

# Saint Thomas More Catholic Church & Academy

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*June 21, 2026*

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Raymond Moore, Pastor, x12

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Marcus Thompson, Academy Assistant Principal

Wanda Brooks, Coordinator of Religious Education, x31

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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):** Sunday 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

|                  |                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15;<br>Matthew 10:26-33             |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;<br>Matthew 7:6, 12-14                                                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist<br>Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29                                                                             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 2 Kings 25:1-12; Matthew 8:1-4                                                                               |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19;<br>Matthew 8:5-17                                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11;<br>Matthew 10:37-42 |

## ~ HOMILY POINTS ~

- As we hear so often in Scripture, Jesus tells us, “Do not be afraid.” The mission of Christ is not for the faint of heart. In fact, serving God is sometimes downright unpopular. Just ask Jeremiah in today’s first reading. But disagreement is not the same as persecution. While many of us are not dying for the sake of the gospel, it is not uncommon to hear cries of Christian persecution. We must remember that we do not live in a theocracy. While our religious beliefs inform who we are as Christians, we cannot impose them on others. To be sure, we are still called to be courageous and stand up for our beliefs, but we cannot equate difference with persecution.
- When Jeremiah says, “I hear the whisperings of many,” he speaks to a very human experience. People talk about others, something that each of us is probably guilty of. Jesus reminds us, however, that all that is whispered in the dark will be heard in the light. Even during the most trying of times—even when people utter falsehoods or slander—we are called to remember that truth will prevail. Likewise, we should commit ourselves to speaking truth and avoid saying things of others that are untrue. This is a great example of building up the kingdom of God that is both “here” and “not yet.”
- Jesus models this faith for us when describing his relationship with the Father. Just as Jesus does not go alone, neither do we go alone. The God who counts each of the hairs on our head is always with us. This is the power of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, “God with us.” *(Living Liturgy)*

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

|          |                                            |
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| Sunday   | Jean Robinson-Birthday                     |
|          | In loving memory of Jean Hamilton-Birthday |
| Saturday | Mary Waters-Birthday                       |

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

***Phostenia Jones, Sister-in-law of Alice J. Proctor***  
*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

***The following is from the meditations of the Stations of the Cross that were prayed as Pope Leo XIV carried the cross in Rome on April 3, 2026, the first Good Friday of his pontificate.***

### **VIII Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem**

From the beginning of your ministry, Jesus, women have followed you and cared for you. They are there even now, standing at the foot of the cross. Women are present wherever there is suffering or need: in hospitals and nursing homes; in communities dedicated to care and providing shelter; in foster homes for the most vulnerable children; opening schools and clinics in the most remote mission lands; and tending to the wounded and comforting survivors in war zones and areas of conflict.

Women have taken you seriously, and even now they take to heart your demanding words. For centuries, they have wept for themselves and for their children, children taken away and imprisoned during protests, deported by policies devoid of compassion, shipwrecked on desperate journeys of hope, killed in war zones, and wiped out in death camps.

Women continue to weep. Grant each of us, Lord, a compassionate heart — a maternal heart — and the grace to make the suffering of others our own. Give us tears once more, Lord, lest our conscience fade into the fog of indifference and we cease to be fully human.

Let us pray, saying:

Give us tears, Lord.

To weep over the devastation of war:

Give us tears, Lord.

To weep for massacres and genocides:

Give us tears, Lord.

To weep with mothers and wives:

Give us tears, Lord.

To weep over the cynicism of the powerful:

Give us tears, Lord.

To weep over our own indifference:

Give us tears, Lord.

**Download the full text by using the link below:**

<https://www.osvnews.com/full-text-stations-of-the-cross-meditations-pope-leo-xiv-will-pray-at-colosseum/>

**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 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.

*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.*

**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.**

**Support STM's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Raffle**

**Ticket Donation -- \$5**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize -- \$500**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize -- \$250**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize -- \$150**

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

**SAVE THE DATE**

**The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual East of the River Revival**

**Revivalist: Rev. Sydney O. Speaks**

**Theme: "Peace, the Gift the World Cannot Give"**

**October 5, 6 and 7, 2026**

**Mount Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD**

- Praise and worship at 7pm nightly
- Reconciliation available nightly
- Healing Service on Tuesday
- Holy Mass on Wednesday

**WE ARE IN 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MODE!!!**

**Our theme is "We've Come a Long Way, Lord."**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is in full-swing with meetings to brainstorm ideas for a wonderful time of celebration. We will be updating the Parish on the progress made, soliciting volunteers, asking for suggestions, etc.

We made a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Survey available to the Parish two weeks ago. If you did not get the survey or would like another copy, please check with the Ushers in the back of the church.

**Stay tuned!**

***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](mailto:cjsaunders1@gmail.com).

**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!***

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Tithes and offerings for last Sunday:

***In-church tithes and offerings totaled \$2,903.00,  
ParishSOFT contributions amounted to \$2,972.00  
and \$1,309.00 for the Maintenance Fund.***

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

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| <b><i>Our weekly goal:</i></b>                        | <b><i>\$ 5,500.00</i></b> |
| <b><i>This week's total tithes and offerings:</i></b> | <b><i>\$ 5,875.00</i></b> |
| <b><i>We exceeded our goal by:</i></b>                | <b><i>\$ 375.00</i></b>   |

### Mass Attendance

Saturday 4:00pm 13 in Rectory Chapel  
Sunday 10:00am 127 in Church  
182 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.*

## SHARE INFORMATION

**UPDATE: Value Package - \$30.00**

**Please contact Flo Gantt (240-853-2363) for registration.**

***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!***

## 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!**

## NOTES