

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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May 25, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

Installed Acolyte: Ed Poindexter

Linda Clay Roberson, Pastoral Administrator, x11

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Barry Rhodes, Assistant to Pastor and Facilities

Director

Gerald Smith, Academy 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

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)

Monday & Wednesday, 9:00am – Rectory Chapel

Friday, 10:00am – Church

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

Bible Study: Adult Bible Study for Easter to Pentecost

All adults are encouraged to participate in Bible study in preparation for **Pentecost 2025**. The great day of **Pentecost** will be **Sunday, June 9**. Our study focus for the remaining five weeks of Easter will be from the Gospel of John and the Acts of the Apostles. Please join us each week on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm, via Zoom!**

Meeting ID: 808 120 8607. Pass Code: 548415.

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.

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29
Monday	Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Saturday	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56
Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter-Ascension of the Lord Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- It is easy to fall from the keeping of a life of faith into a life of scrupulosity. Are we good enough? Are we doing the “right thing” enough for our own salvation? But scrupulosity curves our attention to our own minds and hearts to the exclusion of others. Scrupulosity disturbs our peace. Our first reading today asks us not to be disturbed in our mind; the gospel does not place unnecessary burdens on us. Let us not place unnecessary burdens on ourselves or on one another.
- In our earthly liturgy, we partake in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy in the city of Jerusalem (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 8). We worship in our churches decorated and suited to our aesthetic tastes. But there is no temple in the city of God. There is no “space” that we may or may not like the looks of. In our earthly liturgy, we cannot become too concerned with the aesthetics, the “stuff,” or the splendor of liturgy. The faint splendor of our earthly praise and thanksgiving reflects from the faces of the faithful – not from the glories of gold-leaf gilding – as we await with joyful hope his Second Coming.
- Jesus is about to go away. Again. But his command to love, the faith to which he calls us, and the hope he promises will not disappear. We are offered an Advocate who will teach us everything and remind us of all that Jesus has told us. The Advocate – the Holy Spirit – calls us always to our source and origin, the Lord God. In the summit and font of our Christian life, the Eucharist lets us be filled with the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit and so remember Christ’s promise of hope, the call of faith, and his command to love one another as he has loved us (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium* 10).

(Living Liturgy)

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	In loving memory of Leo James In loving memory of Ronald Johnson
Monday	In Memory of Our U.S. Veterans
Tuesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Wednesday	In memory of Sylvia Proctor Peterson-Birthday
Thursday	Fr. Raymond Moore, Pope Leo XIV
Friday	Margaret Spencer-Birthday In loving memory of Carolyn Adalan-Birthday
Saturday	In loving memory of “LC” Barnes-Birthday

PRAYER CORNER

May is the Month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God.

MARIAN PRAYERS are prayers dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and are commonly used to seek her intercession, guidance, and protection. These prayers are not considered worship of Mary, but rather an act of devotion and seeking her help in prayer.

Prayers to Mary for Healing

Blessed Mother, through the countless miracles attributed to your intercession and your compassionate heart, be with me during this time of ill health and accompany me as I face this sickness. Help me to experience God's healing power through your prayers and the prayers of others. Lead me to unite myself to the cross of Jesus so that this suffering bring spiritual benefit to me and to others. Amen.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

This we pray.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy Servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enjoy eternal happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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#.

PRAYER BOWL

Prayer changes things! You are invited to place your written prayer intentions in the wooden prayer bowl. The intentions will be prominently positioned on the altar during each Mass.

READING RESOURCE FOR EASTER

Copies of ***Outlines of the Catholic Faith***, an excellent reading resource, is available for your instruction and further formation in your faith. ***Please enjoy this Easter Gift!***

THANK YOU

Father Raymond Moore extends his heartfelt thanks for the many prayers, phone calls, and cards he received during his brief hospitalization. He is currently with his family and making good progress in his recovery and is looking forward to being reunited with his STM Family.

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

~Rite of Christian Initiation for Children~

Ashanti Sedega Sarai Sedega

~Preparing for First Communion~

Kaia Brittingham Dalante Brittingham

Citron Sadiswa Britany Sadiswa

~Preparing for Confirmation~

Terral Lewis, Jr. Karter Martin

Marleigh Campbell Tylia Pilgrim

Damari Dozier Terrance Tyler

Ashwin Gordon

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, Damien 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, Maximillion 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, Yvonne Rhodes (mother of Barry Rhodes), Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Leroy Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Robin Sescoe, 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.

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 \$4,272.00,
and the Maintenance Fund totaled \$232.00.**

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm **17** in the Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am **121** in Church

181 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.



To Our STM Scholars!!!

Kindergarten Class of 2025:

Abigail Anum-Addo; Christian Collins; Caleb Evans; Veniece Gross; Aurora Steptoe; Ava Studavent; Benji Thomas

8th Grade Class of 2025:

Ayomide Aluko; Noah Brawner; Jakco Byas, Ayden Courtney; Damari Dozier; Anthony Evans; Kingston Fansi; Carleo Foma; Jhazara Jordan; JaMarcus King; Kennedy King; Laila Leach; William Leak; Dermari Lee; Naeem McField-Leach; Genesis Owens; Hassanni Poe; Christopher Poole; Skye Stallings; Ciel Young



St. Thomas More Church

Friday, June 6

Kindergarten Class: 10:00am

8th Grade Class: 1:00pm

ST. THOMAS MORE



CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**We Are Currently Accepting Registrations
for the 2025-2026 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: stmcdc.org

School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!



Our **Cookout and Feast of St. Thomas More** will be **Sunday, June 22**, the official feast day of our patron saint, **Thomas More**. Holy Mass will be at 10am and the cookout will start immediately after Mass! If you would like to contribute, we are accepting monetary donations to offset the cost of the food, which we will purchase in bulk. Please put your check or cash in an envelope marked **COOKOUT**, and drop it in the collection basket, or give it directly to George Hanna or Linda Roberson. Thank you in advance.



Sherri Grimes is our Parish Coordinator.

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