

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & Sunday 5pm UNH Student Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

No 12:10 Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Funeral Mass for Shirley Lafler on Monday 10am
Funeral Mass for Christopher McDowell on Tuesday 11am
Funeral Mass for Ronald Cole on Wednesday 10am
Funeral Mass for Noel Austin on Thursday 11am

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm & Wed 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 (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.

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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.*

Thomas

(the name means "twin")

Thomas is the disciple from Missouri, the "Show Me" state. The Thomas episode wrestles with a problem affecting many.



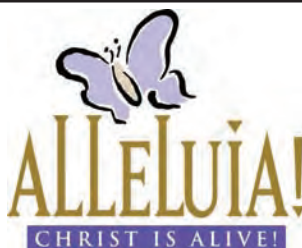
How can one believe in the Risen Lord without having seen him? Thomas insists on seeing and touching. He demands the miraculous and extraordinary. Thomas is on the wrong track.

Once you begin to require outward signs to confirm your faith, you'll never be satisfied. This is shrinking from the true adventure of faith. Belief is the acceptance of a word. True recognition is in hearing and believing the words of Jesus.

*The gospel seems to go out of its way to point out to us that **Thomas was a twin**. Who is Thomas' twin? The answer: **we** are Thomas' twin. For all of us are a mixture of belief and doubt. We hanker for the certainty of a sign, but faith doesn't work that way.*

*"Blessed are they who have not seen, yet believe."
Faith is really a matter of **trust**. Jesus is as good as His Word.*

Fr. Andrew



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Reading I: Acts 5:12-16
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Gospel: John 20:19-31

May 4th; Third Sunday of Easter

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Reading II: Revelations 5:11-14
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Saturday 5pm – † Francis, Elaine, Patrick & Michael McGurty
Sunday 9am – † Lorie Cryans Fields
Sunday 11:15am – † Kevin Manley

May 4th; Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm – † Deceased STM Parishioners
Sunday 9am – † Rev. Ladislav Orsy, SJ
Sunday 11:15am – † Jennifer Boxo CuCurny



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for April 13th **\$4,834.00**

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly
Dot Meneghin

Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Jody Newman

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



MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Our Deceased Loved Ones

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Edward & Jean O'Keefe
Abraham Paniagua
Martel & Worrell Families

Mark Berube
Mullin & Lee Families
John R. Leonard
William & Connie Hanlon
Catelina Chaves

Deceased Members of the Brophy & Gaetjens



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Our volunteers have been wonderful this year. Soon our UNH student volunteers will be heading for their summer adventures. If your late spring and/or summer plans are flexible, please consider adding some volunteer time to your week, it will be most appreciated. Contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net for more details.

At the pantry this week, we have a need for:

- Body wash
- BBQ sauce



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating significant years of marriage

to a Mass in celebration of wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, June 1, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register, please contact your parish office by **May 9th.** The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating significant anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

May 7th at 11:30 in the library.



"I am the Resurrection and the life"



We pray for the repose of the soul of

Shirley Elizabeth Lafler

Funeral will be here at STM on **Monday, April 28, 2025 at 10am.**

Christopher McDowell

Funeral will be here at STM on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 11am.**

Ronald Cole

Funeral will be here at STM on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 10am.**

Noel Austin

Funeral will be here at STM on **Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 11am.**

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

Seacoast Birthright - Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser May 11th

Seacoast Birthright will have handmade flower accessories available after Masses on Mother's Day as a thank you for your donation of any amount.

Your donation is appreciated to help keep Birthright's free, confidential services available to women facing unexpected pregnancies.

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2025 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:



The **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA): Future of our Faith II, Jesus, I trust in You**, an annual appeal to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. Thank you to all who donated to the NHCA last year. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal again will help fund essential ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, faith formation, parish support, *Parable* magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more. All registered parishioners will receive a copy of

the appeal materials in the mail so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. Our parish goal this year is **\$31,101.00** and 90% of the money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs.

As we place our trust in God, we ask through his Divine Mercy, that the ministries supported by the NHCA will continue to make a difference in the lives of so many people. To make your gift, please return the gift envelope that you will receive in the mail at home which includes your donor ID and parish ID to your parish or mail directly to the NHCA. Or, please visit the appeal's website <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> to give online, or call the Appeal Office at 603-663-0170 (Please use the **Parish Id# 41830** on all online donations/write on check memo).





THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 28 Completely Yours

Today the Church observes the optional Memorial of St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, a diocesan priest who served primarily throughout western France. He preached a devotion to Mary and encouraged imitating Mary's continuous acceptance of God's will for her life: his personal motto was *totus tuus*, or "completely yours." In honor of St. Louis de Montfort, consider how you might say yes to God every day this week. How can you embody *totus tuus*? *Today's readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.*

Tuesday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

From a young age, Catherine of Siena had visions of Jesus and committed herself to him. After spending time in solitary contemplation, she realized that loving God and serving others went hand in hand. She dedicated herself to serving others, including the imprisoned. Catherine of Siena was the first woman to be published in one of the Italian dialects. To celebrate her today, say a prayer dedicating yourself to loving God, and commit to an act of service. *Today's readings: Acts 4:32–37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.*

Wednesday, April 30 St. Pius V

St. Pius V served the sick and impoverished and requested to donate excess money to those in need. As pope, he was tasked with implementing the decrees of the Council of Trent, reforming errors and reaffirming the teachings of the Church. He dedicated much time to establishing seminaries for the proper training of priests and opportunities for the education of the laity. Spend some time learning more about our faith. *Today's readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 3:16–21.*

Thursday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

Today we celebrate St. Joseph, the man who worked as a carpenter. He used his gifts and skills to provide for his family's needs and passed on his trade to Jesus. Spend time reflecting on those who have taught you about your faith and your trade or career. How can you dedicate your skills to participate in the life of God's creation? How does celebrating St. Joseph the Worker honor work, especially work with the hands? *Today's readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36; or Genesis 1:26–2:3 or Colossians 3:14–15, 17, 23–24; Matthew 13:54–58.*

Friday, May 2 St. Athanasius

St. Athanasius spent his life defending the divinity of Jesus, despite being persecuted and exiled for it. He dedicated himself to the service of the Church, which included writings on the establishment of monastic life for the Western Christian world. Today, say a prayer in gratitude for the ability to practice your faith. *Today's readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

Saturday, May 3 Sts. Philip and James

Today, we celebrate Sts. Philip and James, though we know more about Philip. He was called directly by Jesus to be one of his apostles. He needed time to come to know who Jesus was. This evening, read John 6:1–15. Philip's reply to Jesus in verse 7 shows us his human concern. How have you let your human concerns get in the way of seeing Jesus at work in your life? Ask God for the strength to put aside whatever is keeping you from coming to know Jesus. *Today's readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; Psalm 19:2–3, 4–5; John 14:6–14.*



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Courage to Believe

Merciful God,
you call us to you,
beckoning us
to turn from our fear
and disappointment.
You are with us
despite our doubt,
We give thanks:
your mercy endures forever.
Grant us the courage to
see through eyes of faith
and to share the joyful news
of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Believe!



Today's readings: Acts 5:12–16; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19; John 20:19–31. Jesus appears to the disciples, who were in hiding because they were being persecuted for being his followers. Despite the locked doors, Jesus “came and stood in their midst,” bidding them peace. Thomas, who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared, says that he will not believe unless he sees the mark of the nails in Jesus’ hands and puts his finger into his side.

Since we know that Jesus was raised from the dead, it is easy to place blame on Thomas. How could he not believe? But when we reflect on our faith journey, how many times do we find ourselves in Thomas’ shoes? How often do we doubt and question God’s presence? On this Sunday of

Divine Mercy, place yourself in the Gospel. Where do you find yourself? What do you think when Thomas expresses his disappointment and fear? What do you feel when Jesus comes, despite the locked doors, stands in your midst, and says: “Peace be with you?” What do you see when Jesus invites Thomas to touch the mark of the nails in his hands and put his hand into his side? What do you hear exclaimed in the room?

After placing yourself in the locked room with the disciples and Thomas, full of fear and sadness, consider how Jesus’ resurrection can inspire you. How can you step through fear and doubt and move toward action? Ask the Lord to meet you where you are and to bring you peace.

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