

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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January 19, 2025 Second Week in Ordinary Time



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & Sunday **No 5pm Mass**  
**(Resumes 1/26/2025)**

## WEEKDAY MASS

**No 12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**

## OFFICE HOURS

**Closed Monday**

Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm, & Wed 9-1pm. **Closed Friday**

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered this Friday in the Church 7-8pm



## 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 (OCIA):** 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).**

## January 19, 2025 Second Week in Ordinary Time

### 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.



One of the main themes voiced consistently throughout the word of the Second Vatican Council was a call to deeper appreciation and participation in the Sacraments. Regarding Baptism, in particular, our parish has adopted policies and procedures that involve parents in a serious program of preparation.

Although an infant is, of course, incapable of making a conscious profession of personal faith, the Catholic Church has always held that Baptism at an early age is an important step in the child's upbringing. But Baptism, like all other Sacraments, cannot simply be a liturgical ritual performed by a priest before passive spectators. To be effective, the Sacrament must be understood, assented to, and participated in, both by the family and the godparents and representatives of the community in which the child is raised.

It is my sincere prayer that each new child's reception into the Church may be an occasion for all the members of our parish family to participate in a joyous reaffirmation of the faith which makes us one.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Andrew



#### OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for January 13th [\\$3,987.00](#)

*"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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#### MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

##### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9am, 11:15am & **Sunday No 5pm Mass resumes January 26, 2025**

##### WEEKDAY MASS

**NO 12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed 9-1pm **Closed Fri**

#### January 18th-19th; Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
Gospel: John 2:1-11

#### January 25th-26th; Third week in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



#### January 18th-19th; Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – For All Our STM Ministers  
Sunday 9am – For All Our STM Ministers  
Sunday 11:15am – For All Our STM Ministers

#### January 25th-26th; Third week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – **†** President James Earl Carter  
Sunday 9am – **†** Carolyn Porter  
Sunday 11:15am – **†** Barbara Hanna



*The parish office will be  
Closed on Monday, January  
20th & No 12:10 Mass this*



### Memorials for Deceased Loved Ones

The McDowell & Hurley Family



*Please pray for our STM  
Faith Formation students  
preparing for the Sacrament of  
Confirmation over the next few  
weeks concluding with a retreat  
on January 25th.*

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



### **MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN**

**Our goal is \$20,000.00**

**Please help us reach our goal.  
Currently we are at \$9,249.00**

2025 Matching Gift Campaign is now officially begun  
and may run for approximately 2 months.

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**



### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Ed Donnelly  
Barbara Farrington**

**Peter Farrington  
Dot Meneghin**

**Jerry Oidtmann**

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



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**

**As of December 2nd we have raised  
\$25,652.33. Help us reach our goal!**

Thank you to all who  
have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope  
complete it and mail it directly to **NH Catholic  
Appeal**, or place it in the collection basket or go  
online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca)

**Our Parish number code is 41830.**

Our **STM Food Pantry and Campus  
Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.

**We're almost there!**

**Thank you for your continual support.**



**"I am the Resurrection and the life"**

**We pray for the repose of the soul of**

**Mary Ann Wren** (long time parishioner)

**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am** at St. Thomas More

**Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light  
shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.**



### St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry is running full steam in the new year. We welcome your continued donations of food and your ongoing gifts of volunteerism. The pantry would not be accomplishing our mission without this support. Thank you!

As always, if you would like to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net)

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

- Instant coffee
- Crackers
- Toilet paper



### **IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR!**

Call Ann McGurty (603-868-2666) or email ([stmdurham@comcast.net](mailto:stmdurham@comcast.net)) the parish office if you would like a **tax letter for your 2024 contributions to STM**. Please let me know if

you want it mailed, emailed, or if you are going to pick it up in person. It may take a few weeks to process, but I will try to get them out in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation!



### **200 CLUB**

**If you are a member of the 200 Club, you could be a winner at the next drawing on January 25.**

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

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the January drawing.

New/renewal application forms are available at the church entrances.

Or simply write a check made payable to **St. Thomas More Church**. **Don't forget to put 200 Club in the memo section.** Mail it, along with your contact information [address, phone, and email], to the parish office at:

**St Thomas More Parish, 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 the 200 club.**

**You have made a difference!!**

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## Gospel Today

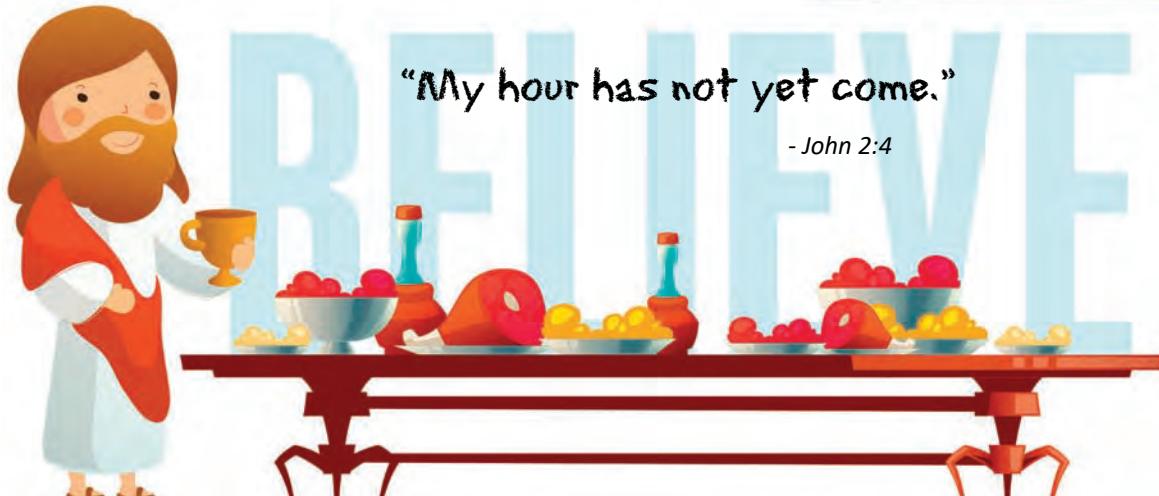
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 2:1-11

When the wine at the wedding feast at Cana ran out, Mary instructed the servers to do what Jesus tells them. Jesus performed His first miracle, changing the jugs of water to wine, better than had already been served. As Jesus revealed His glory, His disciples began to believe in Him.

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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Third Day  
Wedding  
Cana  
Galilee  
Mother  
Jesus  
Disciples  
Invited  
Wine  
Ran  
Short  
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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"There are different gifts but the same Spirit, there are different ministries, but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... His mother instructed those waiting on table, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"**

We celebrate the giftedness of others. Athletes, educators, singers all are the cause of our admiration. But think about this. St. Paul speaks of gifts, ministries, works given for the common good. They are not to be stored, hidden or left unused.

God accomplishes them in all of us. We are accountable. Besides encouraging others with their talent, abilities, and gifts look in a mirror and decide what has been given to you, and how accountable you are in developing and using ministries and works for the common good.

We visit Cana and hear Mary speak to us 'do whatever he tells you.'

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS



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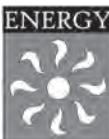
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