

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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July 12, 2026-Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS

NO 12:10 Mass on Monday, July 13th

12:10 Masses Tue, and Wed

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

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 www.stmdurham.org.

July 12, 2026
Fifteenth 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.*



"Turning Aside"

*God reveals himself in
all manner of things and
patiently waits for us to
stop long enough to notice. These transportive
moments in life are intended to lead us towards God.*

***The Bright Field** by R. S. Thomas (1913 - 2000)
is illustrative of this point and an insightful reflection
on this week's Gospel image.*

*"I have seen the sun break through to
illuminate a small field for awhile, and gone
my way and forgotten it. But that was the
pearl of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realize more that I must give
all that I have to possess it. Life is not
hurrying on to a receding future, nor
hankering after an imagined past. It is the
turning aside like Moses to the miracle of
the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as
transitory as your youth once, but it is the
eternity that awaits you."*

*Thomas wisely advises us that life should not be
rushed. We must take time for "turning aside."*

*Blessings on your week
Father Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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July 11th-12th; Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 55:10-11
Reading II: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

July 18th-19th; Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Reading II: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



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Saturday 5pm —✠ Joan Doll
Sunday 9am —✠ Robert Russell, Jr.
Sunday 11:15am —✠ Lorraine Stordy

July 18th-19th; Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm — ✠ Russell Smick
Sunday 9am —✠ Sandy Ceponis
Sunday 11:15am—✠ Jeffrey Sturmer



NH Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas More goal is \$34,487.97
 As of **June 28th** we have raised **\$22,852.32**
July 5th we have raised **\$23,304.44**

Help us reach our goal!

Thank you to all who have contributed.

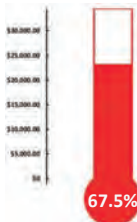
Feel free to take an envelope, complete it and mail it directly to **NH Catholic Appeal**, place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish Number code is 41830.



Our STM Campus Ministry benefits from the NHCA contributions.

Thank you for your continual support.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for June 28th **\$5,026.00**

Offertory for July 5th **\$5,569.00**

Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.



200 CLUB

July is full of fireworks!

You could be a winner!

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew

your membership before the **July 26th 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 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!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY?

We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 9am & 11:15am. If interested, please contact Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666 EXT #3 or stmdurham@stmdurham.org.

Training will be provided.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD AS A LECTOR AT MASS?

Please contact the Parish office at 603-868-2666 EXT#4 or contact

Roberta MacBride at stmpastoralmin@stmdurham.org

Training will be provided



Collection Counters

Collection Counters Needed

We are looking for individuals who can assist with counting the Parish weekend collections. You would be part of a team, which rotates once or

twice a month. Counting is done on Monday mornings (Tuesday mornings, if Monday is a holiday).

Please contact **Ann McGurty** for more information

Office-603-868-2666 EXT #3

Email-stmdurham@stmdurham.org



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

In the month of June, we served **424 individuals from 11 towns!**

We continue to partner with Dollar General in Lee to rescue their donations. We need volunteers to pick up the items, bring them back to the church, weigh, sort and put them away. The time is 11:00am on Mondays and Thursdays and you can be done in one hour. **We are still in need of two volunteers on Mondays and three volunteers on Thursday so your commitment will be just once a month.** Contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net if you can help with this opportunity.

This week, at the pantry, we need:

- Salt & Pepper
- Ketchup
- Deodorant



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly

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Greg Thayer

Barbara Farrington

Dot Meneghin

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you... so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. Amen I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it... But blessed are your eyes for they see and your ears because they hear."

We readily respond to the proclamation of the scripture at mass 'thanks be to God.' However, give it a second thought. Do I realize that I have just listened to my loving God, speaking to me, and expecting a personal response. The word is His message for me at this moment.

Perhaps as I sit to listen to the readings I can quietly ask myself, 'What does the Lord wish to say to me today?' When I stand to greet and receive the gospel, as I trace the cross on my forehead, lips and heart I can ask the Lord to give me the gift of understanding, speak what I learn and live what He asks of me.

Yes, my eyes and ears are blessed.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

In EVERYTHING
give thanks:
for this is
GOD'S WILL FOR YOU
in
Jesus 
Christ

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Gospel Today | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:1-23

Jesus uses parables or comparison stories to preach to the people the Kingdom of Heaven.

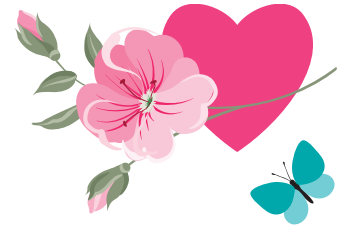


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Read the sentence then use the bold letters to fill in the blanks below.



When the Word of God is **p**lanted in our hearts, we are nourished and strengthened **b**y His **l**ove, similar to **s**eeds planted in rich soil.



answer: parable

A _____ is a story that is told using comparisons.

Look around at all the beautiful summer flowers. We see them in gardens, hanging planters, in pots on front steps, growing wild along highways and fields. All these flowers need good rich soil to grow in. Our faith in God can grow in our hearts, as beautiful as the flowers around us! We just need to ask Jesus to come and take root, and allow His love to blossom within us and spread that love to others.

Color these flowers and add your own...



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