

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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July 27, 2025-Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
Weekday Masses will be in the Student Center-Library

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-1pm & Closed Wednesday & 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.

July 27, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday 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.

**Ten Commandments for
Holiday Makers**



Ten years ago, while spending a weekend in Westport, County Mayo, Ireland, I read in St. Mary's Church parish newsletter the following:

1. Thou shalt not expect to find things as thou hast left them at home, for thou hast left home to find things different.
2. Thou shalt not take anything too seriously, for a carefree mind is the beginning of a fine holiday.
3. Thou shalt not let other holiday makers get on thy nerves.
4. Thou shalt bring only half the clothes thou thinkest thou needest.
5. Know at all times where thy passport is, for a person without a passport is a person without a country.
6. Remember that if we had been expected to stay in one place, we would have been given roots!
7. Thou shalt not worry, for he that worrieth hath no pleasure.
8. When in Rome, thou shalt be prepared to do somewhat as the Romans do (i.e. be flexible).
9. Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by one person who hath given thee trouble.
10. Remember that thou art a guest in other lands, and he that treateth his host with respect shall be honored.

Wherever your summer vacation takes you, have a wonderful time.

Father Andrew

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Reading I: Genesis 18:20-32
Reading II: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

August 2nd-3rd; Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



July 26th-27th; Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Ed Siudut, Sr. & Ed Siudut, Jr.
Sunday 9am – † Victor Piekarski
Sunday 11:15am – † Duncan Cullman

August 2nd-3rd; Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Frank O'Brien
Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter
Sunday 11:15am – † Msgr. Donald Gilbert



STM FAITH FORMATION

LIFE—Living In Faith Everyday

Registrations are now being accepted for all Faith Formation classes for Kindergarten–8th grade for the 2025-26 school year. Registration

forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the church or online at:

<https://www.stmdurham.org/faith-formation/faith-formation-kindergarten-high-school>

If your child is in need of sacraments or if you need more information, please call Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 for further information.

Faith Formation Calendar will be provided in early September.



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

LIFE—Living In Faith Everyday

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are looking for Catechists (teachers) & assistants for all grades Kindergarten-Middle School.

Come share your gifts, talents and your faith with our students.

For more information, please contact Ann at 603-868-2666 or email stmfait@comcast.net



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)

Lectors needed for Sundays at the 11:15am Masses.



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 Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666.

Training will be provided.



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**
We have raised **\$20,373.00**

Help us reach our goal! Thank you to all who have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it

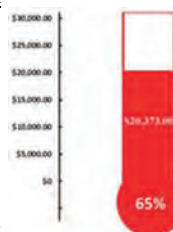
directly to **2025 NH Catholic Appeal**; drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the collection basket; or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca



Our Parish number code is 41830.

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

Thank you for your continual support.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for July 20, 2025 **\$3,887.00**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



*Due to excessive heat,
Weekday 12:10 Masses
(Mon, Tues, & Wed)*

will be in the Student Center Library



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Our regular group of volunteers are taking some time off; additional volunteers are very welcome. We have three days of the week when volunteers are needed. Contact Regina Smick-Attisano – rasamom3@comcast.net for the details.

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

- bar soap
- cookie mixes
- toothpaste



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

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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 contact

Alberto Manalo alberto.manalo@comcast.net or call the parish office at 603-868-2666.



"I am the Resurrection and the life"

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

Funeral will be here at STM on

Wednesday, August 13 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.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Ed Donnelly
Dot Meneghin**

Barbara Farrington

Peter Farrington

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

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Gospel Today

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 11:1-13

Today's gospel introduces the Our Father, also known as the **Lord's (24d) Prayer (5d)**. We learn **further (32d) teachings (19d)** about prayer, including how to **pray (21a)** with **your (12a) heart (39a)** and mind **open (10a)**, and with **persistence (40a)**. Jesus says to **ask (37a)**, **seek (29a)** and **knock (30d)** to receive answers to prayer and forgiveness of **sin (31d)**.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray... and the door will be **opened (16d)** to you. Luke 11:9



Using your knowledge of this powerful prayer, complete the puzzle with the missing words, using the numbers to find the correct spaces.

