

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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*February 22, 2026-First Sunday of Lent*



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm Mass

### WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Mon, Tue, and Wed

### OFFICE HOURS

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



**Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7pm**



## 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 22, 2026**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**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 People in Pilgrimage**



*The daily Lenten Mass readings have as their theme the life-long pilgrimage of God's people. This underscores the corporate character of our penitence and self-examination in Lent as the necessary prelude to a corporate celebration of Easter.*

*One way for our parish community to rediscover this more ancient meaning of Lent is to use the same Scripture readings each day between now and Easter.*

*The lectionary follows the pilgrimage of the People of Israel in the wilderness and the journey of Jesus and his followers to Jerusalem. These Scriptures provide the historical background and the biblical framework for reflection on our own pilgrimage in the present day.*

*Celebrate Lent by attending daily mass and praying the Scriptures. May this Lenten season become a period of purification and illumination for all.*

*Fr. Andrew*

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9am, 11:15am & 5pm Mass**

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**12:10pm MASS ON MON, TUES & WED**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mon, Tues & Thurs 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm & Closed Friday  
Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm**



**Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7pm**



**February 21st-22nd; First Sunday of Lent**

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Reading II: Romans 5:12-19  
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

**February 28th-March 1st; Second Sunday of Lent**

Reading I: Genesis 12:1-4a  
Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



**February 21st-22nd; First Sunday of Lent**

Saturday 5pm –† Anna Hayden  
Sunday 9am –† John A. Rosson  
Sunday 11:15am –† Deceased Parishioners of St. Thomas More

**February 28th-March 1st; Second Sunday of Lent**

Saturday 5pm –† Michael Healy  
Sunday 9am –† Fred Holmes  
Sunday 11:15am –† William MacBride



## STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**No Faith Formation Classes Feb 22 & Mar 1-Winter Break**

#### Grades K-5th Classes

#### Faith Formation Grades K-5 Classes – March 8th

#### Middle School Youth Ministry

#### Middle School Class – March 8th

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

See

*LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday*



## St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

A big thank you to the Catholic Student Organization students who have been assisting us since their return. We are very appreciative.

As we begin our Lenten journey instead of giving something up, we have opportunities at the Food Pantry to utilize your talents. We have need for help on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and once a month on a Friday. Contact me at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net) if interested in sharing your time and talents. We are also in need of a few gift cards to Dollar General.

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

- Dish liquid
- Mayonnaise
- Paper towels



## 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


**MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN**




The campaign for our Matching Gifts this year will go toward the Rectory & Parish needs. Let's reach our goal of **\$20,000.00.** We have currently raised **\$7,390.00.** Please help us reach our goal.

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

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



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Meets on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**  
at 11:30 in the student center library  
*All interested in knitting & crocheting are welcome!*



**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*

**LENT WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

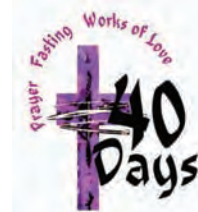
The Church is open for private prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9am-1pm.



**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



This Lent, our parish community will participate in **CRS Rice Bowl**—connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family.

**Rice bowls** are available at the entrances of the church. Daily or weekly financial donations are added to the rice bowl. Please return your Rice Bowl on **Holy Thursday** or **Good Friday**. There will be baskets available for the collection of the rice Bowls or add it to the weekly collection.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful organization.



# February 23rd-March 1st



Monday 2/23 OCIA 7pm-Student Center

Tuesday 2/24 Men's Group 7pm  
Women's Group 7pm

Wednesday 2/25 CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 334

Thursday 2/26 Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)

Friday 2/27 CSO Board Meeting 4:30pm

Stations of the Cross 7pm, STM

Sunday 3/1 Student Mass/Supper 5pm

## DID YOU KNOW?

In every Catholic Church, there is a 'box' called the tabernacle where consecrated Hosts (Our Lord Himself) are reserved for adoration, worship, and for distribution of Holy Communion during the Mass and for the sick. While it's true the Monstrance holds the Host for adoration and worship, that Host is not for distribution to the sick.

### UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 1st 5pm  
Sunday, March 8th 5pm  
Sunday, March 15th Spring Break  
Sunday, March 22nd Spring Break  
STUDENT SUPPER TO FOLLOW ALL STUDENT MASSES!

WE ARE NOW IN THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT, THE FOUR PILLARS OF WHICH: PRAYER, ABSTINENCE, FASTING, ALMSGIVING



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**March 1—St. David (d. 589)** Patron saint of Wales. Known for numerous miracles. Founder of a monastic order of profound strictness. His symbol is the leek.

**March 3— St. Katharine Drexel (d. 1955)** Heiress who gave away her large fortune to the poor. Devoted her life to missions with Native Americans and African Americans.



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

If you would like additional information, please contact our  
**Campus Minister,**  
Derick Alexandre—[stmunh@stmdurham.org](mailto:stmunh@stmdurham.org) or  
CSO President  
Sarah Hunton—[sarah.hunton@unh.edu](mailto:sarah.hunton@unh.edu)

*Hope to see you at the next meeting*  
*February 25th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334*  
*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow*  
*March 1st*



## Why the 200 Club?

The purpose of the 200 Club is to supplement the weekly collection in support of parish operations, programs and services. This additional revenue is required to offset variations in the weekly collections and the reduced income from some of the more traditional Parish fundraising activities. Specifically:

Our demographics are changing and the resources to conduct these traditional fundraising activities are diminishing.

Free time for many of our parishioners is an increasingly rare commodity making it difficult to engage in labor-intensive parish maintenance and fund-raising activities.

Despite aggressive expense controls, costs continue to rise for virtually all parish programs, pastoral, educational and diocesan, as well as facilities maintenance, repair and utilities.

## 200 Club Rules

The Club is run by an administrative committee consisting of 4 Co-Chairs with the assistance of the St. Thomas More Finance committee.

The target is to have 200 members. Membership options are \$50 for a 3-month membership, \$100 for a 6-month membership and \$200 for a full year's membership.

Only parishioners can promote and/or solicit memberships.

Membership is open to all parishioners, relatives and friends 18 years of age and older. Membership numbers will be assigned on a first come/first served basis.

Numbers will be drawn monthly for 3 prizes: \$100, \$50 and \$25. Checks for prizes will be mailed to the lucky winners. Anniversary drawing prizes will be \$500, \$300 and \$100.

Only the numbers of members who are up to date in their monthly payments will be entered in the monthly drawing.

Members can win more than once.

After payment of prize money and related expenses, all revenues will become part of the St. Thomas More general fund. For the calendar year 2026, 200 Club revenues will be earmarked for support of the much-needed repairs and upgrades to the rectory and the foyer of the Church.



### 200 Club Membership; New or Renewal Form

**Please Select:** New Membership  Renewal  Referred/Gifted by \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Included:** \_\_\_\_\_

(\$50 Quarterly Membership, \$100 Semi-Annual Membership, \$200 Annual Membership)

**Mail this subscription form and check to the Saint Thomas More parish office, PO Box 620, Durham, NH 03824. Please make sure that the check is made out to 'St. Thomas More Church' and the words '200 Club' appear on the memo line of the check.**



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