

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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**May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am

## WEEKDAY MASS

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

## 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.  
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**May 11, 2025**  
**Fourth 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.*



*The image put before us in today's liturgy to describe the person and work of Jesus among his disciples is that of shepherd. Jesus liked to use images, "picture words,"*

*in his teaching. Because he was deeply rooted in the customs of his people, he applied an image to himself that was very familiar to his listeners - the image of shepherd.*

*Israel was a nation of shepherds. **Moses** received his call as he drove his sheep to Mount Horeb. **David** was anointed and taken from his herd to be king. The **Prophets** used the shepherd image to express God's loving care for his people. **Jewish Poetry**, like Psalm 23, celebrates the Lord as My Shepherd.*

*The oldest image of Jesus found in Christian art-located in the Catacomb of Callistus, outside Rome-portrays him as the Good Shepherd. It has become an extremely familiar and comforting portrayal of Christ. We are told that in the Holy Land shepherds lead rather than drive. So sheep follow rather than are driven. Two aspects of this are important. First, to follow involves a free choice. Second, to follow someone means to have confidence in their ability to lead.*

***Father, eternal shepherd,  
watch over the flock redeemed by the blood of Christ  
and lead us to the promised land.***

Fr. Andrew

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Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17  
Gospel: John 10:27-30

**May 17th-18th; Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27  
Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5a  
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35



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

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

**May 17th-18th; Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 5pm – † Elaine McGurty  
Sunday 9am – † Pope Francis  
Sunday 11:15am– † Mary Stumhofer (1st Anniversary)



**OFFERTORY UPDATE:**

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

Offertory for May 5th **\$6567.00**

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

***Thank you for your generous contributions.***





## Holy Baptism

We would like to welcome into our parish family:

**Ronan Daniel Haller** (April 26th).

He is the son of Christopher & Jacey Haller and

**Alden Varuolo** (May 10th).

He is the son of Michael and Jessica Varuolo

*God's Blessing upon them and their families.*



## First Communion

Please keep **Josephine Varuolo** in your prayers as she will receive her First Communion on

**Saturday, May 10th at 5pm Mass**

Many blessings upon Josepine as she prepares to receive Jesus for the first time.

## Flower Donations

During the Advent/Christmas season we collected **\$1,882.00**. Expenses were **\$1,507.00** on the greens, wreaths, and flowers.

Donations for the **Lent/Easter season**, we collected **\$1,480.00**. Expenses were **\$1,289.00**

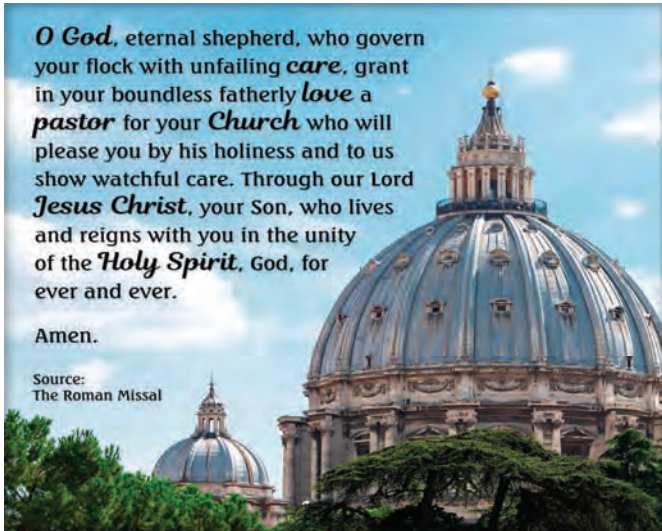
*Thank you for your generous donation toward our flowers & Church environment.*

## PRAYER FOR PAPAL CONCLAVE

**O God**, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing **care**, grant in your boundless fatherly **love** a **pastor** for your **Church** who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord **Jesus Christ**, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the **Holy Spirit**, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Source:  
The Roman Missal



## St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Thank you to all who helped sort and put away the donated food we received from the US Postal Service Food Drive on May 10 and a huge thank you to the Durham Post Office for their collection of the donations and then delivery to our Food Pantry.

One set of our volunteers, our UNH students, will be heading for their summer adventures starting next week. If your late spring and/or summer plans are flexible, please consider adding some volunteer time to your week, we have options on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; it will be most appreciated as the rest of our volunteers will also be heading for their summer vacations. Contact Regina Smick-Attisano at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net) for more details.

