

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 16, 2026-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10 Masses Mon, 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.

August 16, 2026
Twentieth 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.*



The Assumption

On this day, the Church celebrates the tradition that at the end of her earthly life the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heavenly glory. The earliest references to this belief date from the Fourth Century, yet it wasn't until 1950 that Pope Pius XII defined it as an article of faith. August 15th has been observed as a feast day of Mary since the beginning of the Seventh Century.

The poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, S. J., sketches her role in salvation history in his elegant poem,

The Blessed Virgin Compared to the Air We Breathe.

*Of her flesh he took flesh;
He does take fresh and fresh,
though much the mystery how,
Not flesh but spirit now
And makes, O marvellous!
New Nazareths in us,
where shall yet conceive
Him, morning, noon, and eve;
New Bethlems, and he born
there, evening, noon, and morn
Bethlem or Nazareth,
Men here may draw like breath
More Christ and baffle death;
Who, born so, comes to be
New self and nobler me
In each one and each one
More makes, when all is done.*

May we be led to the glory of heaven by the prayers of the Virgin Mary.

Fr. Andrew

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Reading I: Isaiah 56:1.6-7
Reading II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

August 22nd-23rd; Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23
Reading II: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



August 15th-16th; Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Murphy Rogers
Sunday 9am – ✠ Leonard Attisano
Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Virginia Wilman

August 22nd-23rd; Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Raymond Yergeau
Sunday 9am – ✠ Meredith & Henry James
Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Stanley Maciolek



NH Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas More goal is \$34,487.97 As of August 9th we have raised \$25,784.44

Help us reach our goal!

Thank you to all who have contributed.

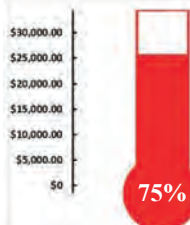
Feel free to take an envelope, complete it and mail it directly to **NH Catholic Appeal**, place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca



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 August 9th **\$4,857.00**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



200 CLUB

*If you are a 200 Club member, you could be a winner at our next drawing on **Sunday, August 30th.***

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **August 30th 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



Catechists Needed

We are looking for Catechists (teachers) & assistants for all grades Kindergarten-5th gr. and an assistant teacher in middle school.



Come share your time, gifts, talents and your faith with our students. Volunteers are needed for this program to flourish. Please consider being a catechist.

For more information, please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email at stmdurham@stmdurham.org



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

In the month of July, our Food Pantry served 449 patrons from ten towns!

We have two opportunities for picking up items from Hannaford on Grapevine Drive on Wednesday morning and Hannaford on Central Avenue on Thursday mornings; After pickup, bring the items back to the church, weigh, sort and put them away. Best to have a larger vehicle or I can team you up. The Thursday pick up needs four volunteers and the Wednesday only one volunteer or set of volunteers to make a full monthly complement. Contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net if you can help with either of these opportunities.

This week, at the pantry, we need -

- Toothpaste
- Pre-packaged rice dishes
- Dish soap



STM FAITH FORMATION

LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday

Registrations are now being accepted for all Faith Formation classes for Kindergarten-8th grade for the 2026-27 school year. Registration forms can be found in the magazine rack at the back of the church. If your child is in need of Sacraments or if you need more information, please call Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 for further information.

Faith Formation Calendar will be provided in early September.



44th Annual Scout Retreat!

All Scouts (Boys & Girls) in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the 44th Annual Scout Retreat **Fri. Sept. 18 - Sun. Sept. 20, 2026 at Camp Fatima in Gilmanton Iron Works NH.**

The cost is \$25 per scout and \$15 per adult. This Retreat is like a Camporee - it's very active, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities, including a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and a dance! Put on by Fr. Ray Ball & the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee. Info & Registration: www.catholicnh.org/scout <<http://www.catholicnh.org/scout>> or www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat <<http://www.facebook.com/nhscoutretreat>> or FrRay3@gmail.com <<mailto:FrRay3@gmail.com>> or call (603) 224-4393 x1.

MY HOUSE...



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly
Peter Farrington
Greg Thayer

Barbara Farrington
Dot Meneghin
Marie Caffrey

Dorothy Moran

For all our homebound and residents of our local nursing homes and care facilities

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord and becoming his servants - all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my Covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer.”

Isaiah, writing six centuries before Christ, could very well be speaking of the reality of our church today. We are a nation of immigrants, being served and ministered by religious from many countries, bringing the gospel of Jesus to build and sustain the church in our country and filling our pews.

Once served by saints who came to preserve the faith of immigrants, like Saint Mother Cabrini or the Scalabrini Fathers, we might rightfully say they are us.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

grow•
rich
in the eyes of
God

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Gospel Today | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 15:21-28

A very persistent foreign woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter. She had great faith in Jesus. Jesus said "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

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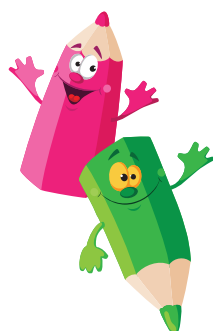
BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



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Welcome
Canaanite
Foreign
Suffering
Daughter
Great
Faith
Woman
Mercy
Help
Disciples
Request
Granted
Healed

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Jesus accepted the foreign woman and her faith. Today, Jesus expects us to welcome foreigners and their faith to our communities. Our churches are called **Faith Filled Communities**. On a separate sheet of paper draw a picture of what your church, or "faith filled community" looks like.

Don't forget to add some people!

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