

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

4275 Fourth Street, Southeast, Washington, DC 20032

Telephone: 202-562-0431

E-mail: stmchurch@comcast.net

Website: www.stthomasmoredc.org

Saint Thomas More Catholic Academy

Website: stmhc.org Telephone: 202-561-1189

November 23, 2025

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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#

DAILY MASS READINGS

<i>Sunday</i>	The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43
<i>Monday</i>	Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
<i>Tuesday</i>	Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
<i>Wednesday</i>	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19
<i>Thursday</i>	Thanksgiving Day Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
<i>Friday</i>	Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
<i>Saturday</i>	Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36
<i>Sunday</i>	First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- This gospel passage from Luke presents us with a less-than-righteous criminal who jeers at Jesus just as the soldiers did. Rather than exhibiting faith, the criminal exhibits a kind of hopelessness accompanied by a desire to assert what little power he has. He mocks Jesus for his prophetic claims.
- By contrast, the righteous criminal refuses to mock Jesus. Instead, he rebukes the other criminal for his uncharity. Called Saint Dismas by tradition, this righteous criminal honestly acknowledges his own guilt. Dismas reminds his fellow criminal that they are deserving of their punishment, contrasting their own plight with the plight of Jesus, who suffers in innocence.
- The two contrasting criminals allow us to focus on Jesus, the righteous one who suffered alongside those he came to serve as King. Yes, Dismas was a criminal, but we learn in this beautiful narrative that Christianity allows for criminals not only to repent but also to become righteous by the forgiveness and goodness of God. What a gift it is to have a tradition that allows for such a reversal of expectations. The Son of God did not come to rule but to suffer at the hands of rulers. His servants are not generals and politicians, but former criminals who chose to become humble saints.

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

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

~Preparing for Confirmation~

Aurelien Bolamba	Claudien Bolamba
Mike Bolamba	Lorry Bolamba
Marleigh Campbell	Terral Lewis, Jr
Karter Martin	Tylia Pilgrim

~Preparing for First Communion~

Addilyn Lewis

PRAYER CORNER

A Prayer to Christ the King

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King,
 The beginning and end of all things,
 You have made your Church to be a people
 that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your
 kingdom.
 By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body,
 called to live as one family of God.
 Fill our hearts with your grace,
 that we would be close to you
 by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.
 Give us the patience to share one another's burdens,
 And give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.
 May we remain with you always.
 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 (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	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Monday	Immigrants and Foreigners in the US
Tuesday	Health of Marion & Ruth Richardson
Wednesday	Safekeeping of Our Youth and Senior Citizens
Thursday	Gratitude for Our Blessings
Friday	Mali's Severe Food Crisis End Gang Violence in Haiti
Saturday	In loving memory of Julie Robinson Malnourished Children in Somalia

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And His Family:

Mr. Francis Coates (brother of Lillian Lyles)

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



Christmas Day Meal Delivery

As in years past, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will provide meals for hundreds of poor, homeless, elderly, and needy individuals living in the District of Columbia and surrounding areas on Christmas Day. If you know of individuals who would like a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on Christmas Day, the Ushers will have a sign-up list in the back of the Church after Mass.

All meals will be for delivery and takeout only.

THANK YOU, DC Knights of Columbus Charities, for your generous donation of \$600 in support of our food pantry mission. We acknowledge your proud legacy of service and charity in the Nation's Capital, working hand in hand with our local parishes to serve those most in need. We also acknowledge your donation which reflects your continued partnership with the Catholic community of Washington, our shared mission to bring Christ's love to our neighbors through concrete acts of mercy, and to help our parish continue our vital work of feeding the hungry and caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

We appreciate you!

Are You Experiencing Issues with ParishSOFT?

Now that the transition to ParishSOFT Giving has been completed, we hope the process was smooth and seamless for you, *but*, if you are having issues with your online giving, please call me, Linda Clay Roberson, at the Parish Office and I will direct you to a customer service representative. I would love to hear any feedback you wish to share.

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: stmhc.org

School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!

HELP NEEDED

On Saturday, December 6th at 12noon, we are being blessed yet again 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!

THANK YOU to the awesome students and teacher from Elizabeth Seton High School (pictured below) and our very own students from St. Thomas More Catholic Academy who helped unload the food delivery truck on Tuesday. Unfortunately, we were unable to capture a picture of the STM students as they headed back to class immediately after unloading the truck, but we thank them—and **ALL** who participated in this effort!!!



STM FOOD PANTRY

NEXT DISTRIBUTION: *Friday, November 28, 10am-Noon*
Our community has been long recognized as a "food desert." With your help we have been able to continue assisting our neighbors.

We provide nutritious foods, including meat, fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, and milk in our food distributions. We are indebted to our faithful volunteers and supporters who make this possible. We are grateful to those individuals and families who have made donations of food and cash. We are also blessed with the ongoing support of the Mulholland Foundation, our Sodality, and the Ward 8 Farmer's Market. Together we can make an impact and help meet the food needs in our community.

NEEDED: Non-perishable items such as Rice, Pasta, Dry Beans, Hot & Cold Cereal, Canned Goods such as Meat, Tuna, Beans, Soup, Vegetables, Fruits. (Also, items readily useful for those who are homeless are much appreciated.)

Thank you to our many generous members who donated to the pantry throughout the pandemic and have continued doing so!

SHARE INFORMATION

UPDATE: Value Package - \$30.00

Please contact Flo Gantt for Registration info.

Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$30.00 to provide a SHARE Package to a family in need. If interested, please contact any member of our SHARE Team.

We are grateful to you for the 600+ SHARE PACKAGES that have been purchased to support those we serve from our STM Food Pantry! Thank you!

