

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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July 13, 2025

Fifteenth 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

Sunday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37
Monday	Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin [In the Dioceses of the United States] Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday	Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21
Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- The law of the Lord is already in our mouths and in our hearts. We need only to carry it out. How well do we know the interior of our hearts? How crowded are our minds and days that our spirits are strangled—unable to speak, let alone hear the word of God first inscribed on our hearts in baptism? God’s law—loving God and loving our neighbor with mercy—is made known to us again this day. Do we have ears to hear what is already within our hearts?
- Christ Jesus is with God in the beginning, the image of the invisible God. All things were created through him and for him. When we say we are made in *imago Dei* (the image of God), we also say that we are the image of Christ. But being in Christ’s image means more than a pretty picture. We are united with Christ as Christ’s Body here on earth. To be one with the creator demands that we care for creation. We are called to order the world with goodness, to extend mercy to all living creatures, and to care for and cultivate our world with as much attention as we do our spirits.
- A scholar of the law prompts Jesus to tell an imagination-stoking parable: the Good Samaritan. But what happened to the scholar of the law after having heard this story? Did the scholar become a disciple? Or did the scholar go on with daily life? We might happily receive the conclusion that the parabolic “Good Samaritan” was the correct choice. But the story is not about the fictional Samaritan. It is about us: we are the scholar of the law. How do we receive this word of Jesus? Does it cause us to act with mercy? To change our perspective? To ask new questions of Christ Jesus?

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

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 CORNER

Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**O Mother of Perpetual Help,
grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful
name, which is the safeguard of the living and the
salvation of the dying.**

**O purest Mary, O sweetest Mary, let thy name
henceforth be ever on my lips.**

**Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me, whenever I
call on thee; for, in all my temptations, in all my
needs, I shall never cease to call on thee, ever
repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.**

**O what consolation, what sweetness, what
confidence, what emotion, fill my soul when I utter
thy sacred name, or even only think of thee.**

**I thank the Lord for having given thee, for my good
so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will
not be content with merely uttering thy name. Let
my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee,
Mother of Perpetual Help.**

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

Fr. Raymond Moore, Ed Poindexter, 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, 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Monday	Helen Patricia (Wills) Washington (sister of Jean Stewart)
Tuesday	Iona Garvey-Birthday
Wednesday	Andria Otis-Coker-Birthday In loving memory of Robert Robinson In loving memory of Baby Terrell James
Thursday	Adrian Otis-Coker-Birthday
Friday	In loving memory of Mother Mary Webster
Saturday	Margaret Harris

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 Helen Patricia (Wills) Washington



will be held at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, LaPlata, MD on Monday, July 14, with Visitation at 9:00am, and Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Interment immediately following at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery, LaPlata, MD.



FUNERAL SERVICE for Margaret Harris

will be held here at St. Thomas More Church on Friday, July 18, with Visitation at 10:00am, and Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am.



FUNERAL SERVICE for Sarah Jones

will be held at St. Thomas More Church on Thursday, July 24, with Visitation at 10:00am, and Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am.

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

~Rite of Christian Initiation for Children~

Ashanti Sedegah Sarai Sedegah

~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 \$9,078.00, and \$9,975.00 for the Maintenance Fund.

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 17 in the Rectory Chapel
Sunday 10:00am 118 in Church
186 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A HUGE THANK YOU- Looking back on the past fiscal year, we want to thank those of you who anonymously financed the following major projects:

1. Replacing the church heating system: \$ 45,000.00
2. Rectory bathroom upgrade: \$ 27,500.00
3. Cedar Room Kitchen Hood Replacement: \$ 78,500.00 (project in progress)
4. Cedar Room Kitchen Stove: Project pending

All of these major projects were fully funded by member donations above and beyond tithes.

As we begin the 2026 fiscal year, we have already been blessed by two large special donations: \$ 6,000 and \$ 7,500.

Thank you again – With love from 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: stmdc.org

School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!

[A message from the Archdiocese of Washington]

Thank you for your prayerful support in this time of tragedy.

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

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