

# Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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## September 28, 2025 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12  
Ed Poindexter, Installed Acolyte  
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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  
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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)

### 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>	<b>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31
<i>Monday</i>	<b>Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</b> Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
<i>Tuesday</i>	<b>Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
<i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
<i>Thursday</i>	<b>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</b> Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
<i>Friday</i>	Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
<i>Saturday</i>	<b>Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi</b> Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
<i>Sunday</i>	<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

## ~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- Lying on a bed of ivory doesn't exactly sound comfortable. Ivory is cold, hard, and accessible to humans only if the animal to which it belongs is dead. Yet ivory beds, bowlfuls of wine, and juicy lambs all go together—consumed and coveted by an equally cold heart. The splendor of plenty is not wrong in itself; the table of the Lord or the banquet prepared by a wise woman will look much the same. But a heart that gleefully partakes in an elaborate banquet with no care for the suffering of the poor and vulnerable among us is cold, hard, and dead.
  - Surely if Jesus were to come down from heaven and give us a talking to, we'd see change. We'd see an end to war, argument, selfishness, and injustice. But if Jesus were to come again today, what would he find us doing? He has not come again. Yet. But our gospel today asks us to recognize him—not in his coming in the clouds but in the faces of the suffering around us. Have compassion for our neighbors who are persecuted—not only at our own gates but around our globe. We are Christ's Body. If we keep faith, we must secure justice for the oppressed, give food to the hungry, and set captives free.
  - God did not design suffering. In creation, there was no sin, no suffering, no sickness, no sadness. There wasn't even argument or shame. Humans, endowed with the great gift of free will, chose the one thing that was not God. They chose themselves, choosing sin and suffering, scarcity, social hierarchy, power, judgment, and division. Jesus comes to invite the righteous, in the midst of broken worlds full of gates and dirty streets, to recognize the suffering and to work to secure righteousness and justice for all.
- (Living Liturgy)      May the Lord's peace and grace be with you!*

## PRAYER CORNER

*Prayer for Migrants and Refugees*  
**Lord God,**  
*Thank you for allowing us to spend this time with you*  
*and in solidarity with our sisters and brothers on the move around the world.*  
*Please open our minds that we may better understand*  
*the plight of those who have been forced to migrate or flee their homes.*  
*Open our hearts that we may be moved to compassion and action*  
*to support those in search of safety and opportunity.*  
*We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
**Amen**

## 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**

**To support the East of the River Revival, scan the QR Code below. We thank you for your contribution!**



# SAVE THE DATE

November 9, 2025, 3-5pm  
Choir Concert Sponsored by the Sodality

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, Esmev 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 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 INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Brianna Jean-Charles-Birthday  
Monday Peace in the World  
Tuesday All Impacted by Breast Cancer  
Wednesday Elma Garnett-Birthday  
Thursday In memory of Fr. Everett Pearson-Birthday  
Friday In memory of Audrey Caldwell, Doris & Dcn. Martin  
Saturday East of the River Youth Revival (Participants & Leaders)

## 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: [stmdc.org](http://stmdc.org)***

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

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

## St. Thomas More Catholic Academy Vision and Dreams Fund

## UPDATE

St. Thomas More Catholic Academy needs your help to provide a Catholic education at an affordable cost to families. In order to keep our school affordable for present and future generations, parishioners currently receiving envelopes from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) will now receive a School Support envelope in your packet, beginning with the November-December distribution. This packet should arrive mid-October.

For ONLINE contributors using ParishSOFT Giving (formerly Faith Direct), you will also be able to contribute to our Vision and Dreams School Tuition Fund by scanning the QR Code below.



This is a fundraising effort, so feel free to include contributions from family members, friends, and co-workers who understand 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.

