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March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent



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One in Christ, United in Mission



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)

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 12 Noon:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS *and* ROSARY with the Sodality and Church family in person in the Church or call in on your phone: **Dial-in: 605 313 5818. Access code 883049#.**

Thursdays at 11:00am

PRAY THE ROSARY:

Dial-in: 605 313 5818. Access code 883049#.

Plenary indulgences can be gained by praying the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary.

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.

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.

DAILY MASS READINGS

<i>Sunday</i>	Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9
<i>Monday</i>	Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
<i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
<i>Wednesday</i>	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
<i>Thursday</i>	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
<i>Friday</i>	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
<i>Saturday</i>	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
<i>Sunday</i>	Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- Matthew’s account of the transfiguration once again posits Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. Not only does this event occur on a mountain, but Jesus’ face “shone like the sun,” just as Moses became “radiant” after speaking with the Lord (Exod 34:29). Similarly, Moses and Elijah are two great leaders from Hebrew Scripture. Jesus is situated among Moses, the giver of the law, and Elijah, the greatest of all the prophets.
- This connection is also exemplified in God’s promises to Abraham and Sarah. The reading from Genesis shows the depth of the covenant: “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you.” It is important to remember that God’s covenant comes amid a pattern of rather disappointing unfaithfulness. The story is circular and ongoing: God’s people turn away, yet God remains faithful. This should give all of us hope as we continue our Lenten journey. Our ancestors in faith have turned away from God, yet God continues to call them back to Godself. The same is true for each of us.
- Note Jesus’ final words in today’s gospel. Following the incredible transformation and shining light and very presence of God, Jesus tells his disciples, “Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” There will be suffering before glory. There will be death before life. Jesus cannot make it more clear to his disciples (and us) that while death will not have the final word, there will be dying to do on the way to the resurrection.

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

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.

This Lent:

A Chaplet for the Mercy to Forgive Another

Introduction to This Chaplet

Forgiveness of one who has hurt you can be very difficult. It is not something that you can simply accomplish overnight. It takes much grace and surrender to God. And it takes much prayer.

Jesus never asks us to do anything He is not willing to do. He forgave, from the Cross, those who had just treated Him so brutally. The chaplet below is designed to help those who struggle with forgiving another. Pray it daily if this is you so that God can free you from this burden.

The following chaplet (which is different from the [Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#)) is also prayed using a rosary. The prayers are taken from Scripture:

The first prayer comes from St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. He spoke it just before he died from stoning:

Lord, do not hold this sin against them. [Acts 7:60](#)

The second prayer is based upon the very words of Jesus as He hung dying on the Cross:

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. [Luke 23:34](#)

Please Pray For Our Sick, Shut-In, And Those In Need:

Fr. Raymond Moore, Ed Poindexter, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Frank & Reta Brewer, Blondina 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	Henry & Christine Lee-Anniversary
Monday	In memory of Victoria Nicholas In loving memory of Joe Elliott
Tuesday	Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones
Wednesday	Connie Tardy-Birthday
Thursday	In loving memory of L.C. Barnes
Friday	In loving memory of Dcn. Richard Walker-Birthday In memory of Audrey Caldwell, Doris & Dcn. Martin
Saturday	Safekeeping of Our Youth and Seniors

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

From Pamela Meredith:

Hello Family & Friends:

Below is college scholarship information regarding the **LEAP Forward, Inc. Scholarship Program's** 2026-2027 school year. Our family scholarship, **Martin Barnes Scholarship Fund**, is included (see page 25 of the Donor BIOS). There are 35+ scholarships advertised as part of the LEAP organization. Recipients can be awarded a maximum of two scholarships, so everyone is urged to apply for as many as possible. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 each.

The application deadline for all scholarships is April 4, 2026.

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE!!

ST. THOMAS MORE



CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**We Are Currently Accepting Registrations
for the 2026-2027 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:

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School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!



**March 21, 2026
Line Dance Social
Proceeds to support our
75th Anniversary Celebration
Contact: Laura Brown**

HELP NEEDED

On Monday, March 2, at 9am, we are being blessed with a truckload of food to feed the needy in our community. We need as many volunteers as possible to unload the truck at the Rectory. The more hands helping, the sooner we will finish to enjoy the rest of the day!

Please help us help the community!

Lenten

Fish Fry



Fridays

March 13, March 20

(NO FISH FRY ON MARCH 6)

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM (or when sold out, whichever comes first)

~ *Archdiocese of Washington Annual Appeal* ~

Please support the charitable works of the church by making a donation to the annual charities appeal. The Merrick Center and St. Thomas More School receive financial support through the appeal. Please be generous in contributing this year!

~ *Young Women's Lenten Bible Study* ~

Young women (ages 16 and older) are invited to join in a young women's Bible Study on Sunday morning following the 10:00am Mass in the rectory living room. This is sponsored by A Simple House missionaries.

***Please Pray for the Canonization of Our Seven
African American Candidates For Sainthood--***

Venerable Henriette DeLille

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Venerable Mother Mary Lange

Venerable Augustus Tolton

Servant of God Julia Greeley

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman

***Servant of God Father Martin de Porres Ward, OFM
Conv.***

