

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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August 24, 2025-Twenty-First 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 Mon, Tues & Wed in the 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](http://stmdurham.org).

**August 24th, 2025**  
**Twenty-First 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.*

**Mindful Living**

**You are  
unique.**



Every person born into this world represents something new, something that never existed before, something original and unique...

There has never been someone like you in the world, for if there had been, there would be no need for you to be in the world. Every single person is a new thing in the world and is called upon to fulfill his particularity.

- Martin Buber

Ask yourself:

**What is my particularity?**

**What is that need for which I came into the world?**

**What would I like my legacy to be?**

Some thoughts to ponder as we contemplate our own mortality.

L'Shalom – in peace,

Fr. Andrew

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Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21

Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

**August 30th-31st; 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Reading II: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



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

Saturday 5pm – † Gloria Filar

Sunday 9am – † Kathleen Sturmer

Sunday 11:15am – † Stanley Maciolek

**August 30th-31st; 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm – † Albert and Lorraine Landry &  
Linfred and Norma Bovat

Sunday 9am – † Peter McElroy (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 11:15am – † Milagros Martinez



## STM FAITH FORMATION

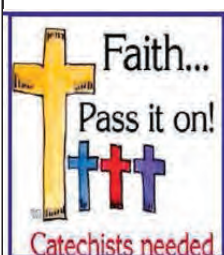
*LIFE— Living In Faith Everyday*

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.*



### Catechists Needed

We are looking for Catechists (teachers) & assistants for all grades Kindergarten–5th gr.

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](mailto:stmdurham@comcast.net)



### OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 18, 2025 **\$4,144.00**

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

*Thank you for your support*



### 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 Food Pantry

Our pantry has numerous opportunities for volunteers to assist with the many tasks to keep the pantry running smoothly. The opportunities are typically on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

If you have some extra time in your week or month, contact Regina Smick-Attisano – [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net) for the details.

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

- deodorant
- tissues
- brown sugar



Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and blessings to you!

Thank you so much for your welcoming hospitality on my recent visit to your parish for the annual diocesan Mission Coop Appeal. I thank you for your kind attention

to my message at all of the masses and your prayerful and financial support for the Foundation for Children in Need. Your support will have life-changing effects on the people we serve. Children will go to bed with food in their stomachs and immunized against disease; students will be able to go to school and be given hope for a bright future; elderly individuals who have been abandoned because families cannot afford to care for them will be given a home, loving care, security and dignity. A portion of the money will be used for evangelization and catechesis. May God bless you for your loving kindness on behalf of the poor. With gratitude in service of the Gospel, I am Alan Carlson, Foundation for Children in need. Our website is: [www.fcni-usa.org](http://www.fcni-usa.org)



### 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*



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**:

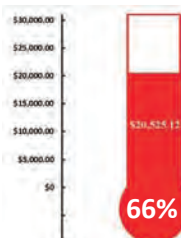
drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the collection basket; or go online at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca)

Our Parish number code is **41830**.



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

*Thank you for your continual support.*





# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 13:22-30

Jesus tells us entering heaven will be as difficult for some as entering through a narrow gate. Today's disciples who live and behave like Jesus every day will find salvation with the prophets and people from around the world.

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"People will come from east and  
west and north and south, and  
will take their places at the feast  
in the Kingdom of God."

LUKE 13:29



## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right,  
up, down or diagonally.

Lord  
Advised  
Followers  
Strive  
Enter  
Heaven  
Through  
Narrow  
Gate  
Many  
Lack  
Strength  
Attempts  
Fail  
Live  
Life  
Always  
Imitating  
Jesus  
Pleasing  
God  
Gain  
Salvation  
Prophets  
Abraham  
Isaac  
Jacob  
People  
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West  
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South  
Recline  
Table  
Kingdom

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Thus says the Lord: ‘I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come to see my glory. I will set a sign among them, from them I shall send fugitives to the nations...that have never heard of my name or seen my glory, and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations.’... ‘For behold some of the last will be first, and some of the first will be last.’”**

Relatives of families, come to our shores, to live their lives as children of God.

When we reflect upon God’s word, we know the author is speaking of current events and sometimes future happenings. When we consider that word today, we address it to our reality. The Lord continues to gather His people in the United States. Relatives of families come to our shores to live their lives. They too, are members of the family of God. They too, are made in His image and likeness. Refugees and relatives, once referred to as displaced persons, now wish to share their lives, their gifts and talents with us. How many are also sharing their faith in Jesus, filling our pews, and worshipping our saving God?

The word of God asks, ‘Lord will only a few people be saved? Jesus answered, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate.’... ‘Lord opens the door for us.’

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS

peace  
& love  
jesus

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