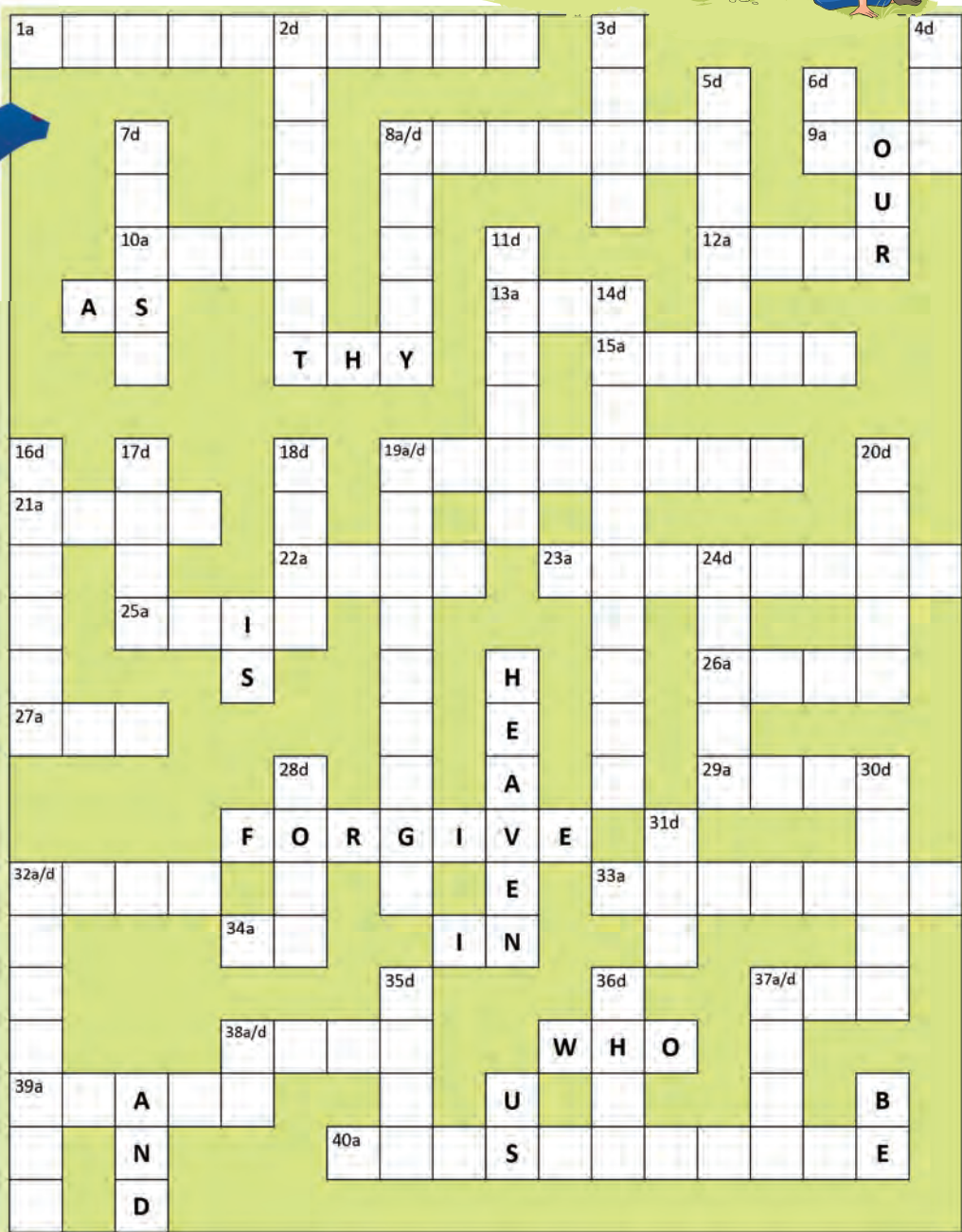
a = across / d = down

Note: Start with the bold underlined words at the top of the page. Finish with the missing words from The Lord's Prayer.

Our **11d** who **13a** in heaven **23a** be thy **17d**. Thy **33a 28d**, thy **18d** be **35d 6d 15a** as **38d** is in heaven. **3d** us **36d 27a** our **8d 20d** and forgive us our **1a** as **34a** forgive **7d** who **19a 2d** us. And **22a** us **9a 38a 14d 4d** **8a** us **32a 25a. 37d**.

26a is "door" spelled backward, do you know this word?

It means cross or crucifix.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of the disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray say:....Our Father...’”

How frequently we spy Jesus alone, in a deserted place praying, in communion with His Father. The disciple asked that He teach them, already familiar with the call of John to repentance. Jesus offered what He also teaches us, a prayer of praise, of gratitude, of repentance and petition. This formula we report constantly.

There are prayers too, which go beyond words, known as mental prayer, contemplation, or a very common prayer practice taken from the scripture where a biblical passage becomes the source of meditation. Perhaps the easiest way to pray as a disciple is to remember, our prayer is our intimate conversation with the closest friend I have. I speak; I listen!

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

the
POWER
of prayer

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