

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

6 Madbury Road (P.O. Box 620) - Durham, New Hampshire 03824-0620

**January 21, 2024: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Thirty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am and 5:00pm Student Mass  
returns next week January 28th**

## WEEKDAY MASS

**12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday**

## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday & Thurs: 9-3pm, Wednesday: 9-1pm**

**Closed Friday**

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:00 - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Call office to register for class & date of celebration.

**Marriage:** Call office to schedule appointment at least six months prior.

**Anointing of Sick:** Call office anytime.

**Inquiries & Reception in Catholic Faith (RCIA):** Call Roberta ext. 115.

**First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:**

Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

For parish registration call 603-868-2666 or visit [stmdurham.org](http://stmdurham.org).

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**Welcome Child of God!**

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation,  
No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue,  
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!  
You are invited, accepted and respected here at the Parish of Saint Thomas More.*

*Take our hands, Lord Jesus, leading us in courage to confront with courage the forces which oppress and divide.  
Take our hearts, Lord Jesus, and open them to the truth which will set others free.  
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.*



*Back to the Ordinary*  
*St. Mark's Gospel*

Mark's Gospel was the first to be written (somewhere between the years 60 and 75). It is worth paying considerable attention to because **Mark invented "Gospel" as a literary form.**

To be accurate, **Mark was not writing a life of Jesus, or history, or biography,** but recording **good new** (Gospel), which is to say **he is going to recount the saving works for God.**

Jesus' **first saving work, his first public work, is a confrontation** with the powers of darkness, the "demons." Jesus confronts all that deforms and distorts human life.

When we were baptized, our parents and godparents were asked a three-fold question on our behalf:

**"Do you reject Satan?**  
**and all his works?**  
**and all his empty promises?"**

Evil has many faces, shapes and disguises. Mark records Jesus teaching 17 times in the **synagogue** (sacred place) on the **Sabbath** (sacred time) - a good reminder that **real change** comes through what we are doing here-right now- worship and prayer.

Blessings in Christ,  
*Fr. Andrew*

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

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**Sunday, 5:00pm Student Mass returns next week Jan. 28th**

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**January 20th-21st; Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5,10  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

**January 27th-28th; Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



**January 20th-21st; Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm – † Evelyn Smick  
Sunday 9am – STM Parishioners  
Sunday 11:15am – † Sarah Esposito

**January 27th-28th; Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm – Barbara Farrington 80th Birthday  
Sunday 9am – † Martina Tavarez  
Sunday 11:15am – STM Parishioners



## STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

### Faith Formation (K-5th grade)

**Faith Formation Classes resumes February 4th**

**Grades Kindergarten-1st During the 9am Mass—Church Hall**  
**Grades 2 & 3 (Student Center) & Grades 4-5 Church Hall**

For more information please contact Ann McGurty  
[stmfaith@comcast.net](mailto:stmfaith@comcast.net) or call 603 868-2666 X110

**Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes**

**Next Class, Sunday February 4th in the classrooms.**

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information  
[stmfaith@comcast.net](mailto:stmfaith@comcast.net) or 603-868-2666 EXT #110

**Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)**

**Next class Sunday, December 17th from 6:30-8pm**  
**in the Church Hall**

Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano for more information  
[stmmsfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmsfaith@gmail.com)

**High School Youth Ministry**

**High school students, please contact Felicia Sperry**  
**for more information on class schedule.**

Please contact Felicia Sperry [stmHSYM@gmail.com](mailto:stmHSYM@gmail.com)

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## MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN



Our goal is **\$26,250.**

Please help us reach our goal.

Currently we are at **\$3,250.00**

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**



## St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update:

Our STM Food Pantry is moving right along in the new year. We are very happy to welcome some new volunteers to help with our weekly mission of operating the Food Pantry. Our goal is to have two sets of volunteers for the Thursday sessions so the commitment isn't quite as demanding.

We are also in need of a few more shoppers; these individuals purchase items such as milk, eggs, butter and cheese each week. Our shoppers typically shop once a month.

As always, if you would like to join our team, even if you can only volunteer once, your time and talents are welcome. Contact Regina Smick-Attisano at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net) to match your availability with our opportunities.

This week, at the pantry, we have a need for:

- Toothpaste
- Cake mixes and frostings
- Crackers or popcorn



***Please pray for our STM Faith Formation & RCIA students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation over the next several weeks.***

***May they be filled with the Holy Spirit as they prepare to be Disciples of Christ.***



## HYMNALS AVAILABLE TO PARISHIONERS

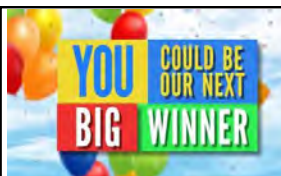
Our music ministry has updated their hymnals to keep pace with music changes in our Missalettes. Several Volumes of "Choral Praise" are available for your personal use. They contain many of your old favorites and would love to have a new home with you. If interested, please contact Kathy

Cataneo after Sunday 9am Mass, or contact Roberta MacBride to adopt a volume. Thankyou for your continued support of our Music Ministry.



*Fr. Bill Martin enjoyed his visit last week at all the Masses. Thank you for your support to Unbound.*

## 200 CLUB



*The next drawing of the 200 Club is almost here.*

*You could be a winner on next Sunday, January 28.*

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More with 200 Club in the memo section. Mail it, along with your contact information [address, phone, and email], to the parish office at

PO Box 620, Durham NH 03824

For additional member information contact Tom Dolan at [tomdolan84@hotmail.com](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or 603-519-0369

*A special note of thanks to all those who have supported and continue to support the club. You have made a difference!!*



***"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).***



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