

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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March 8, 2026-Third 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**

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



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 8 2026
Third 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.*



Lenten Soup

There is nothing more like Lent than soup. So simple and yet so satisfying and reviving at the end of the day.

Each soup maker has their own specialty, prepared in their own unique way. But whatever else may go into the pot, you can't get away from the fact that soup, like people, is mostly water.

Lent is a spiritual soup — something that nourishes us and revives us by a variety of ingredients.

There are **the basic ingredients the Church prescribes: fasting, almsgiving** (works of mercy), and **the most important, like water in material soup, is prayer.**

Then we have alms and fasting—like meat and vegetables that give soup its substance. It is one thing to pray for those in need; it is something more to take the actions of fasting and almsgiving that become the vehicle of God to answer those in prayers.

But like the spices added by creative cooks, there are additional things that are appropriate to the practice of Lent.

***Scripture reading
Giving up treats and entertainments
Seeking to cultivate a particular virtue
And repentance***

Continual blessings on your Lenten Journey,
Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

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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

March 14th-15th; Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41



March 7th-8th; Third Sunday of Lent

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

March 14th-15th; Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm —† Elaine McGurty
Sunday 9am — Charlie Fleming
Sunday 11:15am—† Jose Cuello



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes resumes on March 8th

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

LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory Amount

Offertory for Feb 15th **\$4,380.00**

Offertory for Feb 22nd **\$5,887.00**

Offertory for March 1st **\$5,639.00**

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



ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS & DINNER

Mass will be on
Tuesday, March 17th at 5pm.
There will be a meal after Mass in the gym.



MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

March 15th will be end of the Matching Gift Campaign for this year.

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 **\$13, 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.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

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.

This spring we will again be offering our patrons, Easter Food Baskets. A ham dinner is on the menu. Donations of canned pineapple are needed at this time. More details to follow.

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

- Cleaners like Ajax or Comet
- Imitation vanilla
- Tin foil



We hope you will join us for Mary's Way of the Cross (by Richard G. Furey, C.Ss.R)

Sunday, March 22nd in the gym at 10am (after the 9:00am Mass).

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

Presentation narrated by our Faith Formation Catechists & Parishioners. All are welcome to join us.



A special Thank You to Ric Erickson for the donation of our new Paschal Candle in memory of Marci Erickson.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Honor or remember loved ones with a donation for Palms/Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available on the church window sills and all entrances. Names will be posted in the bulletin.



200 CLUB

The Winners for our February Drawing are:

George Badolato
Edda Taggart
Chris Murphy

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the March 29th 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:

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St Thomas More Parish, PO Box 620

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For additional member information contact **Tom Dolan** at tomdolan84@hotmail.com or 603-519-0369

You have made a difference!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 9th-15th

MONDAY 3/9	OCIA 7pm STUDENT CENTER
TUESDAY 3/10	Women's Group, 7pm Gables Men's Group, 7pm Lighthouse
WEDNESDAY 3/11	CSO Meeting MUB 334
THURSDAY 3/12	Food Pantry 2:00-6:00pm
FRIDAY 3/13	Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm STM
SUNDAY 3/15	NO MASS-SPRING BREAK!!

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, March 15h	SPRING BREAK
Sunday, March 22nd	SPRING BREAK
Sunday, March 29th	5pm
Sunday, April 5th	EASTER SUNDAY-NO STUDENT MASS!!

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student


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

PRAYER-THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Lord God,
you who breathed the spirit of life within me.
Draw out of me the light and life you created.
Help me to find my way back to you.
Help me to use my life to reflect your glory.
Amen




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March 13—Leander of Seville (d. 600) Benedictine Monk. Bishop. Introduced the Nicene Creed into the Mass as a renewed critique of Arianism

March 17— St. Patrick. (d. 493) Patron of Ireland. Converted the pagan Druids. Wrote an autobiographical account of his ministry. The subject of many colorful Irish legends.



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 or
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 11th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334
Sunday Mass
March 29th at 5pm

Please sign-up if you plan to attend



**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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