Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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February 4, 2024: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thirty-Sixth 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

#### **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.

#### **February 4, 2024**

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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.



# A Litany in the Life of Christ

Litany is prayer of supplication. Invocations with responses (often having the same formula for several clauses in succession) are an ancient prayer form. Their original usage was

in a liturgical procession.

Here is a brief litany in the Life of Our Lord which you can use in your private prayer:

Jesus, Word of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on us.

Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Jesus born in a manger, have mercy on us.

Jesus, found in the Temple, have mercy on us.

Jesus, baptized in the Jordan, have mercy on us.

Jesus, tempted by Satan, have mercy on us.

Jesus, gathering the disciples, have mercy on us.

Jesus, praying, remember us.

Jesus, teaching, enlighten us.

Jesus, healing, strengthen us.

Jesus, forgiving, absolve us.

Jesus, feeding, satisfy us.

Jesus, raising the dead, grant us eternal life.

May Jesus, known in the Breaking of the Bread, hear our every prayer.

Fr. Andrew



#### **OFFERTORY UPDATE:**

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount needed to meet our Annual Budget, \$5,192.31

Offertory for January 28th \$4,822.00

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38
Thank you for your generous contributions.

#### **CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE**

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#### February 3rd-4th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

#### February 10th-11th; Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11-1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45



#### February 3rd-4th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – For All STM Ministers Sunday 9am – ⊕ Rev. Mark Rundzio Sunday 11:15am– STM Parishioners

#### February 10th-11th; Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ⊕ Michael McGurty Sunday 9am – ⊕ Mary Lou MacBride Sunday 11:15am – STM Parishioner

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#### **STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

Faith Formation (K-5th grade)

#### Faith Formation Classes resume 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 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 or 603-868-2666 EXT #110

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Next class Sunday, February 4th from 6:30-8pm in the
Church Hall

Please contact <u>Regina Smick-Attisano</u> for more information <u>stmmsfaith@gmail.com</u>

High School Youth Ministry

<u>High school students, please contact Felicia Sperry</u> for more information on class schedule.

Please contact Felicia Sperry stmHSYM@gmail.com

LIFE-Living In Faith Everyday



Please remember in your prayers, our **STM children** preparing to make their **First Reconciliation** in February.

May our gracious Lord continue to bless them and may they experience the power of God's forgiveness and love.





#### **Anointed for Mission**

Next Adult Session: Responding to the Gospels <u>February 11th at 10am</u>

Join Derick on <u>Sunday, February 11th</u> (after the 9am Mass) in the gym for a meaningful short video presentation and discussion on how we live out the Gospel message each day in our families and our community. Come and See!

Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!



#### MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal is \$26,550. Please help us reach our goal. Currently we are at \$6,550.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



#### St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update:

**Pantry** As we finished up the month of January, we saw a steady increase in patrons ending with 31 patrons the last full week of January. Our donations

continue to match our needs for which we are grateful.

The Food Pantry received quite a bit of holiday decorations from Walmart which we offered to our patrons, however, we still have too much to store. You are invited to come help yourself when we are there on Tuesday between 1:00 and 2:00pm, Thursday between 2:00 and 3:30pm and after Masses through Feb. (the items will be on the table closest to the kitchen). We have stockings, bows, universal light clips, shingle speed tab for lights, ornament hooks and more.

As always, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at <a href="mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net">rasamom3@comcast.net</a> to match your availability with our opportunities to volunteer at our Food Pantry.

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

- Deodorant
- Herbal teas
- Powdered sugar



#### **200 CLUB**

It was cold and rainy day on January 28, but there were warm winnings for these 200 Club members

Ron Marnicio Karin Mullin Gary and Kathy Schumacher

Congratulations to All!

You could be a winner of \$500 or \$300 or \$100 – the special prizes at the **Sixth Anniversary 200 Club Drawing** on **February 25** - but only if you are a member of the 200 Club.

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 <u>St. Thomas More Church</u> with <u>200 Club in the memo section.</u> Mail it, along with your contact information [address, phone, and email], to the St. Thomas More parish office at

PO Box 620, Durham NH 03824



#### World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2<sup>nd</sup>

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or <a href="mason@rcbm.org">mmason@rcbm.org</a>.



#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

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Called o Serve

For all our homebound and residents of our local nursing homes and care facilities.



#### **Collecting Blessed Palms**

Bring in your Blessed Palms and place palms in designated baskets located at the entrances of the church.

These dried palms will be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Ash Wednesday Masses: 12:10pm, 5pm, & 7pm.



### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

HIGH SCHOOL DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE







Food Pantry is looking for drivers to pick up food from stores; stock shelves, setup, & clean up; help, on Thursdays from 4-6pm. Please Contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A
MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME
PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR
COMMUNITY?



We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 11:15am. If interested, please contact the office at 868-2666. Training will be provided.



The **Environment Group** is looking for individuals who would like to work as a team and help with organizing materials and spaces, and decorating the Church for changes in the Liturgical Seasons.

Please Call **Roberta MacBride** for more information at **603-868-2666 EXT 115** or stmpastoralmin@comcast.net



## Called to Serve Lectors

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD AS A LECTOR AT MASS?

Please contact the Parish office at 603-868-2666
Or contact Roberta MacBride at stmpastoralmin@comcast.net
(Training will be provided)



#### **STM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Our Fellowship Committee is responsible for hospitality and parish community activities. We are looking for new members. If you are interested in building community and sharing

fellowship within our parish please call the parish office at 603-868-2666.









KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Are you interested in volunteering for our Prayer Shawl Ministry?

<u>Prayer Shawls</u> are prayerfully made for the sick, shut-ins, bereaved & newly

baptized. Prayer pockets/ bookmarks are made for our students who make their First Eucharist and Confirmation. Praying for the individuals who receive these items is truly a gift!

Please contact **Roberta MacBride at 603-868-2666 EX # 115** or **stmpastoralmin@comcast.net** for more information.



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



## Week of January February 4th-11th

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY 2/5 CSO Board Meeting 6pm-Student Center

TUESDAY 2/6 Bible Study, 6pm, Student Center

Men's Group, 6pm Lighthouse

WEDNESDAY 2/7 CSO Meeting, 7pm, MUB 302

THURSDAY 2/8 Food Pantry, 4-6pm, Church Hall

SUNDAY 2/11 Student Mass, 5pm

### A prayer for a fresh start.

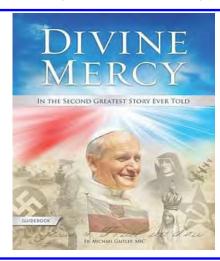
Lord, thank you for another year of life and all that you provided for us last year. We lay before you all the disappointments and unfinished work, and we ask for your mercy, peace, and joy as we look to the year ahead. May we delight in the gift of your presence as we discern the journey you have for us in this new year. AMEN.

#### **UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule**

Sunday, February 11th 5pm Sunday, February 18th 5pm Sunday, February 25th 5pm Sunday, March 3rd 5pm

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses (except February 11th—SUPER BOWL)

Every other week, CSO will be watching Fr. Michael Gaitley's Divine Mercy in MUB302 at 7pm.



## UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2024 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**,

**Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com** or **Tyler Johnson tyler.johnson@unh.edu** 

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting February 7th at 7:00pm at the MUB 302

Sunday Mass February 11th at 5pm



February 8–St. Josephine Bakhita (d. 1947) - Began her life in cruel slavery in Sudan. Sold to Italy but then fought to obtain civic freedom through the courts. Entered religious

life and dedicated her vocation to humble service.

February 10-St. Scholastica (d. 542). Sister of St. Benedict. Religious sister and abbess.



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