

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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**January 18, 2026-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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### SUNDAY LITURGIES

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am; 11:15 am & No 5pm Mass

### WEEKDAY MASS

**No 12:10pm Mass on Mon, Tue & Wed**

### OFFICE HOURS

**Closed Monday**

**Tuesday & Thursday: 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm & Fri. Closed  
Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm**

### 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 603-868-2666

**First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:**

Call Director of Faith Formation 603-868-2666

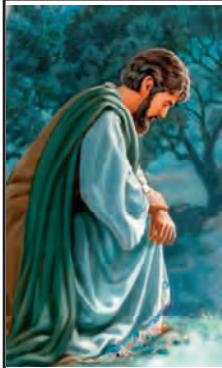
**For Parish Registration call 603-868-2666 or visit [stmdurham.org](http://stmdurham.org).**

**January 18, 2026**  
**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.*



***A Litany in  
the Life of Christ***

Litany is prayer of supplication. Invocations with responses (often having the same formula for several clauses in succession) are an ancient prayer form. Their original usage was in a liturgical procession.

Here is a brief litany in the Life of Our Lord which you can use in your private prayer:

*Jesus, Word of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.  
Jesus born in a manger, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, found in the Temple, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, baptized in the Jordan, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, tempted by Satan, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, gathering the disciples, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, praying, remember us.  
Jesus, teaching, enlighten us.  
Jesus, healing, strengthen us.  
Jesus, forgiving, absolve us.  
Jesus, feeding, satisfy us.  
Jesus, raising the dead, grant us eternal life.*

May Jesus, known in the Breaking of the Bread, hear our every prayer.

*Fr. Andrew*

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9am, 11:15am & **No 5pm**

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**NO 12:10pm MASS ON MON, TUES & WED**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Tues & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm & **Closed Mon & Fri**  
**Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm**



**January 17th-18th; Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
Gospel: John 1: 29-34

**January 24th-25th; Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



**January 17th-18th; Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm – St. Thomas More Parishioners  
Sunday 9am – † Bill MacBride  
Sunday 11:15am – † Deceased St. Thomas More Parishioners

**January 24th-25th; Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm – † Christine Mason  
Sunday 9am – † Carolyn Porter (42 Anniversary)  
Sunday 11:15am – † Al Barbour

**The parish office will be Closed on  
Monday, January 19th**



**Please pray for our STM Faith Formation students preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist over the next several weeks.**

**May they be filled with the Holy Spirit as they prepare to be Disciples of Christ.**



### **STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

#### **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

##### **Grades K-5th Classes**

##### **Faith Formation Grades K-5 Classes – February 1st**

##### **Middle School Youth Ministry**

##### **Middle School Class – February 1st**

10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym  
See Middle School Calendar for upcoming dates

***LIFE—Living In Faith Everyday***



#### **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**



### **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL**

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week / United in Faith and Community.

#### **Building on Faith**

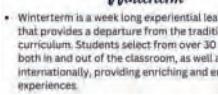
The new St. Carlo Acutis Chapel coming later this year, will be a center of our school—a sacred space for 400+ members of our community to gather in prayer, reflection, and celebration, grounding our campus in faith and purpose.

- This project will also include a new main entrance, new spaces, and a new Campus Ministry Center.
- The Class of 2025 was accepted to 112 colleges and universities, ultimately representing 51 colleges (including 8 different Catholic Schools) across 21 states and 3 countries.
- Enrollment Agreement with Great Bay Community College that allows STA students to take 2 FREE college courses per year. A great way to get ahead academically and explore new interests.



#### **Athletics and Extracurriculars**

- 17 championships since fall 2023 (10 in 2025).
- In 10 years, 122 students have gone on to play sports in college.
- 80% of STA students play at least one sport, with most playing two.
- 90% of students are involved in extracurriculars.



- Winterterm is a week long experiential learning program that provides a departure from the traditional curriculum. Students select from over 30 experiences, both in and out of the classroom, as well as internationally, providing enriching and educational experiences.



### **OFFERTORY UPDATE:**

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount needed to meet our Annual Budget, \$5,192.31  
Offertory for January 11, 2025 **\$4,983.50**  
*Give and it shall be given to you.” - Luke 6:38*  
Thank you for your generous contributions.

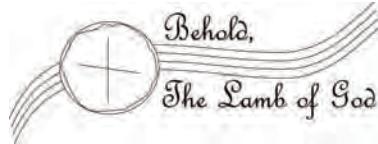


### **St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update**

We anticipate 2026 to be a busy year for the Food Pantry. Additional volunteers are always welcome. We have opportunities on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and occasionally on Fridays. If you would like to add some service to your week or month, please let me know and I'll give you the options. Contact me at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net).

This week, at the pantry, we need the following items:

- Dish soap
- Ketchup
- Salt & Pepper



### **MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN**

The campaign for our Matching Gifts this year will go towards the Rectory & Parish needs. Let's reach our goal of **\$20,000.00**. Call the STM Office for more Information 603-868-2666.

Please help us reach our goal.

***Your generosity is greatly appreciated!***



### **200 CLUB**

The next drawing of the 200 Club is almost here.

You could be a winner on **Sunday, January 25th**.

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

New/renewal application forms are available at the church entrances. Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively. Simply write a check made payable to **St. Thomas More Church**. **Don't forget to 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

***A special note of thanks to all those who have supported and continue to support the club. You have made a difference!!***

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"John testified further saying, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever, you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.'"**

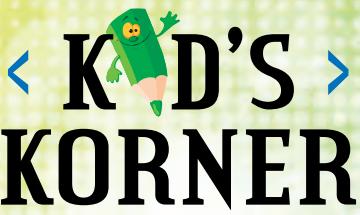
As happened last week, we are still at the Jordan, observing the sign of the presence of the Spirit. Isn't it a powerful moment, when John the Evangelist in His first chapter quotes the Baptist saying, 'He is the Son of God?' The Baptist said he did not know Him. This is what we believe! How well do we know Jesus, not just about Jesus. Do I know Him as well as He knows me? Open the bible, read the word, join a discussion group. Jesus and His Spirit will join you.

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS





## Gospel Today

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 1:29-34

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John was told by God to look for the sign of a dove descend upon His Chosen One. John saw the dove when he baptized Jesus, then told the others Jesus was "The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

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"I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

JOHN 1:34

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

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