

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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*August 23, 2026-**Twenty-First 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 23, 2026
Twenty-First 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.

***Seeking God's
Presence***



Within each of us is a yearning for union with God. We experience glimpses of the holy in our everyday lives and know that such mystery is of God. Such longings and experiences are our spirituality or spiritual life.

The great mystic and writer, Evelyn Underhill, wrote:

"A spiritual life is simply a life in which all that we do comes from the center, where we are anchored in God: a life soaked through and through by a sense of His reality and claim, and self-given to the great movement of His Will."

The Spiritual Life 35-36

In short, spirituality is ordering our lives in such a way that we place ourselves under the influence, guidance, wisdom and love of God's Holy Spirit.

How do we do this? I suggest that we simply ask God for the treasure our hearts desire. Ask and pray. Some words from Saint Anselm might assist us:

*"O Lord my God,
teach my heart where and how to seek you,
where and how to find you...
Let me find you by loving you."*

*Blessings on you,
Fr. Andrew*

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

August 29th-30th; Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Reading II: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27



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

August 29th-30th; Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Albert & Lorraine Landry &
† Linfred & Norma Bovat
Sunday 9am –† Bill MacBride
Sunday 11:15am –† Rev. Jean Lemay

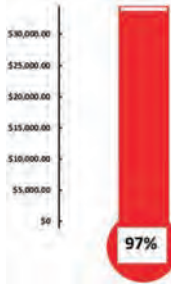
JESUS, I trust in You!
2026 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal
National Year of Faith II

NH Catholic Appeal
St. Thomas More goal is **\$34,487.97** As of **August 16th** we have raised **\$33,487.97**
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 all for your donations!



Faith... Pass it on!
Catechists needed

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


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** or email at stmdurham@stmdurham.org for further information.

Parent meeting for all Faith Formation grades will be held on **Sunday September 20th at 10am in the Gym.**
Faith Formation Classes Begin Sunday, September 27th at the designated times. The schedule will have the dates and times for each grad and class.

Faith Formation Calendar will be available in early September and distributed at the parent meeting.


PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly
Peter Farrington
Greg Thayer

Barbara Farrington
Dot Meneghin
Marie Caffrey

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


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

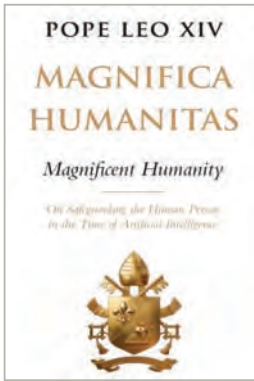
Offertory for August 16th \$2,945.00

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

Adult Faith Formation Series
Derick Alexandre, our Campus Minister will be offering a **5-week series of Pope Leo XIV Encyclical Letter of Magnificent Humanity (Magnifica Humanitas):**
"On Safeguarding The Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence."

Each Session will be on **Wednesdays 1-2:30pm in the Gym**

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:
September 30th
October 7th
October 14th
October 21st
October 28th



200 CLUB

ARE YOU THE NEXT WINNER?


*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


St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

We reached a new high last Thursday serving 53 patrons!
We still have two opportunities for picking up items from Hannaford on Grapevine Drive on Wednesday mornings 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 pickup 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:

- Toilet paper
- BBQ sauces
- Green tea



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Who do people say the Son of Man is?... But he said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon says in reply, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’. Jesus said to him in reply, ‘Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah...And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church...I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.’”

The dialogue between Jesus and Simon Peter is unforgettable, and the promise of Petrine authority was fulfilled after the resurrection, when Peter was told, ‘Feed my lambs.’ We fast forward and recall the conclave of one year ago, when Cardinal Robert Prevost was chosen by the Cardinals, and the Holy Spirit, to guide our church. How well we rejoiced to hear ‘Habemus Papam.’

Who is Robert Prevost? He is Pope Leo XIV, chosen to be the chief shepherd of the flock. We pray for him, as the keys of Peter have been entrusted to him. He had wonderful predecessors like John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:13-20

In today's gospel, according to Matthew, after receiving The Holy Spirit, Peter's faith was solid as a rock. When Jesus asked "Who do you say that I am"? Peter responded "You are the Messiah, The Christ, The Son of the Living God".

