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June 1, 2025 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

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Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10

Barry Rhodes, Assistant to Pastor and Facilities
Director

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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)

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

<i>Sunday</i>	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53
<i>Monday</i>	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
<i>Tuesday</i>	Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
<i>Wednesday</i>	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
<i>Thursday</i>	Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
<i>Friday</i>	Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
<i>Saturday</i>	Pentecost Sunday - Vigil Mass Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39
<i>Sunday</i>	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- Jesus suffered, yet he is risen from the grave! He promises that what his followers have witnessed is true—that his suffering was endured for the sake of glory and eternal life. The power they have witnessed in the resurrection will come to the apostles, too. Yet they must wait in the safety of the city until it comes. In ancient times, cities were places of fortification, with walls for protection. The city would thus be a place of shelter for the apostles until the coming of the Spirit.
- Christ leaves his followers only after he promises the coming of God's power, a power that will send them beyond the city walls, that will compel them to leave without food, shelter, or a guarantee of protection. They will risk the missionary life for the sake of repentance, conversion, and baptism. How remarkable it is that his followers, who were once in hiding, are now instructed not to hide but to wait for the power of God that will compel them to risk everything.
- Jesus blesses his apostles before he departs. His blessing is both protection and promise; he assures them that they will endure until power from on high comes! For us, God's blessing is the same: sometimes God's grace sustains us where we are, sometimes we sense something coming that is better and greater, and sometimes we sense that God's power has come upon us in large measure. When it does, the grace of protection and sustenance often gives way to the riskier grace of being sent. Note that when God's power comes, it is always on the move. Jesus, full of resurrected power, goes up to heaven. The apostles, promised God's power soon, know that they will be sent out. God's work is never static! May it send us, too, for the gospel's work this day!
(*Living Liturgy*)

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

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.

PRAYER CORNER

Healing Prayer by St. Padre Pio

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me.
 I thank you for sending your Son,
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free.
 I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me.

Loving Father,
 touch me now with your healing hands,
 for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body,
 soul and spirit.

Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son,
 our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles
 of my feet.

Cast anything that should not be in me.
 Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells.
 Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and
 replenish any damaged areas.
 Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection
 by the power of Jesus' precious blood.
 Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body
 to heal and make new any diseased areas
 so that my body will function the way you created it to
 function.

Touch also my mind and my emotion,
 even the deepest recesses of my heart.

Saturate my entire being with your presence,
 love, joy and peace and draw me ever closer to you every
 moment of my life.

And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit
 and empower me to do your works
 so that my life will bring glory and honour to your holy
 name.

I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Monday	Kenneth Jones (nephew of Alice Proctor)
Tuesday	Nahja Smith (mother of Damon Smith)
Wednesday	Liz Berry & Chereese Ray-Birthday
Thursday	Father Raymond Moore
Friday	Sharie and William Wood Anniversary Nelson Davies-Birthday In memory of Audrey Caldwell, Doris & Dcn. Martin (First Friday Remembrance)
Saturday	Our STM Confirmands

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

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.

For the upcoming weeks, Cardinal Gregory, Father Casmir, Father Charles, and Father Peter have offered to be the celebrants for our Holy Mass while Father Moore is recuperating. (See the schedule below.)

Saturday, May 31, 4 pm – Father Casmir

Sunday, June 1, 10 am – Father Charles

Saturday, June 7, 4 pm – Father Peter

Sunday, June 8, 10 am – Cardinal Gregory

Saturday, June 14, 4 pm – Father Casmir

Sunday, June 15, 10 am – Cardinal Gregory

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

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

Cardinal Gregory, Fr. Raymond Moore, Fr. Casmir, 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, 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, Yvonne Rhodes (mother of Barry Rhodes), Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Leroy Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, Robin Sescoc, 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 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.



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!



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