

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 31, 2025-Twenty-Second 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 12:10 Mass on Mon, Sept 1st-Labor Day

12:10pm Mass on Tues & Wed in the Library

OFFICE HOURS

Office Closed Mon, Sept 1st –Labor Day

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.

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 31, 2025
Twenty-Second 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.*



Come September



September means different things to different people. For some it is the death of summer, summer's swan song, in the mythical belief that swans sing sweetly just before dying. For others, it marks the advent of autumn, a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. In the world of academe, the fall semester has begun. The time has come to get back to work. Welcome, September.

September is a time of new beginnings, comings and goings, exits and entrances, warm welcomes and fond farewells; whatever September means to you, it is for me a great season to walk.

For most Americans, Labor Day is just the name of the weekend that concludes summer. No one has yet thought of a way to turn Labor Day into a time to buy gifts or send cards. There are no family customs built around this day. So as we mark a seasonal passage, I wish each of you a time of new beginnings and maybe a time for letting go.

Shalom,
Father Andrew



A new school year is a fresh start to new beginnings, meeting new & old friends and memorable adventures.

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11:15am

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

Reading I: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Reading II: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

September 6th-7th; 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Reading II: Philemon 9-10,12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



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

September 6th-7th; 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Patrick McGurty (18th Anniversary)
Sunday 9am – † Helen Donnelly
Sunday 11:15am– † Walter Polt



There will be **no 12:10 Mass** on **Mon, Sept. 1st**

The parish office will be closed **Monday, September 1st for Labor Day**

We will resume with normal business hours on **Tuesday, Sept. 2nd:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9-3pm
Wednesday 9-1pm Closed Fridays



STM FAITH FORMATION

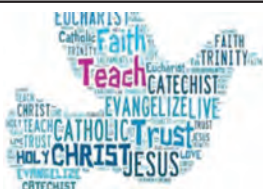
LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday

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.

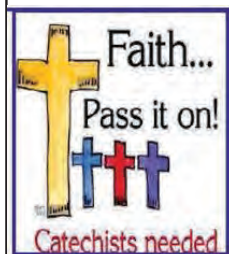


Catechists Needed

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



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 25, 2025 **\$4,138.05**

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry

Looking to gain passage through the narrow gate? Try volunteering at our pantry. There are many ways to help with the daily operations that keep the pantry running smoothly. Volunteer opportunities are typically available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 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:

- instant coffee
- toothpaste
- brownie mix



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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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.



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**:

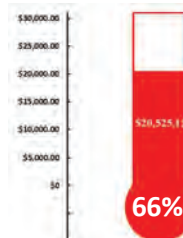
drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church; place it in the collection basket; or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is 41830.



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

Thank you for your continual support.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

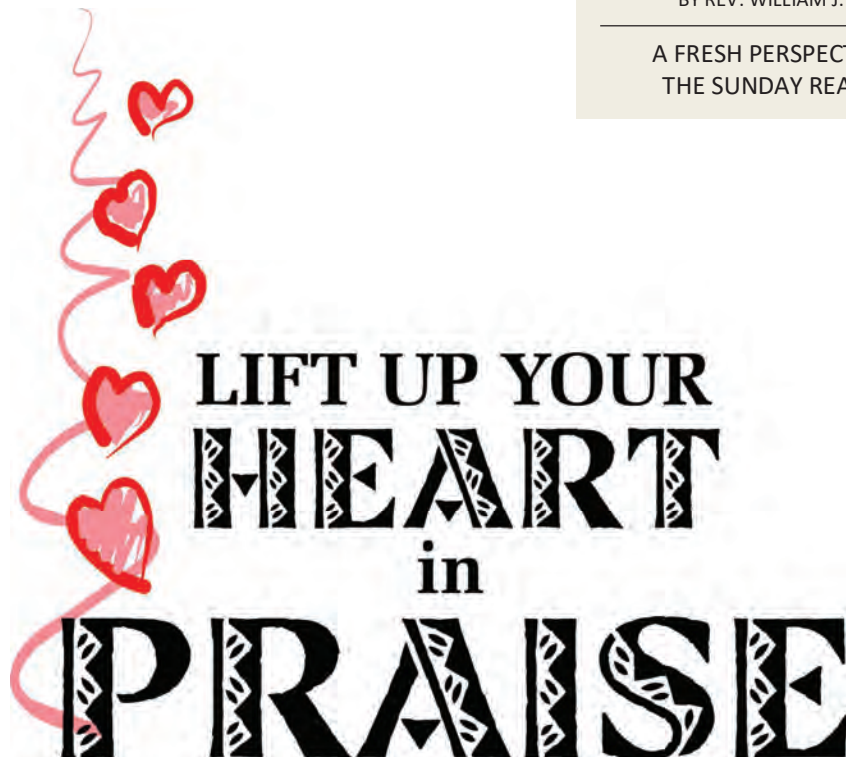
The familiar prayer, ‘Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine’ is a worthy goal. It echoes the words from Sirach above or the teaching He gave at the leading pharisees’ house. We are advised not to be a social climber, getting ahead of others, but are told to reach out to the vulnerable who are not far away from us. It is easy to forget where we came from.

