

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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March 1, 2026-Second 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.

March 1 2026
Second 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 Season for Fasting and Feasting

Lent is a time to remember that we can grow spiritually by both fasting and feasting. Which means, you can fast from certain things so you can feast on others. The possibilities are endless - some suggestions:

FAST from judging others; FEAST on Jesus Who lives in them
FAST from emphasis on differences; FEAST on the unity of all life.

FAST from apparent darkness; FEAST on the reality of light.
FAST from thoughts of illness; FEAST on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; FEAST on phrases that purify.
FAST from discontent; FEAST on gratitude.
FAST from anger; FEAST on patience.
FAST from pessimism; FEAST on optimism.

FAST from worry; FEAST on Divine Order.
FAST from Complaining; FEAST on appreciation.
FAST from negatives; FEAST on affirmatives
FAST from unrelenting pressures; FEAST on unceasing prayer.

FAST from hostility; FEAST on non-resistance.
FAST from bitterness; FEAST on forgiveness.
FAST from self-concern; FEAST on compassion for others.
FAST from personal anxiety; FEAST on eternal truth.

FAST from discouragement; FEAST on hope.
FAST from facts that depress; FEAST on truths that uplift.
FAST from lethargy; FEAST on enthusiasm.
FAST from envy; FEAST on inner beauty.

FAST from thoughts that weaken; FEAST on promises that inspire.
FAST from shadows of sorrow; FEAST on the sunlight of serenity.

FAST from idle gossip; FEAST on purposeful silence.
FAST from problems that overwhelm; FEAST on prayer that lifts you up.

Have a very blessed journey from ashes to Easter.

Peace in Christ,
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 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

March 7th-8th; Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7
Reading II: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42



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

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

March 7th-8th; Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm –† Paul Cardarople
Sunday 9am –† Sr. Cecilia Ihle, OSB
Sunday 11:15am –† David Fleming (2nd Anniversary)

ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2025 STM Financial Report display and report are available for you to review at the entrances of the Church and online at stmdurham@stmdurham.org

Feel free to take a copy of the report.
Thank you for continual generosity!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Heading into March, we will need additional volunteers for our Thursday sessions on March 12 and March 19.

Contact me at 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:

- Glass cleaner
- Baking powder or baking soda
- Wax paper



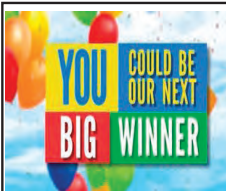
MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

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 **\$12, 690.00**.
Please help us reach our goal.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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



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 or 603-519-0369



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

No Faith Formation Classes 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
See Middle School Calendar for upcoming dates**

Mary's Way of the Cross



RICHARD G. FUREY, C.Ss.R.

We would like you to join us for the **Mary's Stations of the Cross (by Richard G. Furey, C.Ss.R)** on Sunday, March 22nd in the gym at 10am (after the 9:00am Mass).

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, let us walk with Jesus as he prepared for the ultimate sacrifice.

Presented by the Faith Formation Catechists



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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 2nd-8th

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| MONDAY 3/2 | OCIA 7pm STUDENT CENTER |
| TUESDAY 3/3 | Women's Group, 7pm Men's Group, 7pm Lighthouse |
| WEDNESDAY 3/4 | CSO Meeting, MUB 334 |
| THURSDAY | Food Pantry, 2:00-6:30pm |
| FRIDAY 3/6 | Stations of the Cross, 7pm STM |
| SATURDAY | Social, TBD |

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

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| Sunday, March 8th | 5pm |
| Sunday, March 15th | SPRING BREAK |
| Sunday, March 22nd | SPRING BREAK |
| Sunday, March 29th | 5pm |

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

A Friendly Reminder to Abstain from Meat on Fridays During Lent!

May your grace not forsake us, O Lord, we pray, but make us dedicated to your holy service and at all times obtain for us your help.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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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
OR our CSO President
Sarah Hunton-sarah.hunton@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
March 4th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334
Sunday Mass
March 8th at 5pm

Save the Date! Sign-up begins March 8th



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER**



Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**Mass at 5pm, dinner follows
6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center**

**Corned beef, Potatoes, Cabbage, and
Lemonade/Water will be provided.**



**Next weekend (March 7-8), please
sign-up to bring a side dish, dessert or
help clean-up.**



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