

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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

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

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| Sunday | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 |
| Monday | Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 |
| Tuesday | Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 |
| Wednesday | Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24; Matthew 10:1-7 |
| Thursday | Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 |
| Friday | Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 |
| Saturday | Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 |
| Sunday | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 |

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- Even if we have the ability to tread upon serpents and scorpions (literally or figuratively), Jesus tells us we shouldn't be rejoicing in our power. Being alive in Christ Jesus might be living a life that isn't as flashy and amazing as ferocious desert-creature-wrangling. Instead, rejoicing in the life of God looks a lot like the rejoicing a parent takes in a child: taking time to simply hold a little one, to comfort a child with tearful, tired eyes, or offering food to small and hungry bodies. This may not strike us as nearly as impressive. But for God, it is the least among us who show us the way to greatness.
- Whether or not we came from an elite background, have access to the best in education, or come from a community that has abundant resources makes no difference in the eyes of God. We are all one in Christ Jesus. We are on the road of the Christ-life only if we bear the marks of Christ's suffering: abandoning pettiness and greed and turning always in compassion to those around us. Emptying our selfishness so that we might love one another is the only way to boast in Christ.
- The world does not encourage us to maintain a peaceful posture; it assures us that "fighting" for our own self-interest is the only respectable thing to do. Yet Jesus assures us in the gospel that cultivating peace *is* within our purview. We can choose to reject anger and retaliation. This is not the same as rejecting our call to work for righteousness and justice. We can choose to practice calmness, to refuse to slip into shouting, and to de-escalate violence when we can. We can start by practicing peace within our hearts; then we must turn to the world.
(Living Liturgy) May the Lord's peace and grace be with you!

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And Their Families:

Shirley Adams
Sarah Jones
Helen Patricia (Wills) Washington
Margaret Harris

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



FUNERAL SERVICE for Shirley Adams

Wednesday, July 9, 2025, Kalas Funeral Home,
 6160 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.
 Viewing 10:00-11:00 am., Service 11:00-12:00 pm.

PRAYER CORNER

A Prayer for Independence Day by USCCB

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those that declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong; that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts towards the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety in the common good for all. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



(courtesy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

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, Blodinia 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, 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, 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 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, 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday | Mack & Barbara Kennedy - Anniversary In loving memory of John Mercer |
| Monday | Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones |
| Tuesday | Henry Herrera's sister, Esme Kosier, and brother, Gilbert Herrera |
| Wednesday | In loving memory of Bertha Williams |
| Thursday | Kennedi Price - Birthday |
| Friday | Safekeeping of Our Youth |
| Saturday | Margaret Chambers - Birthday In loving memory of Julie Robinson - Birthday |

**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

**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 \$3,641.00, and
\$4.00 for the Maintenance Fund.*

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 16 in the Rectory Chapel
Sunday 10:00am 119 in Church
184 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.

FAITH DIRECT eGIVING

Please consider **eGiving** to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even if you are away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish, but you will also help reduce our costs for envelopes. Getting started with eGiving is easy.

Here are the ways to sign up:

--Visit //faith.direct/DC773 (St. Thomas More Church code.)
--Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
--Text "Enroll" to 202-866-5450

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CHURCH FAMILY, THANK YOU for supporting **Gabriel Network's** new ministry in aiding expecting mothers in crisis with their babies. Also, we thank Sherri Grimes, our Parish Coordinator, and her Angel Friend Team members. We appreciate you!

George Banker was kind enough to capture over 300 pictures during the picnic on June 22, 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/wg4hjgthba343wv655cu9/AGKctYHCnT-5zCUIDH_JZj4?rlkey=v29mz5rc6axfjsxx6cvs9ngmi&st=6bq4fxk5&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!

MORE PICNIC MEMORIES



Bulletin Deadline: Items for Sunday's Bulletin must be submitted via e-mail by 10:00am Monday. Thank you!

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: *Friday, July 11, 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!

Have you moved, or has your contact information changed? Are you using Faith Direct and wish to cancel your envelopes? If so, please call the Parish office and speak with Linda Roberson.

Thank you!

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