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

- Body wash
- Ice tea or lemonade mixes & Herbal teas



## 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*



## 200 Club

*If you are a 200 Club member, your winnings could bloom at our next drawing on May 25th. Make sure you have a number.*

*Don't be left out.*

There's enough time to become a new member or renew your membership.

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](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or 603-519-0369

*You have made a difference!!*



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**  
As of **05/05 2025**, we have raised

**\$90.00**

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 **2025 NH Catholic Appeal**, drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church 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.

*Thank you for your continual support.*







## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, May 12 Athirst Is My Soul

We yearn to be in relationship with God. In today's responsorial psalm, words are put to our desire: "As the hind longs for the running waters, / so my soul longs for you, O God. / Athirst is my soul for God." As you enter this week, consider how you search for God in your day-to-day life. When and how shall you go and behold the face of God? When the shepherd calls you by name and leads you, how do you respond? *Today's readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3, 43:3, 4; John 10:1–10.*

### Tuesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

On the optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, we remember that the Virgin Mary appeared to three impoverished shepherd children in Portugal in 1917, toward the end of the First World War. She asked them to pray for the conversion of sinners and for the end to the war. She appeared several other times, calling for penitence and prayers for peace. Today, pray the Rosary and say a prayer for peace in our world. *Today's readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

### Wednesday, May 14 Feast of St. Matthias

After the ascension of Jesus, the first act of the apostles was to replace Judas as one of the twelve. Two men were suggested, and after praying about it in community, Matthias was chosen (Acts 1:21–26). Much like the other apostles (and like us, too), Matthias was chosen for what he would become as a follower of Christ. How can you enter into being a witness to the resurrection of the Lord? How has your community invited you to embrace your God-given gifts? *Today's readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm; John 15:9–17.*

### Thursday, May 15 St. Isidore the Farmer

When St. Isidore was young, he was destined to work on a wealthy landowner's farm. He was known to pray before and while he worked. To celebrate his feast today, say a prayer on your way to work: pray in gratitude for those who work on farms and cultivate the crops required to sustain us. Consider starting a new habit of praying before work every day, just as St. Isidore did. *Today's readings: Acts 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25 and 27; John 13:16–20.*

### Friday, May 16 The Way, the Truth, the Life

Jesus tells the disciples that he is "the way and the truth and the life." Look for opportunities for Eucharistic adoration at a parish near you. Commit to praying before the Eucharist at least once in the coming week. While you are at Eucharistic adoration, look back on this Easter season. How have you responded to the joy of the resurrection? Say a prayer reflecting on the ways you and the resurrected Lord have encountered one another. *Today's readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

### Saturday, May 17 Doing the Lord's Work

Jesus says that whoever believes in him will do the works that he does. How have you dedicated yourself to healing and serving others this Easter season? Do you realize your baptismal call is to continue the Lord's work in the world? When you have fallen short on healing and serving others during Easter Time, make a commitment to visit the infirmed, the elderly, or someone who is homebound next week. *Today's readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*





# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Instruments of Salvation

God our Light,  
your kindness endures forever.  
You know us  
and grant us eternal life.  
Help us remain faithful to you.  
When our sights waver  
from being set on you,  
guide us back

to serve you with gladness.  
When we are persecuted,  
help us respond as instruments  
of salvation:  
give us strength to shake the dust  
from our feet  
and continue spreading your Word.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 11, 2025

## Shake the Dust from Your Feet



*Today's readings: Acts 13:14, 43–52; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b–17; John 10:27–30.* Today, we hear that Paul and Barnabas reach Antioch. They proclaimed the Word of the Lord and exhorted many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism “to remain faithful to the grace of God.” A week later, the city gathers to hear the word of the Lord. Upon seeing the massive crowds gathered to listen to Paul and Barnabas, the Jews are “filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said.”

But Paul and Barnabas continue to speak out boldly. They turn to the Gentiles, who are delighted to know that they, too, are worthy of eternal life. The Jews continue to

persecute Paul and Barnabas “and expelled them from their territory.” Paul and Barnabas shake the dust from their feet and resume their journey: filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, their mission to take the word of the Lord to the ends of the earth continues.

Paul and Barnabas teach an important lesson: despite being persecuted, they remain faithful to their call to share the new life that can be found in Christ’s resurrection. They are filled with the Spirit and, thus, are strengthened to continue their mission. Where do you get your strength when you are feeling discouraged? How can you embrace the resurrection of our Lord and share that Good News with others?

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