

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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June 29, 2025 – The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

Ed Poindexter, Installed Acolyte

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Mary Waters, Office Assistant, x10

Barry Rhodes, Assistant to Pastor and Facilities
Director

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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
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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	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
Monday	Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22
Tuesday	Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday	Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday	Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
Friday	Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13
Saturday	Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17
Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

• Peter experiences miracle after miracle today—with impenetrable shackles simply falling from his wrists, his passing not only one guard but two, and a massive iron gate simply swinging open for him, as if it wanted him to escape. Of course, an angel of God is (literally) guiding him. We might not experience quite the same intensity of miracle. But we have had doors swing open that felt completely shut. We have seen problems that held us captive be resolved. We have had binding ties on our heart melt away. Do we also recognize the guidance of God in our lives?

• It is hard to run the race. We become tired, lonely, alone, brokenhearted. There are even people, circumstances, or failures that hang on to us, making it feel impossible to run. But to run a race, at least as Paul is describing, doesn't just mean we are running. Sometimes we may be walking. Or crawling. We may even be standing in one place, seemingly idle, unable to move. This running is a running of the heart: constant, full of desire, striving toward its end, which is found in God alone.

• Peter and Paul did not always work alongside each other; one can only imagine with Peter's passion and Paul's intensity, words were exchanged! The Council of Jerusalem in Acts gives us some hint of the differences of opinion among the apostles. Yet Peter and Paul are paired together by the church as it celebrates this Solemnity today; Peter's mission to the Jewish people, and Paul's mission to the Gentiles, united the whole known world under one faith, one Spirit, and one baptism. Despite our differences of opinion, we are united, as the church, just as Peter and Paul were.

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

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 CORNER

A Prayer for Healing

**Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You.
 Allow Your healing hand to heal me.
 Touch my soul with Your compassion for others;
 touch my heart with Your courage
 and infinite love for all;
 touch my mind with Your wisdom,
 and may my mouth always proclaim Your praise.
 Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs,
 and help me to lead others to You by my example.**

**Most loving Heart of Jesus,
 bring me health in body and spirit
 that I may serve You with all my strength.
 Touch gently this life which you have created,
 now and forever. Amen.**

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

Cardinal Gregory, Fr. Raymond Moore, Fr. Casimir, Ed Poindexter, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Rita Brewer, Blonidia 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, 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 Sescos, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Margaret Spencer, Edsel Swann, Jan Thelin, Jane Thomas, Antoinette (Toni) Torain, Mary Travers, Chandra Upsher-Harris, Kristine Vivican, Kayla Warren, 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:

Shirley Adams

Sarah Jones

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	In loving memory of Williard Pinkney
Monday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Tuesday	Iretha Person-Birthday In loving memory of John Smalls
Wednesday	Rev. Raymond Moore-Anniversary Blessings and Anniversary as STM's Pastor
Thursday	STM Catholic Academy
Friday	In loving memory of Jason Plaskett, Jr. In memory of Audrey Caldwell, Doris & Den. Martin
Saturday	In loving memory of Carrie Pearson-Birthday In loving memory of KD Turay

**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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:

In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$8,987.00,

\$62.00 for the Maintenance Fund, and

Faith Direct donations amounted to \$11,493.00.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 13 in the Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am 119 in Church

198 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

***Peter's Pence Collection supports the Holy
Father's care for, and work with, the poor, war-
ravaged, natural disaster stricken, and marginalized
peoples of the world.***

For online donation, please visit:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA12/122>

**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.

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!



CHURCH FAMILY, our cookout last Sunday was a huge success, thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the setup, the cooks who prepared the wonderful side dishes, salads, and desserts, the chicken and fish "*Fryers*," the "*Pitmasters*" on the grills, the servers, and everyone who saw a need and took care of it. Also, thank you all for coming out and participating in the spirit of fellowship.

George Banker was kind enough to capture over 300 pictures during the picnic, which you can click on the link below (if you are viewing online -- or copy and paste it into a browser) to view the pictures. Here is the link:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/wg4hijghba343wv655cu9/AGKctYHCnT-5zCUIDH_JZj4?rlkey=v29mz5rc6axfjsxx6cvs9ngmi&st=6bq4fck5&dl=0

Thank you, George!

In the Lord's love and peace—Father Moore

The East of the River Revival '25 IS COMING!

This year's revival, "*Reviving the Flame of Hope*," will take place at Mt. Calvary Church from Oct. 6th to 8th. Our revivalists are Deacon Kyle Simon, Sister Dr. Oralisa Martin and Deacon Keith Somerville. So, save the date and pray for the Lord's grace and favor.

SCHOOL UPDATE

***We are pleased to welcome our new principal,
Dr. Harold Thomas and assistant principal,
Mr. Marcus Thompson. We are currently
welcoming new students to our school. Let's
pray for God's blessing for our school.***

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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