Our needs are easily satisfied, and what I don’t really need in the words of Saint Augustine, I am just a caretaker, which means I am to care for those listed by Jesus - the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind etc. etc.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



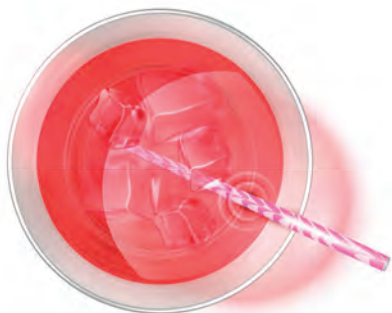
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Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus wants us to “give” with unselfish kindness, putting others needs before our own. Being compassionate, and not expecting anything in return, puts us first in God’s eyes.

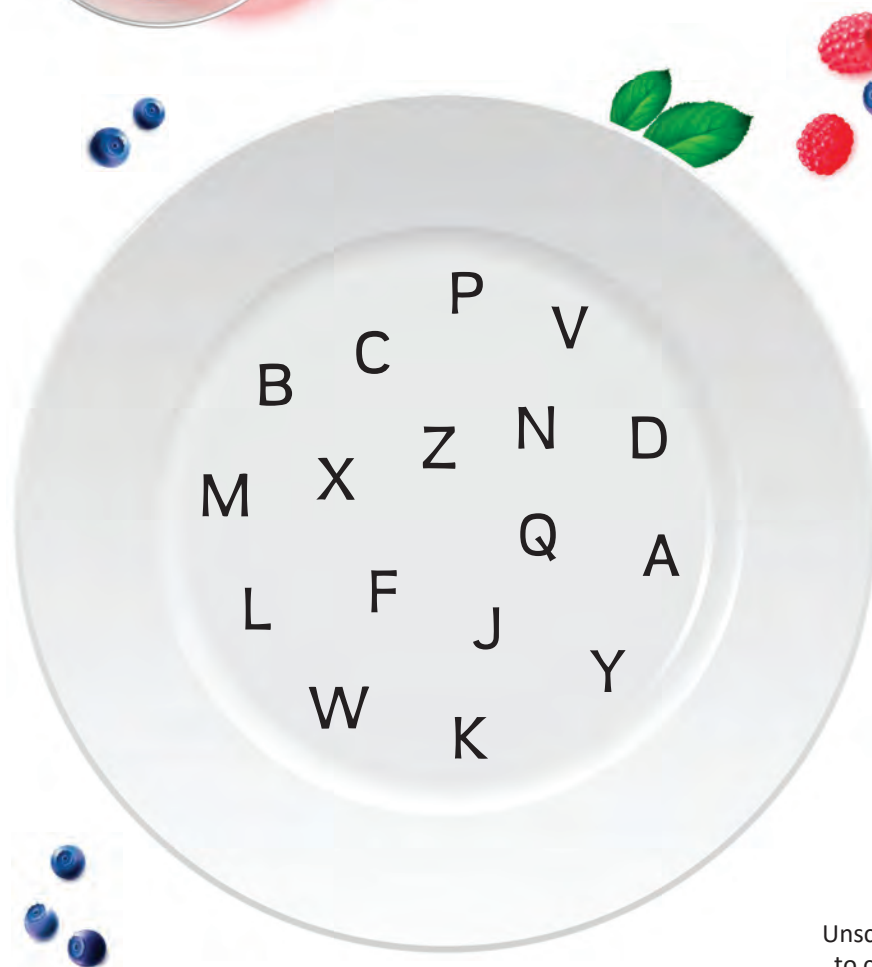
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Jesus says...

“When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relations or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.”

—LUKE 14:12



Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found on the plate.

Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

answer: righteous

For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the

_____.

Luke 14:14



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