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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

Ed Poindexter, Installed Acolyte

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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

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will be the final word in reality."

Martin Luther King Jr. (1964). Acceptance speech. Nobel Prize.



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.

DAILY MASS READINGS

<i>Sunday</i>	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34
<i>Monday</i>	1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
<i>Tuesday</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
<i>Wednesday</i>	Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6
<i>Thursday</i>	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
<i>Friday</i>	1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19
<i>Saturday</i>	Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21
<i>Sunday</i>	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- John’s account of the baptism of Jesus differs from the synoptics in an important way—John is the one who sees the Spirit descend like a dove upon Jesus at his baptism. With this, John’s testimony becomes paramount. This is an invitation for each of us to reflect on how we testify to Jesus Christ. Do our words and actions point to the love of Christ? Do our decisions show our commitment to following Christ’s example? Are we willing to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord in our schools and gyms and workplaces and supermarkets?
- Fortunately for us, we do not live as isolated individuals. In baptism, we are welcomed into the Christian community, a group from which we can draw support and strength. Similarly, we do all with God. Paul reminds us of this in the second reading: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
- We hear the words from today’s gospel at every Mass before we receive Christ in the Eucharist: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” As we continue our celebration of Eucharist today, may we be nourished by the Lamb of God we are so privileged to encounter. Then, strengthened by the Eucharist, may we have the courage, like John, to testify to Jesus in all we do. *(Living Liturgy)*

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS

~Preparing for Confirmation~

Aurelien Bolamba *Claudien Bolamba*
Mike Bolamba *Lorry Bolamba*
Aiden Lewis *Terral Lewis, Jr.*

Tylia Pilgrim

~Preparing for First Communion~

Addilyn Lewis

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And Their Families:

*Richard Chandler,
Michael Haase (Nephew of Henry Herrera)*

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

~ 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#.*



Lent begins next month on February 18th.

This will be Ash Wednesday. Let’s prepare by slowing down to the speed of our joy and planning intentionally to participate in Lent 2026! Be on the lookout for further details in the weeks to come.

Available Free For You-

**The Word Among Us
Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy
2026 Josephite Calendars**

***These resources are available to strengthen your faith.
Please take advantage and even share with friends!***

Calling all Lectors!

There will be a **Lector Workshop** on Saturday, January 24th at 10 am in the church. If you are interested in the Lector Ministry, you are welcome to come. Current Lectors are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Meredith at 202-677-9863 or pammeredith@hotmail.com.

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 SESCOE, 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.



FUNERAL SERVICE for *Richard Chandler*
will be held here at St. Thomas More Church
on Friday, January 23, with Viewing at
10:00am, Holy Mass at 11:00am, and Burial at
Resurrection Cemetery immediately following
the Mass.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday In loving memory of Roderick Bell & Brenda Green
Monday Richard Chandler, Michael Haase
Tuesday Ayanna Ezeani-Birthday
Wednesday In loving memory of Carrie Pearson
Thursday In loving memory of Leon C. Roberts
Friday In loving memory of Leonard Singleton-Birthday
Saturday Karyn N. Hamilton-Birthday
In loving memory of Robert Milner
In loving memory of Mother Mary Webster

How to keep the joy of Christmas alive after the holidays:

- **Reflect on the True Meaning of Christmas** 🌿

How:
Take time to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and the hope He brings. Keep the significance of His love and sacrifice in your heart, and make it a part of your daily life.

- **Keep the Spirit of Giving Alive** 🎁

How:
Christmas is a time of giving, and that spirit doesn't have to end when the holiday does. Continue to give throughout the year, whether it's through charity, acts of kindness, or small gifts for others.

- **Spread Joy Through Acts of Kindness** ❤️

How:
The joy of Christmas comes from spreading love. Continue this by performing random acts of kindness, whether it's helping a neighbor, donating clothes, or simply offering a smile.

- **Set Goals That Reflect Christmas Values** 🎯

How:
Set goals for the new year that align with the values of Christmas, such as kindness, peace, and generosity. This will help you stay focused on what matters most and keep the spirit of Christmas alive in your life.

- **Stay Connected with Loved Ones** 😊

How:
Christmas is a time for family and friends. Keep the connections alive by reaching out regularly to check in on your loved ones, even if it's just a quick call, text, or video chat.

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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday :
In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$6,674.00, ParishSOFT contributions amounted to \$6,017.21 and \$2,700.00 for the Maintenance Fund.

In order to meet our weekly financial responsibilities, our tithes and offerings should amount to \$5,500.00 per week.

<i>Our weekly goal:</i>	<i>\$ 5,500.00</i>
<i>This week's total tithes and offerings:</i>	<i>\$12,691.21</i>
<i>We exceeded our goal by:</i>	<i>\$7,191.21</i>

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm **17** in Church
Sunday 10:00am **126** in Church
221 Livestream Views on YouTube

You can contribute by scanning the QR code below:



or, by going to the website:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/3eb75c49-3b4b-4c15-b869-3d076f4c4b41>

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

