

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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June 14, 2026

Eleventh 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

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)

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**

Sunday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36—10:8
Monday	1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday	1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15
Friday	2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday	2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- When Jesus saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion. The Greek word for compassion in this context suggests more than a fickle feeling or sentimental reaction. Rather, the compassion Matthew describes comes from the deepest pit of Jesus' being. And what was it about the crowds that moved Jesus so deeply? They were troubled and abandoned like sheep without a shepherd. But instead of simply continuing his own teaching and preaching and healing, Jesus summons his apostles to go out into the world and do his work. While it may seem that Jesus is simply delegating, he is making an important statement: We all have the responsibility to participate in the preaching, teaching, and healing of Christ.
- The first reading from Exodus recalls God's covenant with God's people, a special relationship grounded in mutual agreement. The Lord says, "If you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people." Jesus says something similar in today's gospel: "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." Just as the Israelites must keep God's covenant, so too Jesus' followers are expected to follow Jesus if they wish to receive the rewards of the harvest. Like God's covenant with the Israelites, it is an agreement of sorts between Jesus and Jesus' followers.
- Like the first apostles, we are all called to be part of the mission. Similarly, like the first apostles, we must have faith. You can imagine that the apostles might have felt inadequate or unprepared for the task Jesus gave to them. We might even feel the same intimidation or trepidation. But it is faith that moves us forward and faith that guides our way. We pray that we might have the faith to respond to God's calling in our lives today, not ignoring our fear or apprehensions but trusting that God will provide and care for us throughout the process.

(Living Liturgy)

Please Pray For Our Recently Deceased And Their Families:

David Satterwhite, Mamie Outlaw, James Hilton, Frances Hicks, Deborah Johnson, Herb Meredith

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



FUNERAL SERVICE for Stephanie Carey
will be held here at St. Thomas More Church
on Tuesday, June 16, with Viewing at
10:00am, and Holy Mass at 11:00am.

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, Emily Glasker, Zynae Green, *Emmanuel Greene*, 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 (son of Houston & Linda Roberson), Gloria McCaskill, Henrietta McIntosh (mother of Charles McIntosh), Beverly Miller, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Arthur Robinson, Leroy Robinson, Gloria Greene Rodriguez, Yolanda Rollins, Robin Sescos, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Margaret Spencer, Edsel Swann, Jan Thelin, Jane Thomas, Antoinette Torain, Mary Travers, Chandra Upscher-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.

Please pray for the well-being of all impacted by changes within our U.S. Government, peace in our world, all victims of violence, all impacted by diseases, our healthcare workers, and all caregivers.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	In loving memory of Elizabeth Holmes-Birthday
Monday	Pamela Meredith-Birthday
	In loving memory of Shirley Brown-Birthday
Tuesday	STM Parishioners
Wednesday	In loving memory of Calvin Williams
Thursday	Safekeeping of All on Juneteenth
Friday	John & Mary Travers-Wedding Anniversary
Saturday	Shirley Adams-Birthday

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to



Addilyn Lewis, on your First Holy Communion; and Aurelien Bolamba, Claudien Bolamba, Lorry Bolamba, Mike Bolamba, Aiden Lewis, Terral Lewis, Jr., Tylia Pilgrim, on your Holy Confirmation.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church Graduate Recognition Celebration

St. Thomas More Parish will honor members of the Class of 2026 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

We will recognize all students celebrating a promotion or graduation this year, from Pre-K through postgraduate studies.

Graduates are asked to complete the recognition form located at the rear of the church and return it to the committee no later than Sunday, June 21.

For additional information, please contact Chandrai Jackson-Saunders at (202) 491-8421 or cjsaunders1@gmail.com.



St. Thomas More Catholic Academy Graduates

Kindergarten Class of 2026:

Apollo Barlow; Bethel Emenike; Tru Jones; Dory Joseph; Seven Krider; A'Mara Milton; Aubrie Perry-Valentine; Michael Randolph; Krew Richardson; Sincere Washington; Damian Wilks; Bailey Wilson; Keo Wilson

8th Grade Class of 2026:

Ememabasi Akpan; Toluwani Aluko; Ruth Blackmon; Shalil Brown; Marleigh Campbell; Talayah Eaton; Pharrah Ford; Sincere Foster; Ashwin Gordon; Gianni Guinn; Azaria Hackley; Genesis Jones; Ethan Manning; Kamryn Parker; Citron Sadiswa; Elijah Shuler; Jenesis Smith; Trinity Washington

GOOD NEWS !

Kai Amir Ezeani, grandson of Violet Pinkney, graduated on May 9, 2026, from Howard University with a Bachelor of Science Degree, *magna cum laude*.

Selah Corynn Smith graduated from Elizabeth Seton High School on June 26, 2026, and received her High School Diploma with Honors. Selah is the granddaughter of Damon and Monia Smith. Selah will be attending the Tuskegee University this fall semester.

Sydni Aniya Smith, daughter of Damon and Monia Smith and granddaughter of Marcia Savoy, graduated from the North Carolina Central University on May 9, 2026, and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education, *summa cum laude*.

Tarynn Neal, granddaughter of Margerine Neal, received National recognition: American Chemical Society Division of Biochemistry & Chemical Biology congratulates Tarynn Neal who was selected as one of this year's Outstanding Undergraduate Biochemistry or Chemical Biology student.

Mackenzie Mayo, granddaughter of Audrey Mayo, graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Gannon (Catholic) University. Also, daughter-in-love of Audrey Mayo, Angela Henson Mayo graduated with a Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Montana.

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:

St.ThomasMoreCatholicAcademy-Washington, DC

School Office: 202-561-1189

We thank you for your continued support!

Church Roof Repairs Underway

As we worship today, we have begun the critically necessary repairs to the roof above you! We are depending on our continued generosity to complete this much-needed project.

Support St. Thomas More's 75th Anniversary Fundraising Raffle

Ticket Donation -- \$5

1st Prize -- \$500

2nd Prize -- \$250

3rd Prize -- \$150

Please see Mr. George Hanna after Mass or call the Parish Office Monday – Thursday.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:

In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$5,867.00,

ParishSOFT contributions amounted to \$1,227.00

and \$2,255.00 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>\$ 7,094.00</i>
<i>We exceeded our goal by:</i>	<i>\$ 1,594.00</i>

Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm **16** in Rectory Chapel

Sunday 10:00am **139** in Church

185 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.

STM FOOD PANTRY

NEXT DISTRIBUTIONS: June 26, 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!

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