

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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— Luke 2:40



CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MORE

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December 28 2025
The Holy Family or Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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.*



Christmas is our yearly reminder of the great love God has for us. Whatever else is lost among the years, let us keep Christmas, for its meaning never ends.

Saint Augustine wrote:

*“The maker of Mary, He was born of Mary;
the son of David, He is David’s Lord;
the maker of earth, made on earth;
Creator of Heaven, created under Heaven.*

*“He lies in a manger, but holds the world;
He is nursed by Mary, but feeds the angels;
He is wrapped in swaddling clothes,
but vests us with immortality;
He found no place in the inn, but makes for
myself a temple in the hearts of all who believe
in Him.*

*“He was made man, who made man;
was created by a mother, whom He created;
was carried by hands that He formed;
cried in the manger in wordless infancy;
He is the word, without whom all human
eloquence is mute.”*

May great joys be yours this Christmas,
with an abundance of happiness in the New Year.

A Blessed Christmas...

Fr. Andrew, Fr. John and the Parish Staff

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10PM MASS ON MON & TUES IN THE CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

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



Solemnity of Mary Mother Of God

Thursday, Jan 1st ~9am

**Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year**

December 27th-28th: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Reading I: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



Jan 3rd-4th: The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-22



December 27th-28th: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday 5pm – † Belen Mendoza

Sunday 9am – † Nora Kennedy

Sunday 11:15am – † Patricia Craig (1st Anniversary)



Jan 3rd-4th: The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 5pm – † William MacBride

Sunday 9am – † All STM Ministers

Sunday 11:15am – † Desmond Gibbons





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Memorials for Deceased Loved Ones

Regis Croke	Jeff Waterhouse	Ed & Eddie Siudut
Ken Geremia	Geremia Family	Soucy Family
Greg Soucy	Steve Burnham	Evan Henstenburg
The Meissner Family	The Letellier Family	
Andrew Distell	Janet & Clayton Douville	
Albert & Lorraine Landry	Linfred & Norma Bovat	
Daniel Amazeen	Val & Jean Clifford	
Robert & Sarah Mottershead		
Deceased Members of the McGurty Family		



"I am the Resurrection and the life"



We pray for the repose of the soul of
William MacBride

His Memorial Mass was celebrated here at STM on
Saturday, December 27th.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Angels behind the Scenes



We want to thank all of the volunteers who help with our Church Environment, office helpers, STM Choir, food pantry volunteers, all of our ministers and volunteers who help to make our Church welcoming, festive and special. These angels are our greatest treasure at St. Thomas More. Thank you for your generosity and gift of time. You are true angels! We are always looking for more angels, if you'd like to earn your wings.



ADVENT CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & ENVIRONMENT

Honor or remember a loved one with a donation to our Advent/Christmas flowers & environment. Names of those remembered will be listed in the bulletin during the Christmas Season. Envelopes are available in the church; you can stop by the office, or you can mail your names/donations to:

St. Thomas More, Box 620, Durham, NH 03824



MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

2026 Matching Gift Campaign will begin in January 2026. We are accepting early donations before the 2025 tax year ends

This campaign is a major fundraiser for our Rectory & Parish.

Call the STM Office for more Information 603-868-2666.

Please help us reach our goal.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly	Barbara Farrington
Peter Farrington	Joan Fleming
Dot Meneghin	Bernadette Komonchak

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

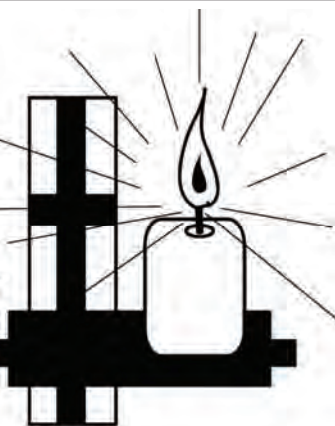
Attention All Christmas Fair Volunteers

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered and assisted with the Christmas Fair.....we couldn't do it without all of you!! We raised **\$6,760.00** (net income) for the parish. We have planned a pot-luck luncheon scheduled for **Sunday, Jan 11th at 12:30pm** in the church hall. We hope you can attend to enjoy some after the holidays fellowship. We will also "debrief" this year's fair and make suggestions for next year's fair.

If you plan to attend and can bring either a dish or dessert, please let Kara (603-767-9837) or Stacey (603-534-5420) know. Thank you all so much for another wonderful year! Kara & Stacey



*Dedicate
yourselves
to thankfulness*



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

“Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ’s peace must reign in your hearts.”

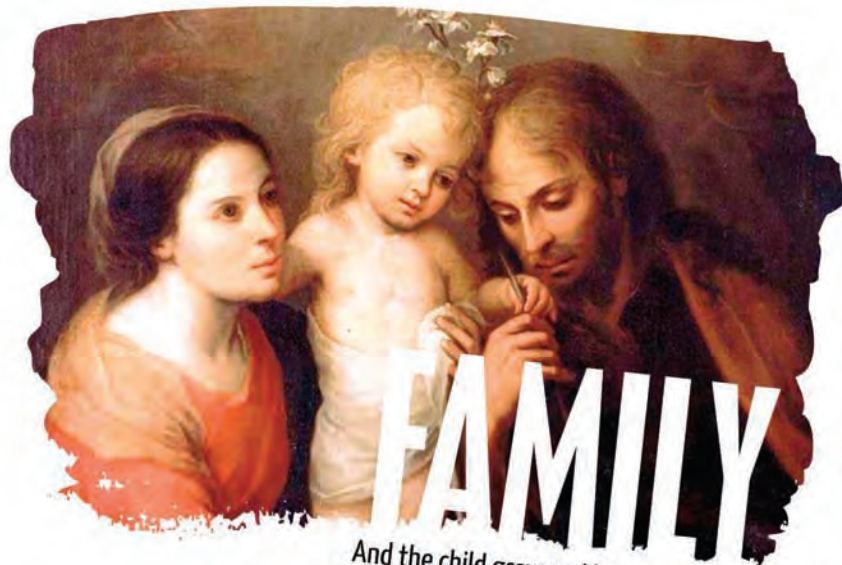
As the year draws to a close, rather than make new year’s resolutions we will soon forget, may I use the teaching of Paul to examine my 2025 conduct and seek ways to be sure these gifts are part and parcel of my daily living. The family of Nazareth had great difficulties and trials but surely they model the virtues spoken of in the scripture passage.

Paul’s audience was chosen by the Lord. We are chosen too but often forget how special we are. Why not consider a family which needs your prayer and support them, or one who models these virtues and imitate them. Isn’t that a great way to begin 2026. Our family living is OJT ‘on the job training.’

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



And the child grew and became strong;
He was filled with wisdom, and the grace
of God was on Him.

- Luke 2:40

Following the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and a visit from the Magi, the Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream with a message to take Jesus and Mary to a safer place. When it was time to return to Israel, Joseph was again guided by the angel in a dream.

HOLY FAMILY



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Bethlehem
Following
Birth
Visit
Magi
Angel
Lord
Appeared
Message
Joseph
Dream
Child
Jesus
Mother
Mary
Escape
Egypt
Safe
Place
Search
Night
Return
Guided
Fulfilled
Prophet
Son
Warned
Withdrew
Nazareth

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A	M	O	T	H	E	R	E	H	G	L	I	Z
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