

# Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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## November 16, 2025

### Thirty-third 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

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#**

National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated every November.

**Prayer for Vocations**

*God our Father,  
we thank you for calling men and women to serve in  
your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and  
consecrated persons.  
Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond  
generously and courageously to your call.  
May our community of faith support vocations of  
sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever  
and ever. 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, 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 Anne Dawson-Birthday  
Monday In loving memory of Lydia Johnson  
Tuesday Lennox Coles, III-Birthday  
Wednesday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones  
Thursday In loving memory of Jakari Butler  
Friday In loving memory of James Ligon, Sr.  
Saturday In loving memory of Yvonne K. Wilson

**PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**~Preparing for Confirmation~**

<i>Aurelien Bolanda</i>	<i>Claudine Bolanda</i>
<i>Mike Bolanda</i>	<i>Lorry Bolanda</i>
<i>Marleigh Campbell</i>	<i>Terral Lewis, Jr</i>
<i>Karter Martin</i>	<i>Tylia Pilgrim</i>

**~Preparing for First Communion~**

*Addilyn Lewis*

<i>Sunday</i>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19
<i>Monday</i>	<b>Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</b> 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
<i>Tuesday</i>	2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
<i>Wednesday</i>	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44
<i>Friday</i>	<b>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
<i>Saturday</i>	<b>Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</b> 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
<i>Sunday</i>	<b>The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

**~ HOMILY POINTS ~**

- The destruction of the temple, and war and persecution, might seem rather terrifying. It is easy in this passage from Luke to focus on the destruction that Jesus promises. But his real promises are not negative and destructive here. Rather, Jesus offers guidance and hope for his followers. First, while the temple itself will be destroyed, Jesus promises that this destruction will not affect the presence of God's Spirit. Jesus assures us that his Spirit will rest upon those of us who need to give testimony before the powers of the world.
- Jesus does not promise that strife will be eradicated, but he does promise to remain with us in the midst of strife. He promises us mighty signs to assure us of God's power, and that he himself will come to us when we need him. We do not need to seek him out. No one can deceive us if we stay close to the will of the Messiah.
- Jesus tells us that families and nations will be divided, but that God's people will be brought to the fullness of life if they choose to be a part of God's family rather than of human politics. Ultimately, God will be our rock, and Christ assures us that it is by our perseverance that we will find true life. Christ models this perseverance in the midst of his own political persecution and his betrayal by his own friends and followers. If we can bear our crosses with Christ our rock, we will be able not only to withstand our trials but also to share in Christ's glory.

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

**Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And His Family:**

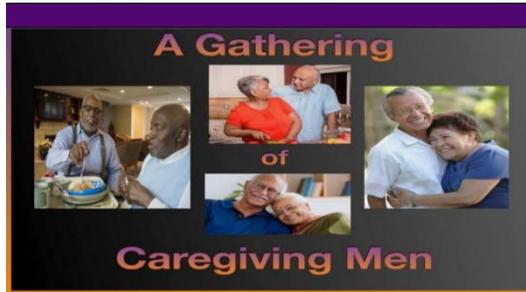
**Mr. Paul Waters (husband of Mrs. Mary Waters)**

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

# 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!*



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/DFASouth-Men>



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 25, December 9 & 23, 2025

2:00 PM

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

## "Remember When"

### Memory Cafe



The "Remember When" Memory Café is a welcoming gathering space for caregivers and those with dementia or other short-term memory challenges. Our stigma-free environment provides an opportunity for lively discussions, information gathering, art and music therapy, memory joggers, table-top games and prizes, and a delicious healthy lunch. Join us -- it's FREE for Prince George's County residents.



#### Cafe Menu

We offer programs and activities that provides opportunities for fellowship, and community connection. Our menu of activities change monthly to include any number of the following:

Art and Music Therapy | Creativity Engagement | Short videos/Movies | Light Physical Movement | Holiday Celebrations | Varied Table Top Games & Activities | Bingo | **\*\*Healthy Light Lunch\*\***



#### 2025 Upcoming Schedule | 11 AM - 1 PM

4TH WEDNESDAYS (with holiday exceptions in November and December)

September 24 | October 22 | November 19 | December 17



#### Location

St. Paul @ Oxon Hill UMC | Fellowship Hall  
6634 St. Barnabas Road  
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

(We are wheelchair accessible)



Please Call 301-567-4433 or register via the QRCode or <https://tinyurl.com/RememberWhenCafe>



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/DFA-SCaregivers>



