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Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome



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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>	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
<i>Monday</i>	Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
<i>Tuesday</i>	Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10
<i>Wednesday</i>	Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
<i>Thursday</i>	Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin [In the Dioceses of the United States] Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
<i>Friday</i>	Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
<i>Saturday</i>	Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8
<i>Sunday</i>	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- The Basilica of Saint John Lateran has served as the main church of Rome since the year 324 CE. But it is more than a building alone; it is a symbol of the church, the people of God. In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus makes a whip of cords and drives the money-changers from the temple. This may seem like a rash act, but it is in fact an act of righteous anger, rooted in justice not violence. Jesus drives out the money-changers not just because the temple is a place of worship but also because it is a symbol of the people of God, who should be practicing love of God and neighbor, not usury and greed.
- Jesus invites his disciples to hear the word of God not only literally but also through allegory, comparisons, and symbols. Today, Luke's Gospel makes it clear that Jesus' disciples understand that he is speaking of the temple not as a place but as his body; he is prophetically speaking about the offering that his body will be for the Father. Jesus' teaching calls the disciples to see him as a fulfillment of Scripture, with a new understanding of the treasured words they have long heard.
- Jesus helps us to understand the meaning of the word of God. So often, we think that we should have faith that what Scripture reveals is true. In today's gospel, we see that the disciples come to believe in the Scriptures because they see in Jesus the meaning and fulfillment of God's word. It can be so with us: we can believe in what we hear and read in God's word because we know the word of God in Christ.

(Living Liturgy)

May the Lord's peace and grace be with you!

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Restored Strength

*Holy Spirit, drive away from me all forms of
sickness and disease.
Restore strength to my body and joy to my spirit,
so that in my renewed health,
I may bless and serve you,
now and forevermore.
- Author Unknown*

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 (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	In loving memory of Anthony B. Savoy-Birthday
Monday	In loving memory of Lula "Lu" Hamilton
Tuesday	In Honor/Memory of Our U.S. Veterans Daisy Ogene-Birthday
Wednesday	In loving memory of Andre Lyles
Thursday	Sharie B. Wood-Birthday
Friday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Saturday	In loving memory of Margaret Brooks-Birthday In loving memory of Lydia Johnson-Birthday

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>	

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.

Announcements

HELP NEEDED

On Tuesday, November 18 at 12noon, we are being blessed with a truckload of food to feed the needy in our parish and community. We need volunteers to unload the truck at the Rectory. *Please help us help our parish and community!*

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MOORE

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish. In these difficult times – with the Government shutdown, the layoffs and other economic stressors – you continue to support, not only the Parish, but our food pantry and our school. I am truly grateful.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:
*In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$5,806.00,
and \$1,448.00 for the Maintenance Fund.*

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 17 in the Rectory Chapel
Sunday 10:00am 120 in Church
169 Livestream Views on YouTube



All caregivers are invited to join our bi-monthly support group, designed to foster a collaborative environment where participants can openly share their unique caregiving experiences.

Attendees will gain insights on how to sidestep common pitfalls while also offering and receiving encouragement from fellow caregivers and seasoned care providers. Together, we aim to cultivate a supportive community that empowers caregivers to thrive in their vital roles.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays Monthly
November 18, December 2 & 16, 2025
5:30 PM

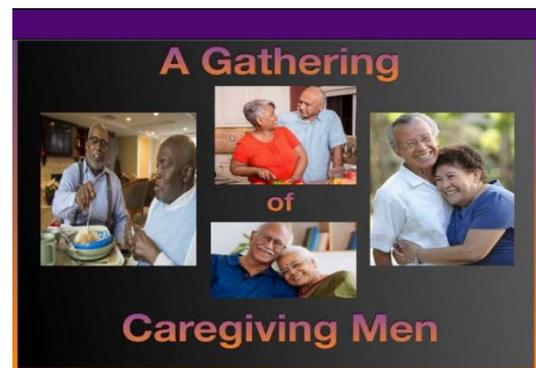
Zoom Registration Link
<https://tinyurl.com/DFASouthMen>



If you are experiencing grief of any kind, this might be the group for you. Welcome to our Grief Share and Recovery Support Group, where we gather monthly to share insights and support each other on our journey towards healing! Together, we can turn grief into growth and ensure that no one feels alone on this path.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays Monthly
November 11 & 25, 2025
2:00 PM

<https://tinyurl.com/Grief-RecoverySupportGroup>



These specialized small group sessions, held on the second Saturday of each month, are thoughtfully designed to support men who are caregivers. The groups are facilitated by a knowledgeable leader, who is not only an experienced caregiver but also the author of the acclaimed book, “At Home with Dementia.”

Participants can expect to receive invaluable insights and answers to questions that are often overlooked in traditional caregiving discussions, making these sessions a unique and essential resource for men navigating the complexities of caregiving.

2nd Saturday Monthly
December 13, 2025
12 Noon

Zoom Registration Link
<https://tinyurl.com/DFASouthMen>

