

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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September 14, 2025-**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm-When UNH is in Session

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Mon, Tues & Wed in the Church

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm, Wed: 9-1pm & **Closed Friday**

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered Friday in the Church 7-8pm

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.

September 14, 2025
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.*

Salvator Mundi



Christ of St. John of the Cross painted by **Salvador Dali** in 1951 is a favorite religious object of mine. I have a print of it hanging in the hallway at the rectory and relocate it to the entrance of the Church each Good Friday.

Dali's painting was inspired by a pen and ink drawing by the sixteenth-century Spanish Carmelite, St. John of the Cross. The cross appears suspended between heaven and earth. The figure of Christ is seen from above, rather than looking up at the scene from below.

There are no nails, no blood, no crown of thorns—the bowed head, the outstretched arms, the tapering legs are like an arrow from heaven to earth. They point to the foot of the cross, which is plunged into the depth of creation.

Dali has created an enduring image of Christ bearing the suffering of the whole of creation. A profound answer to the question: **Where is God when people suffer?**

"Here," says Jesus, with arms outstretched on the cross.

God bless you,

Fr. Andrew

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September 13th-14th; Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Reading I: Numbers 21:4b-9
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: John 3:13-17

September 20th-21st; 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Amos 8:4-7
Reading II: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



September 13th-14th; Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday 5pm – Mary Eva Letourneau (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 9am – † Dorothy Kazor
Sunday 11:15am– † John Gordon

September 20th-21st; 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Deceased Members of Cardarople & LaRochelle Families
Sunday 9am – † Jack McLaughlin (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 11:15am– † Walter Polt



STM FAITH FORMATION

LIFE—Living In Faith Everyday

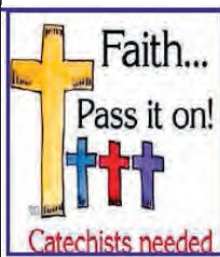
Registrations are now being accepted for all Faith Formation classes for Kindergarten–8th grade for the 2025-26 school year. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the church or online at:

<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 Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 21st at 10am in the Parish Center Gym.

Classes begin Sunday, Sept 28th 9am & 10am



Catechists Needed

We are looking for Catechists (teachers) & assistants for grades Kindergarten/1st (combined class) and 4th/5th/5th (combined class).

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

For more information, please contact Ann McGurty at 603-



COME AND SEE -OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Monday Sept 22nd at 7pm in the Student Center Library

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, and wonder what the Church teaches; what the Sacraments, especially Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist really mean; and what it means to practice the Catholic faith.

Contact Derick Alexandre (unhstm@gmail.com) or call 603-868-2666 or Roberta MacBride at 603-868-2666 (stmpastoralmin@comcast.net) to begin the conversation.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on Tuesday

October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd at 11:30 in the student center library

All interested in knitting & crocheting are welcome!



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**
We have raised **\$20,925.12**

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.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 31, 2025 **\$4,425.00**

Offertory for September 7, 2025 **\$4,602.97**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update For the month of August

In the month of August, the Food Pantry served 313 individuals from nine towns. We continue to see new patrons each week.

If you want to be part of our team, we typically have three - four opportunities each week. Just contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net and I'll send you the information. No need to commit to an entire week; the majority of our volunteers pick one opportunity each week to assist in our mission.

This week, at the pantry, we need items for our toiletries section:

- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Bar soap – no Dial please



200 Club

If you are a 200 Club member, you could be a winner at our next drawing on September 28th.

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the September 28th 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

Do not forget the

WORKS of the Lord



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin Bernadette Komonchak

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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

“God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

One of the most quoted bible verses by all believers. It awakens us to the why Jesus came. The reason, we were in desperate need. Unfortunately, that need is so great, yet we casually can quote the words but are not moved by them.


The bronze serpent offered a saving help when Moses turned to the Lord. They were healed from the deadly bite. People looked upon it to be saved. The cross of Jesus is our triumphant sign, bringing us the gift of forgiveness and eternal salvation which is as the scripture says, ‘to know God and the Son he has sent.’ I ask if I know God, if I am comfortable and have a personal bond with Him. As I ask myself if I take this sign seriously, I learn that the Lord takes me seriously. Take a minute and look upon the cross. Can you see Jesus looking to you?

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

The
Exaltation
of the Holy Cross



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Gospel Today | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | Jn 3:13-17

Jesus reminds us that “the Son of Man must be lifted up”, and all who believe in Him will be with Him in Heaven.

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Exaltation: to raise high -
to elevate by praise, glorify

**In the name
of the Father,**

*Color the cross and put
it somewhere special.*

and of the Holy

Spirit. Amen

**We pray
before it**

We hope in it

**We bless ourselves
in the sign**

It is a symbol of love

We are signed in it

**What does the
cross mean to you?**

We focus on it

We believe in it

We honor it

It gives us strength

**It is an
important
part of
our faith**

and of the Son,

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