

# Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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## August 10, 2025

### Nineteenth 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

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Friday, August 15, 9:00am – Rectory Chapel**

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48
<i>Monday</i>	<b>Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin</b> Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27
<i>Tuesday</i>	Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
<i>Wednesday</i>	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20
<i>Thursday</i>	<b>Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</b> Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1
<i>Friday</i>	<b>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
<i>Saturday</i>	Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15
<i>Sunday</i>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

## ~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- We don't know the day or the hour. We don't have any control. We don't see what our future looks like. And Jesus tells us to have no fear. It feels like rubbing salt into our wounded pride, where we *want* to know what will happen, to have some say in it, and to have control. God does not allow us to work this way. We are to live and act with righteousness and with faith, even if we don't know how it will all end.
- All humanity is called to justice and righteousness. All humanity has been entrusted with much. But not all humanity has known Christ. We who have seen the light of his salvation and know what life in Christ demands have been entrusted with even *more*. If we choose to *ignore* his gospel—which includes care for the poor, humility, honesty, charity, thanksgiving, patience, and so much more—how will we account for ourselves? We have heard his word; it is our duty to live the gospel.
- For those of us seeking salvation, it might be nice to know exactly when our last act of charity needed to take place, exactly how many prayers we needed to say, exactly how long we should plan on helping our neighbor. But God doesn't keep count of how much grace he expends, and neither should we keep count of how much we have "stored up" on our scorecard of salvation. Rather, our treasure is our Lord and God—and this treasure is alive, beating as firmly as our own hearts. And when our earthly hearts have run their course, God will still be alive, and will welcome us home as his treasure, and into his own heart.

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

### PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

*~Preparing for Confirmation~*  
**Terral Lewis, Jr.**      **Karter Martin**  
**Marleigh Campbell**      **Tylia Pilgrim**  
**Damari Dozier**      **Terrance Tyer**  
**Ashwin Gordon**



***Congratulations***  
*to*  
***Richard & Suzanne Chandler***  
*who will celebrate their*  
***Wedding Anniversary***  
*on August 14.*

### Prayer of a Couple on the Anniversary of Marriage

***We praise you, O God,***  
***we bless you, Creator of all things,***  
***who in the beginning made man and woman***  
***that they might form a communion of life and love.***

***We also give you thanks***  
***for graciously blessing our family life***  
***so that it might present an image of Christ's union***  
***with the Church.***

***Therefore, look with kindness upon us today,***  
***and as you have sustained our communion***  
***amid joys and struggles,***  
***renew our Marriage covenant each day,***  
***increase our charity,***  
***and strengthen in us the bond of peace,***  
***so that we may forever enjoy your blessing.***

***Through Christ our Lord,***  
***Amen.***

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

Fr. Raymond Moore, Ed Poindexter, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Reta 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, Esmey Kosier (sister of Henry Herrera), David Larison, Erma Lewis, Dennis Lucas, Ronald McCants (son of Houston & Linda Roberson), 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 Mrs. Nellie Hadley, sister of***  
***Dr. Jimmie Jackson, maternal aunt of Chandrai***  
***Jackson-Saunders, who passed on July 25, 2025.***

***Funeral Services will be held in Savannah, GA.***

*Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And Their Families:*

*Helen Patricia (Wills) Washington*

*Margaret Harris*

*Rita Johnson (niece of Myrtle Daniel)*

*Renard Steele (family/friend of Patricia Caldwell)*

*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 Francillia Brown  
In loving memory of Bertha Tucker  
Monday Deborah Fields-Birthday  
Tuesday Peace in Ukraine  
Wednesday Starving people in Ghana  
Thursday Barry Rhodes-Birthday  
Friday Richard & Suzanne Chandler-Anniversary  
Joseph & Jean Stewart-Anniversary  
Oblate Sisters of Providence (*Feast Day*)  
Saturday Paul Waters-Birthday

**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.*

**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: [stmcd.org](http://stmcd.org)**

**School Office: 202-561-1189**

***We thank you for your continued support!***

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:

***In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$6,759.00, and \$2,245.00 for the Maintenance Fund.***

**Mass Attendance**

Saturday 4:00pm 15 in the Rectory Chapel  
Sunday 10:00am 142 in Church  
157 Livestream Views on YouTube

***Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.***

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



***Ashanti Sedegah and Sarai Sedegah received their First Holy Communion!!!***



**Religious Education News**

Religious Education is on summer break. Classes will resume on **Sunday, September 21, 2025**, after the 10 o'clock Mass. We appreciate the support of Father Moore, our parents and parishioners. Special thanks go to some members of Our Lady's Sodality for donating art supplies, devotional materials and gifts for the catechists and educators in the academy.

**Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will take place after the 10 o'clock Mass on August 24th, September 7th, and September 14th.**

STM Catechists participated in a "Boot Camp" workshop, offered by the ADW, to begin preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking forward to continuing to support families in the faith formation of their children.

Parents, please be mindful of the fact that ***we are required to provide at least 32 sessions of instruction each year***, and try not to enroll your children in activities that require their presence on Sunday mornings. Classes only last an hour. Continuity in instruction is better achieved with consistent attendance. We lose instructional time when we have to continuously restart lessons due to absenteeism.

We hope everyone continues to enjoy summer, and look forward to seeing you in September!

**The Religious Education Team of Saint Thomas More Catholic Church**

**The East of the River Revival Committee (ERRC) presents**

**The ERRC Youth Rally (Ages 5-17)**

**Saturday, October 4, 10:30am – 4:30pm**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church  
1600 Morris Road SE, Washington, DC**

**The East of the River Revival '25**

**"Reviving the Flame of Hope," October 6 – 8  
Mount Calvary Catholic Church  
6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD**

