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GOOD AND
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SERVANT.



MATTHEW 25:23

THANK YOU,
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GRAZIE SANTITÀ



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Church of St. Thomas More

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May 4th, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

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.*

Emmaus

The Easter evening appearance of the Lord is the best known and most loved of the Resurrection stories. The setting is dramatic. As the sun sets, the newly Risen Son illuminates the lives of two former followers. They walked in silence, obsessed by the misfortune that had struck them. "We had put such trust in him! Now it's really over!" At the end of the episode, they retraced their steps to join the apostles. "He is truly risen...we have come to know him in the Breaking of the Bread."



We do not know the names of the other two disciples. Nor do we know the route they were following. We know only that it went to Emmaus. All the better; this unknown way represents our own roads - roads we have sometimes travelled on some journey of faith.

Where is your "road to Emmaus"? What was the best walk or hike you've ever taken? Where was the place where Jesus surprised you?

Eastertime Blessings,
Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11:15am 5pm UNH Student Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10 Mass Monday (May 5th)
No 12:10 Mass on Tuesday & Wednesday (May 6th & 7th)

OFFICE HOURS

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

May 3rd-4th; Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41
Reading II: Revelations 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

May 10th--11th; Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 13:514, 43-52
Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

May 3rd-4th; Third Sunday of Easter

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

May 10th--11th; Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 5pm – ☩ Holy Father, Pope Francis
Sunday 9am – ☩ Carol Ober
Sunday 11:15am – ☩ Don Allen Oberriter

OFFERTORY UPDATE:



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

Offertory for Easter Sunday, April 20th **\$8,504.75**

Offertory for April 27th **\$4,049.71**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.





**First
Communion**

Please keep **Diego Pangilinan**
in your prayers as he will receive
his First Communion on

Sunday, May 4th at 11:15am.

Many blessings on Diego as he prepares to receive Jesus



**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**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

May 7th at 11:30 in the library.

All interested in knitting & crocheting are welcome!



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!

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.

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**Easter
Memorial
Flowers**

MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

The Hurley and McDowell Families



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

For the month of April, the Food Pantry served 237
individuals from eight local towns. Your continued
donations help us to fully serve these individuals.
Please remember, when donating foods please check
the expiration date.

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:

- Toilet paper & Paper towels
- Mayonnaise

200 Club April Winners

*April's 200 Club drawing showered
prizes on...*

**Mark & Miriam Hanlon
Cathy & Bob Brown
Alicia Paley**

Congratulations to All

The next drawing is on May 25th, so there's plenty of time to
become a new member or renew your membership.

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

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

New/renewal enrollment forms are available at the church
entrances. Or simply write a check made payable:
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 or 603-519-0369

You have made a difference!!

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal



This weekend we kickoff the 4th year of 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, May 5

Food for Eternal Life

Jesus tells the crowd searching for him in Capernaum that they should “not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.” Consider what you dedicate yourself to throughout the day. Do you spend your time focusing on earthly desires? What inspires you to say yes to the Lord? Why do you choose to follow him? This evening, spend time praying about your relationship with God. Ask for the strength to set your focus on “the food that endures for eternal life.” *Today’s readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, May 6

When Preaching Is Challenging

Stephen concludes his discourse angrily, calling out those around him as “stiff-necked” and opposing the Spirit. The people Stephen addresses are infuriated and begin to stone him. Stephen, “filled with the Holy Spirit,” is given the strength he needs to face his martyrdom. Reflect on times you have struggled to preach the Gospel. What has been challenging for you? Ask for the strength to wholeheartedly follow the Lord. *Today’s readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, May 7

There Was Great Joy

After Stephen is martyred, “a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem” broke out. Those who followed Jesus were “scattered throughout the countryside” and “went about preaching the word.” We are told that Philip goes to Samaria to preach the Word. Despite being persecuted, the crowds experience great joy because of Philip’s ministry. When you are persecuted or put down by life’s struggles, to whom or to what do you turn for “great joy”? *Today’s readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, May 8

Called to Serve

In today’s first reading, from Acts, an angel of the Lord and the Spirit guide Philip to minister to an Ethiopian court official. Philip proclaims Jesus to him by explaining Scripture and baptizing him. When have you felt called to serve someone else? Ask God for the wisdom to hear and the courage to respond when you are being called to serve another. *Today’s readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, May 9

Instruments

Today’s first reading begins with Saul “still breathing murderous threats” against the disciples. Despite the atrocities Saul has committed, the Lord describes him to Ananias as “a chosen instrument.” Saul is eventually baptized and proclaims that Jesus is the Son of God in the synagogues. We believe in a God who can do all things! Today, say a prayer for someone who is working against God. Kindly lift them up and ask God to be with them. *Today’s readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, May 10

St. John of Avila

St. John of Avila was born in the Castile region of Spain. He studied law, philosophy, and theology before he was ordained a diocesan priest. He inherited his parents’ fortune and chose to distribute the inheritance to the poor. John came to be known as a great preacher and spiritual director, unafraid of denouncing evil. To celebrate his feast day, say a prayer in gratitude for the gifts (spiritual, financial, professional, and practical) that you have inherited from previous generations. How can you share your inheritance? *Today’s readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Responding to the Lord

God our Helper,
you appear to us
in average moments,
in our daily routines.
Grant us the courage
to open our eyes,
for the wisdom to see you.
Guide us to show our love for you
by singing your praises
and caring for your people.
You have rescued us!
We give thanks to your holy name.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 4, 2025
Do You Love Him?



Today's readings: Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19 or John 21:1–14. Today, we hear about Jesus revealing himself to his disciples for a third time after the resurrection. He shows up on an average day, as the disciples do their work. They are struggling to catch fish, and he directs them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. After they do so, they are unable to pull the net because of the number of fish they have caught. So Jesus is recognized: “It is the Lord.” He invites them to break bread with him.

When they finish their breakfast, Jesus asks Peter: “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”

Peter replies with a resounding “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus asks the same question twice more, perhaps because Peter denied him three times during the passion. Each time Peter replies yes, Jesus instructs the disciple to feed or tend the Lord’s sheep.

It is a blessing to reflect on the many ways Jesus appears to us. We know he is present in the Word and in the Eucharist, but today we are reminded that he also appears to us in ordinary ways. When he appears to you in your day-to-day routines and asks you if you love him, what do you say to him? Is your response timid or resounding? How do you feed his lambs or tend his sheep?

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