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Who do you say I AM?

Jesus told Peter he was the rock upon which He would build His church. Peter who was firm and dependable would begin the formation of the church and the key. The symbol of Authority, would be given to him.

- The **bold** words are found in the puzzle -

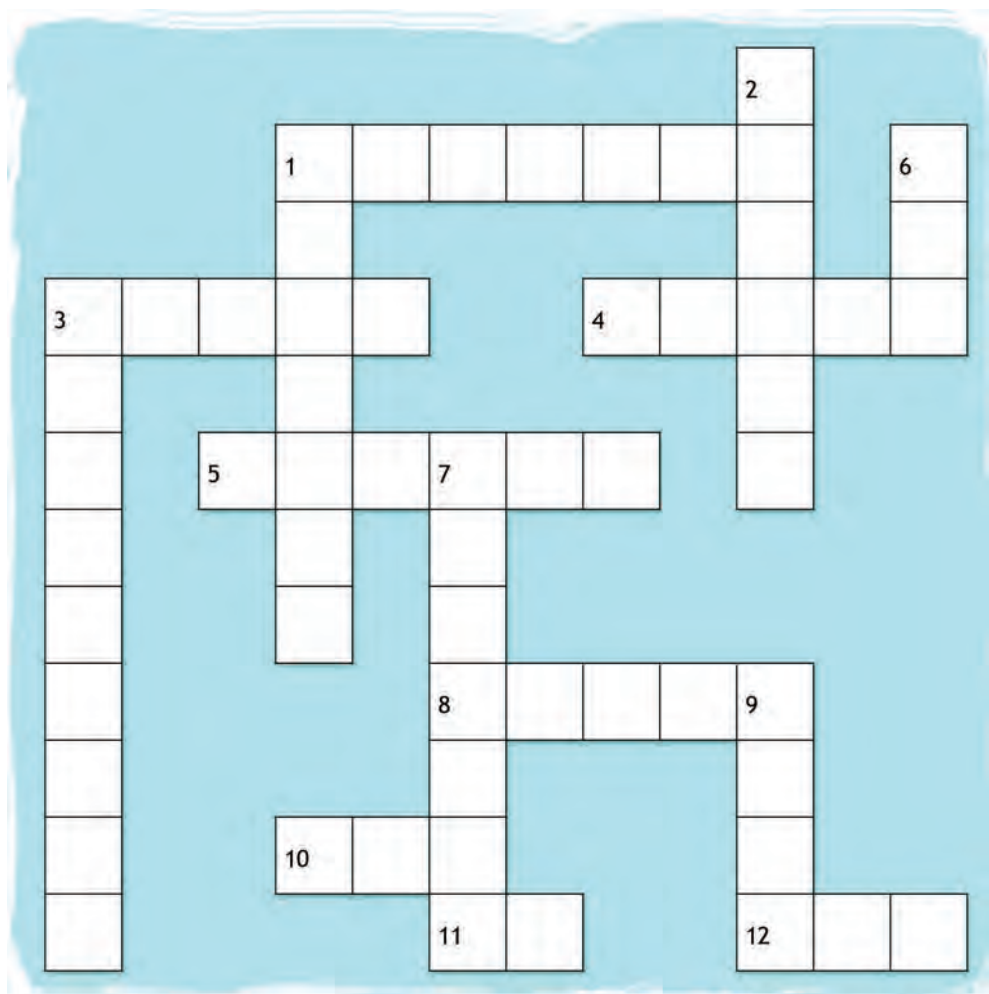


ACROSS

- 1] The Promised One
- 3] Peter's ___ was solid as a rock
- 4] To construct
- 5] A place we go to worship
- 8] The Apostle who responded to Jesus
- 10] Jesus is The ___ of God.
- 11] Jesus said "who ___ you say that I AM".
- 12] What we use to open a locked door

DOWN

- 1] Today we read the gospel of ___.
- 2] Jesus is The Messiah, or ___.
- 3] The act or process of forming
- 6] Our Father, The Almighty
- 7] To give an answer
- 9] Solid, natural mineral object



On this rock I will
build my church.



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