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October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth 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

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)

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8;
<i>Monday</i>	Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21
<i>Tuesday</i>	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38
<i>Wednesday</i>	Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
<i>Thursday</i>	Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
<i>Friday</i>	Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
<i>Saturday</i>	Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9
<i>Sunday</i>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- Jesus frequently uses parables in his teaching, drawing on a metaphor to make known some new point. At first hearing, one might wonder if Jesus' parable today, about an unjust judge who finally gives in after much persistence on the part of the widow, is about perseverance in prayer. Perhaps it is to some extent. But Jesus asks another question at the conclusion of his parable: when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? There will be no persistent pestering of the living God . . . if there is no one of faith left.
- We struggle with a lack of faith. We fear our prayers aren't heard. We're not sure about what the sacraments mean. We go through the motions of prayer and Mass. And then there are myriads more who have given up on the church—or any religion—altogether. Perhaps Jesus' question is even more apt for us now—and perhaps it *is* meant for us, in a time when believing in the crucified Lord sounds even more like foolishness or a stumbling block in the face of secularism and science.
- We are called to have faith and to invite others to have faith as well. Faith begins in hearing the word of God, which is living and effective. Scripture teaches, refutes, corrects, and trains us for righteousness. This Word—living and effective—is also alive in us. We are to teach. We are to correct (with graciousness). We are to train ourselves and those in our care for righteousness. Fed by the word of God and sustained by the Eucharist, we are to be the light to the nations that does not grow dimmer in the darkness. We are charged with bringing the light of faith to our world.

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

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And His Family:

Mr. Paul Waters (husband of Mrs. Mary Waters)

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

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Change of Heart

**Jesus, you taught us what it means
to live a life of mercy, love, forgiveness, conversion,
growth.**

**As I seek you in prayer, change my heart.
Transform me into who you need me to be.
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, 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	Lisa Waters-Birthday In loving memory of Grace Whitmire-Birthday
Tuesday	Gabriel Jean-Charles-Birthday In loving memory of Devin Clay
Wednesday	Intentions of STM Prayer Group
Thursday	Continued Peace in the Middle East
Friday	Peace in Ukraine
Saturday	St. Thomas More Catholic Academy

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

~Preparing for Confirmation~

<i>Terral Lewis, Jr.</i>	<i>Karter Martin</i>
<i>Marleigh Campbell</i>	<i>Tylia Pilgrim</i>
<i>Damari Dozier</i>	<i>Terrance Tyer</i>
<i>Ashwin Gordon</i>	

HAIL TO THE COMMANDERS



RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!!!

2 Tickets

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS vs SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sunday - November 2, 2025 - 8:20 PM

Northwest Stadium, Landover, MD

Section 214, Row 4, Seats 5 and 6

(Estimated Value: \$180 each)

*Proceeds to Support St. Thomas More Catholic Academy
Vision and Dreams Fund*

Drawing Date:

Sunday, October 26, 12 Noon, STM Cedar Room

Donation:

One Ticket for \$15 – Two Tickets for \$25

Thank you for your support!

**We have received a total of \$355.00 toward our
Vision and Dreams Fund.**

St. Thomas More Catholic Academy Vision and Dreams Fund

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MOORE

Thank you for coming out last week to The 36th Annual East of The River Revival, *Reviving the Flame of Hope*, and I hope you were blessed by Revivalists Deacon Kyle Simon, Sister Oralisa Martin and Deacon Keith Somerville. All three nights can still be viewed on YouTube.

Also, thank you for your donations to ensure the success of next year's Revival. If you were unable to contribute, *it's not too late*.

Just scan the QR Code below.

We thank you in advance for your contribution!



SAVE THE DATE

November 9, 2025, 3-5pm

Choir Concert Sponsored by the Sodality

SAVE THE DATE

Sight & Sound Theatres

Joshua

LIVE ON STAGE

July 11, 2026 @ 3pm

Sponsored by the Parish Action Committee (PAC)
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:
*In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$3,303.30,
and \$36.00 for the Maintenance Fund.*

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 11 in the Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am 112 in Church

175 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

