

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 17, 2025-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

No 12:10pm Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of this week

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.

August 17th, 2025
Twentieth 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.*



Gerard Manley Hopkins is buried in the Jesuit plot at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin. Fr. John and I prayed at his grave during our Golden Jubilee of Ordination travels in Ireland this June.

Hopkins was a convert of John Henry Newman while a classics student at Oxford University. The Jesuit priest and mystic died on 8, June, 1889, only weeks from his 45th birthday.

None of Hopkin's poetry was published during his lifetime. His work finally appeared in 1918, when it was published by his poet-friend, Robert Bridges.

We celebrated Mass at St. Xavier Church in Dublin where his funeral Mass was Celebrated

O God, I Love Thee

*O God I love Thee, I love Thee-
Not out of hope of heaven for me
Nor fearing not of love and be
In the everlasting burning.
Thou, Thou, my Jesus, after me .
Didst reach Thine arms out dying,
For my sake sufferedst nails and lance,
Mocked and marred countenance,
Sorrows passing number,
Sweat and care and cumber,
Yea and death, and this for me,
And Thou couldst see me sinning:
Then I, why should not I love Thee,
Jesu, so much in love with me?
Not for heaven's sake; not to be
Out of hell by loving Thee;
Not for any gains I see;
But just the way that Thou didst me
I do love and I will love Thee;
What Must I love thee, Lord, for then?
For being my King and God. Amen*

Gerard Manley Hopkins

This week read a poem.

Blessings,
Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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August 16th-17th; 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

August 23rd-24th; 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21
Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



August 16th-17th ; Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Msgr. Donald Gilbert
Sunday 9am – † Helen Donnelly
Sunday 11:15am – † Leonard Attisano (1st Anniversary)

August 23rd-24th; 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Gloria Filar
Sunday 9am – † Kathleen Sturmer
Sunday 11:15am – † Stanley Maciolek



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.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 10, 2025 **\$3,808.00**

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38
Thank you for your generous contributions.

ARE YOU THE NEXT WINNER?



200 CLUB

If you are a 200 Club member, you could be a winner at our next drawing on August 31st..

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the August 31st drawing.

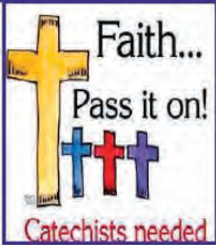
Both enrollment and renewal are easy. Quarterly and Semi annual subscriptions are available at \$50 and \$100 respectively.

Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More Church. Don't forget to also 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

Thank you for your support



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 McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email at stmdurham@comcast.net



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin Kathy Thayer Bernadette Komonchak

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



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.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Month of July Update

In the month of July, we served over 400 patrons from nine different towns. We had three weeks in a row with over 30 families visiting.

Our pantry has many opportunities for volunteers to assist - typically, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. If you have some extra time in your week or month, contact Regina Smick-Attisano – rasamom3@comcast.net for the details.

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

- salad dressings other than Italian
- paper towels
- peanut butter or cheese sandwich crackers



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 **\$20,525.12**

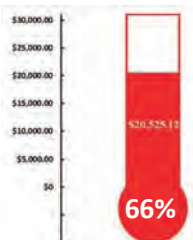
Help us reach our goal!
Thank you to all who have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it directly to **2025 NH Catholic Appeal**:

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.



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

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 12:49-53

Jesus reminds us that not everyone is living according to God's plan. He says even some family members will disagree with each other and become divided.

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Draw your family together in church or paste
a picture of your family in the church.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Although we strive to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ it doesn't take much to learn we cannot do it alone. We find support, encouragement and strength in community, even if only a few with whom to dialogue and discuss Jesus in our lives. Several times we find Peter, as well as in this passage to 'keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.' That second or third person might be the answer.

The author describes sin as something clinging to us - like barnacles on a boat. We need to shed them to be free in running the race. We can anticipate the joy which lies before us, especially when we can share it with another person.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



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