

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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Thirtieth 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 **In Church Nov. 8 ONLY**

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>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
<i>Monday</i>	Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
<i>Tuesday</i>	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
<i>Wednesday</i>	Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30
<i>Thursday</i>	Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35
<i>Friday</i>	Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
<i>Saturday</i>	Solemnity of All Saints Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
<i>Sunday</i>	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- Jesus’ parable today isn’t exactly subtle. In fact, the evangelist Luke tells us from the onset that “Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.” Luke proceeds to explain the great discrepancy between the proud Pharisee, gloating in God’s face, and the humble, penitent tax collector, clearly doing the right thing. With whom do we identify? Surely we readily claim the model of whom Jesus approves . . . but is this the point of the story?
- When we claim our identity as the “good” tax collector, not the “bad” Pharisee, are we being truthful with ourselves? Isn’t claiming we’re “better than” an act of righteousness? When Jesus gives us a parable, it’s often not the “hero” of the story to whom we are meant to cling. We are meant to recognize ourselves in the *antagonist*. When are *we* self-righteous? When do *we* speak loudly, hoping we are heard? When do we want our neighbor to know that he or she is wrong?
- Judging our neighbor, our friend, or our colleague, sizing them up and judging our worth against theirs, is certainly tempting. And, we may be seeing that we are better . . . or worse. But even if we judge ourselves to be *lesser* than our neighbor—or whomever our point of comparison might be—comparing ourselves with others draws us into jealousy . . . into dissatisfaction . . . and into a lack of self-worth. We are not to compare ourselves with others. We are all flawed. And, we are all to serve God. Let our prayers be prayers of thanksgiving and petitions for God’s mercy. Let us be grateful for our gifts and the gifts of our neighbor. Let us not compare, but ask God for the grace of learning to use our own gifts better. (*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

Prayers for Strength During a Difficult Time

One of the best prayers for strength during challenging times comes to us from one of the great Church Fathers.

[St. Augustine of Hippo](#), in *Confessions*, gave us a prayer for strength that has withstood the test of time and is as meaningful today as it was more than 1500 years ago.

This prayer reminds us that we are always God’s children, whom God loves and protects, and that challenging moments are fleeting compared to the promise of eternal salvation in heaven.

***O Lord our God,
grant us to trust in your overshadowing wings.
Protect us beneath them and bear us up.
You will carry us as little children, even to our grey-headed age you will carry us still.
When you are our strong security, that is strength indeed. But when our security is in ourselves, that is but weakness.
Our good abides ever in your keeping, but in diverting our steps from you we have grown perverse.
Let us turn back to you at last, Lord, that we be not overturned.
Unspoiled, our good abides with you, for you are yourself our good.
We need not fear to find no home again because we have fallen away from it; while we are absent our home falls not to ruins, for our home is your eternity. (St. Augustine, [Confessions](#))***

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 (Houston & Linda Roberson’s son), 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 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 Chandrai Jackson-Saunders-Birthday
 In loving memory of Delores Anne Dawson
 Monday Peace in Ukraine
 Tuesday In loving memory of Roland Caldwell-Birthday
 Wednesday In loving memory of Don Bertman
 Thursday Pamela Hamilton Neferkara-Birthday
 Friday In loving memory of Mother Viola Barnes
 In loving memory of Kandeh Turay-Birthday
 Saturday Our African American Candidates for Sainthood

**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

THANK YOU

to all who contributed to our Raffle Fundraiser
 in support of St. Thomas More Catholic Academy's
Vision and Dreams Fund.
 As of October 23, we raised a total of \$855.00.
 We will report the final collection amount after the drawing.

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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:
***In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$2,761.00,
and \$20.00 for the Maintenance Fund.***

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm **14** in the Rectory Chapel
 Sunday 10:00am **138** in Church
204 Livestream Views on YouTube

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for
Paul A. Waters**
 will be held here at St. Thomas More Church
 on Friday, November 7 at 11:00am.

**On Saturday, November 8, the 4:00 PM Vigil Holy
Mass will be held in the Church
(not in the Rectory Chapel).**

Food Drive

**We are happy to announce the Harold and Elizabeth
Holmes Food Drive. Donations will be collected at the
rear of the church until November 16, 2025.**



Gospel Choir Concert

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Sunday, November 9, 2025, 3-5pm**

Tickets: \$20

**Contact Margaret Spencer (202-561-8974),
Laura Brown (301-899-8099),
Margaret Butler (301-702-1398), or any Sodality
Member. Flyers in rear of church.**

Join PAC (Parish Action Committee) on a trip to

**Sight & Sound Theatres
for the play**

Joshua

LIVE ON STAGE

July 11, 2026 - 3pm Show

**Cost: Adults - \$190.00; Children 12 and under - \$90.00
(only 5 Children tickets available)**

**Payment Plan: Initial deposit of \$50.00 for Adults and
Children to secure your seat is due 12/7/2025.**

**Payments can be made with cash, check and money order.
Make check or money order payable to Saint Thomas More
Catholic Church, and include *Sight & Sound Joshua Play* in
the memo section.**

Reach out to any PAC members.

Flyer is forth coming.

***This is a Fundraiser for our 75th Church Anniversary which is
September of 2026.***

