

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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**February 8, 2026-Fifth 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

12:10pm Mass on Mon, Tue & Wed

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm &

**Closed Friday**

**Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm**

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered this 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 **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).**

## February 8, 2026

### *Fifth 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.*

#### *February*



*“Yet February suns’ uncertain shine,  
For rain and frost alternately combine.”*  
Edmund Spencer

During mid-February, when winter begins to give us a hint of forthcoming spring, we ready ourselves for Lent. February has always been a month of uncertain weather and changing temperatures. The writer Leigh Hunt describes it this way:

*“If February were not the precursor of spring, it would be the least pleasant season of the year... The thaws then take place, and a clammy mixture of moisture and cold succeeds, which is the most disagreeable of wintry sensations.”*

Yet, each season contains its own particular kind of blessings. To me one of winter’s blessings is the opportunity it provides for listening to music. All praise to the Lord for the joy of exquisite music, a truly transcendental experience.

Blessings,  
L’Shalom - in peace

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#### MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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

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12:10pm MASS ON MON, TUES & WED

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#### February 7th-8th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 58:7-10  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

#### February 14th-15th; Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20  
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



#### February 7th-8th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Rita & Clinton Shepperd  
Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter (2nd Anniversary)  
Sunday 11:15am – † Jeanne Haley

#### February 14th-15th; Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † William O’Meara  
Sunday 9am – † Walter Kozyra  
Sunday 11:15am – † Matthew Mead



## 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*



**ASH WEDNESDAY IS  
FEBRUARY 18.**



Bring your dried blessed palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday. Baskets are available at all entrances of Church and Student Center.



### OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for Feb 1st and 8th (Combined) **\$11,445.00**

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



### **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**.

We have currently raised **\$5,035.00**

Please help us reach our goal.

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

**Feel free to contact the office (603-868-2666) for more info.**



**IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR!**

Call Ann McGurty (603-868-2666) or email ([stmdurham@stmdurham.org](mailto:stmdurham@stmdurham.org)) the parish office if you would like a **tax letter for your 2025 contributions to STM**. Please let me

know if you want it mailed, emailed, or if you are going to pick it up in person. It may take a few weeks to process, but I will try to get them out in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation!



### **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 More Food Pantry Update**

Looking for a person to help with pick ups at Walmart on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00pm. The tasks include loading your car, bringing it to the church, and then helping unload your car.

Still looking for someone who can pick up from Hannaford on Grapevine Drive in Dover on Wednesday morning – once a month.

Contact me at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net) if interested in either opportunity.

This week, at the pantry, we can use the following items:

- Green tea
- Mayonnaise
- Powdered sugar

### **200 CLUB**

#### **YOU COULD BE A BIG WINNER?**

at our **Eighth Anniversary**

**200 Club Drawing on March 1, 2026**

You could be a winner of \$500 or \$300 or \$100 – the special prizes at the **8th Anniversary 200 Club Drawing on March 1, 2026** - but only if you are a member of the 200 Club and your **payment has been received at the parish office by Monday, February 23rd**.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the March 1st drawing.

Subscription options are for 3, 6 or 12 months, at a cost of \$50, \$100 or \$200 respectively.

New/renewal application forms are available at the church entrances. Or 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**



From Ash Wednesday, Feb.18 thru Palm Sunday, March 29 you're invited to join the **40 Days for Life spring/Lenten campaign- 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion**.

Prayerfully consider praying for 1 hour a week during the 40-day vigil on the sidewalk in front of the Loring Health Center located at 559 Portsmouth Ave in Greenland, NH. Your presence can help change hearts and minds!

For more information and if you'd like to sign up for prayer hours, please contact Carol at **207-985-3166** or Debbie at [deb40days@yahoo.com](mailto:deb40days@yahoo.com) or you can scan the QR Code to visit our website.





# February 8th-15th



Monday 2/9 OCIA 7pm-Student Center

Tuesday 2/10 Men's Group 7pm  
Women's Group 7pm

Wednesday 2/11 CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 334

Thursday 2/12 Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)

Friday 2/13 CSO Board Meeting 3:30pm  
Adoration 7pm, STM

Sunday 2/15 Student Mass/Supper

## DID YOU KNOW?

**The First Vatican Council declared the doctrine of Papal Infallibility (1869-1870).**

### UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 8th	No 5pm Mass/Supper
Sunday, February 15th	5pm
Sunday, February 22nd	5pm
Sunday, March 1st	5pm
Sunday, March 8th	5pm
Sunday, March 15th	SPRING BREAK

St. Valentine, an ancient Roman martyr, is always commemorated on February 14th. Please pray for all husbands and wives and all whom you love. Pay notice to upcoming information about our Spring retreat on March 27-28.



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February 14-St. Cyril and Methodius (d. 869, 884) - Missionaries to the Slavic Peoples. Developed a new alphabet for Slavic languages. Composed a new liturgy in the vernacular,

not Latin.

February 15-St. Claude de la Colombiere (d. 1682) - Confessor to St. Margaret Mary. Ardent promoter of the Sacred Heart devotion. Wrote many ascetical works.



### UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2026 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our Campus Minister,

Derick Alexandre—[unhstm@gmail.com](mailto:unhstm@gmail.com) or Sarah Hunton—[sarah.hunton@usnh.edu](mailto:sarah.hunton@usnh.edu)

*Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.*

Hope to see you at the next meeting

February 11th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow

February 15th

# Welcome to the Church of St. Thomas More

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## ASH WEDNESDAY~ February 18, 2026

*Mass with Distribution of Ashes*

12:10pm, 5:00pm & 7:00pm (*incense*)



### LENT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

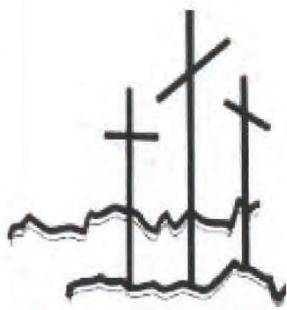
Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:15am

Sunday 5:00pm (*when UNH is in session*)

### LENT WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Church is open for private prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9am-1pm



### Mass held in the Church ~ 12:10pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

### Stations of the Cross ~ Friday 7:00pm

Fridays: February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27

Reconciliation available: Sat 4pm; by appointment and after stations

### **PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9-3pm; Wednesday 9-1pm*   OFFICE IS CLOSED FRIDAYS

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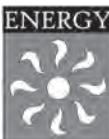
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