Outlaw)

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

Let Each One Reach One Pentecost Invitation to Become a Catholic

As we prepare for the great day of the Holy Spirit, be a missionary disciple and reach out and extend an invitation to friends and family to join our Church. We are eagerly and anxiously reaching out to invite new members. We need you to do your part to grow our church, by reaching out and extending a warm and friendly invitation to someone you might bless with faith. More details will be forthcoming.

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

Fr. Raymond Moore, Ed Poindexter, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Reta Brewer, Blondina 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, Emily Glasker, Zynae Green, Emmanuel Greene, Gloria Greene Rodriguez, William Gunn, Andre Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, Gilbert Herrera (brother of Henry Herrera), Maximillon Holland, Christopher Holton, Sr., Darryl Jackson, Dr. Jimmie Jackson, Leane Jean-Charles, Carolyn Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Seymour & Patrick Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Esme Kosier (sister of Henry Herrera), David Larison, Erma Lewis, Dennis Lucas, Ronald McCants (son of Houston & Linda Roberson), Gloria McCaskill, Henrietta McIntosh (mother of Charles McIntosh), Herb Meredith, Beverly Miller, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Mamie Outlaw, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Leroy Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Robin Sescoc, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Margaret Spencer, Edsel Swann, Jan Thelin, Jane Thomas, Antoinette Torain, Mary Travers, Chandra Upsher-Harris, Kristine Vivican, Kayla Warren, 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, our healthcare workers, and all caregivers.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Journee Logan-Birthday In loving memory of Norell James-Birthday
Monday	In memory of Fr. John Kinter-Birthday In loving memory of Leonard Singleton
Tuesday	In loving memory of Shantel Bright In loving memory of Pope Francis
Wednesday	Antoinette Torain-Birthday
Thursday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Friday	Franklin Makle-Birthday In loving memory of Juanita Mercer-Birthday
Saturday	Henry Herrera-Birthday

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

~Preparing for Confirmation~

Aurelien Bolamba **Claudien Bolamba**
Mike Bolamba **Lorry Bolamba**
Aiden Lewis **Terral Lewis, Jr.**
Tylia Pilgrim

~Preparing for First Communion~

Addilyn Lewis

The following is from the meditations of the Stations of the Cross that were prayed as Pope Leo XIV carried the cross in Rome on April 3, 2026, the first Good Friday of his pontificate.

I Station: Jesus is condemned to death

From the writings of Saint Francis of Assisi (Later Admonition and Exhortation, 28-29)

Let whoever has received the power of judging others pass judgment with mercy, as they would wish to receive mercy from the Lord. For judgment will be without mercy for those who have not shown mercy.

Each of us is likewise called to account for the power that we exercise in our daily lives. To us also, Jesus says: "Make good use of the power given to you, and remember that whatever you do to another human being, especially to the small and vulnerable, you do unto me. And it is to me that you will one day give an account."

Download the full text by using the link below:

<https://www.osvnews.com/full-text-stations-of-the-cross-meditations-pope-leo-xiv-will-pray-at-colosseum/>

ST. THOMAS MORE



CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**We Are Currently Accepting Registrations
for the 2026-2027 School Year!!**

*Catholic education has always been a strong pillar of faith
and knowledge, especially in the
African American community.*

Parents are encouraged to check out our great Academy!

Please Visit Our Website:

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School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!

SHARE INFORMATION

UPDATE: Value Package - \$30.00

Please contact Flo Gantt (240-853-2363) for registration.

Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$30.00 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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:

***In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$2,449.00,
ParishSOFT contributions amounted to \$1,505.00,
and \$395.00 for the Maintenance Fund.***

In order to meet our weekly financial responsibilities, our tithes and offerings should amount to \$5,500.00 per week.

<i>Our weekly goal:</i>	<i>\$ 5,500.00</i>
<i>This week's total tithes and offerings:</i>	<i>\$ 3,954.00</i>
<i>We missed our goal by:</i>	<i>\$ 1,546.00</i>

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm **17** in Rectory Chapel
Sunday 10:00am **107** in Church
206 Livestream Views on YouTube

You can contribute by scanning the QR code below:



or, by going to the website:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/3eb75c49-3b4b-4c15-b869-3d076f4c4b41>

Thank you for your generous spirit.

STM FOOD PANTRY

NEXT DISTRIBUTION: April 24, 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!

Joshua Update:

**ALL PAYMENTS (second and last)
are due Sunday, April 26th. Thank you.**

STM Catholic Academy Students



with their Rice Bowls! Thank you!!!

