

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, Facilities Director

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Marcus Thompson, Academy Assistant Principal

Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31

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Renee Coles, Parish Council Chair

Finance Council: Tracey Jean-Charles, Damon Smith,

Patricia Thomas, George Hanna

Reviving the Flame of Hope



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

Infant Baptisms: Parents should contact Father Moore to arrange for preparation and scheduling.

Matrimony: Couples planning a Catholic wedding, please contact the Pastor for instruction, at least six months in advance.

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 for Children: Sunday following 10:00am Holy Mass.

High School Youth Group: Sunday after 10:00am Holy Mass.

Adult Faith Formation (OCIA): This group is intended for adults who would like to become Catholics. Please contact the parish office.

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>	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14
<i>Monday</i>	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37
<i>Wednesday</i>	Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
<i>Thursday</i>	Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
<i>Friday</i>	Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39
<i>Saturday</i>	Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5
<i>Sunday</i>	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- Luke’s Gospel gives us a hard teaching today. To be exalted in the eyes of God means putting ourselves in a humble place. We are not called to seek out power, positions of honor, or reward. We are called to seek the kingdom of God before all things, especially seeking the kingdom of God by communing with those who are most in need. Those who are hurting are the ones who can best point us to God. How remarkable is that?
- Humility is not humiliation. God will look at those who have put themselves in a humble place and invite them to receive his joy and his honor. We will find companionship with Christ when we humble ourselves, just as he did. Often, when we find ourselves in humble places, we also encounter a kind of joy, mercy, and compassion that we would not have found in a place of human achievement and reward.
- Christ gives us one further warning. When we host a meal, he exhorts us that we should not invite those who can repay us, so that we act only for reward. Yet it seems that Christ may also be saving us from something more. When we host someone for a meal and expect repayment, we find ourselves in an unending cycle of repayment for its one sake. Christ asks us, instead, to shower our resources on those who cannot repay us, because then our resources will finally go to something that is not cyclical. We can share what we have with those who need it, and our possessions will shower the world with generosity. Indeed, Christ does not tell us to refrain from parties. He simply tells us to hold parties that lavish God’s gifts upon those who need them most.

(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

PRAYER CORNER

Revival Prayer 2025

Almighty and loving Father,
We pray that you Revive *the Flame of Hope* in our lives through our annual revival. We ask your blessing on our prayers, praise and preaching. Touch our hearts and open our minds with your grace, favor, and mercy.

May our gathering minister forgiveness, healing, and peace in our hearts, homes, churches and our world. Anoint our revivalists with powerful messages and inspire in us the desire to show and share Jesus with others. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
AMEN

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

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, Esme 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 Our Recently Deceased And Their Families:

Robert Thomas (uncle of Larry Owens)
Mrs. Nellie Hadley (sister of Dr. Jimmie Jackson, maternal aunt of Chandrai Jackson-Saunders)
Renard Steele (brother of Alexa and David)

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



Congratulations
to
Eleanore & Francis Lyles
who will celebrate their
49th Wedding Anniversary
on August 28!

Love works. It is life's purest and most powerful motivator and has far greater depth and meaning than most people realize. It gives courage to a coward, wisdom to a fool. It always does what is best for others and can empower us to face the greatest of problems. (Kendrick, *The Love Dare*, 2006)

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday St. Thomas More Catholic Academy
- Monday Gratitude for Our Employment Blessings 9/1
- Tuesday Our Many Parish and Academy Volunteers
- Wednesday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
- Thursday In loving memory of Mary Virginia Bush 9/4
- Friday In loving memory of Roland Caldwell
In memory of Audrey Caldwell, Doris and
Deacon Martin
- Saturday Safekeeping of Our Youth

**VISION
AND
DREAMS
FUND**

St. Thomas More Catholic Academy needs your help to provide a Catholic education at an affordable cost to families. Currently, plans are being formulated to launch a fundraising campaign that will keep our school affordable for present

and future generations. Many in our Parish know the value of a good Catholic education. Families, past and present, have been blessed by our school. Let's work together to make this a blessing for present and future families.

More details are coming soon!

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

School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!



**Coming in
September!**



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 again after the 10 o'clock Mass on 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**

SHARE INFORMATION

UPDATE: Value Package - \$30.00

Please contact Flo Gantt for Registration info.

Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$30.00 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!

HELP NEEDED

On Monday, September 1 (Labor Day), at 9am, we are being blessed with a truckload of food to feed the needy in our community. We are asking for as many volunteers as possible to unload the truck at the Rectory. The more hands helping, the sooner we finish and enjoy the rest of the Labor Day Holiday!

Please help us help the community!

