

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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*August 30, 2026-**Twenty-Second 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 30, 2026
Twenty-Second 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.*

A Parish Prayer



September is the month
our parishioners return to
Saint Thomas More from
their summer
peregrinations, like
swallows to Capistrano.

May we reconstitute our parish family by praying:

*O God, our heavenly Father, make the doors of
Saint Thomas More wide enough to receive all
who need human love, community and a
Father's care.*

*And narrow enough to shut out envy, pride,
negativity and uncharitable-ness.*

*Here may the surviving receive comfort; here
may the careless be awakened to repentance
and the penitent be assured of your mercy.*

*And here may all your children renew their
strength in you and go on their way rejoicing.*

Welcome home!

Fr. Andrew



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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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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

September 5th-6th; *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Reading II: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20



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

September 5th-6th; *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 5pm – † John Gordon (10th Anniversary)
Sunday 9am – † Geremia and Soucy Families
Sunday 11:15am – † Rev. Gary Lord



We Did It!

NH Catholic Appeal

St. Thomas More goal - \$34,487.97

**We have reached and surpass our goal
\$34,808.28!**

Thank you all, for your donations and continual support!



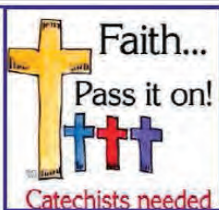
OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for August 23rd **\$4,430.00**

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

Thank you for your generous contributions.



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.**



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:

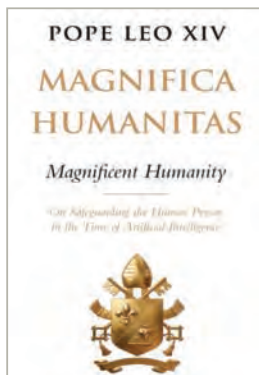
September 30th

October 7th

October 14th

October 21st

October 28th



200 CLUB

*If you are a 200 Club member, you
could be a winner at our next drawing
is this **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

Still seeking a person to pick up items from Hannaford on
Grapevine Drive on Wednesday mornings once a month
and three people or teams to pick up items from Hannaford on Central
Avenue on Thursday mornings, also once a month; After pickup, you
will need to 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.

For a local opportunity, we are in need of three people to
pick up from Dollar General in Lee on Tuesdays around 11am and
starting soon, we will need four people to pick up from Hannaford in
Durham on Wednesday mornings between 7-9am. After pickup, you
will need to bring the items back to the church, weigh, sort and put
them away. These commitments are also once a month.

Contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net if you can help
with any of these opportunities.

This week, at the pantry, we could use:

- Any supplies for cleaning
- Ketchup
- Seltzer water



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*

To all our students

UNH Sunday
Mass Begins
Sept. 13th
at 5pm



BBQ
following the
Mass

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect”... “For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”

From our infancy, until now, we have been taught and learned what is good and bad, healthy and dangerous, what to avoid and what to do... Unfortunately, other forces surround and distract us from pursuing the right goal. Saint Paul, and later Saint Ignatius, both teach us to spend time searching for what is best for us and pursue it. The key is found in the word discern, to weigh, ponder and then decide.

When I follow this method or process, I will fear no evil and look forward to my loving God showering me with His reward.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS



< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 16:21-27

The message Jesus had for His disciples is the same for us today. Being a follower of God requires love, strength and difficulty. When we follow Jesus, He is with us and hears our prayer when we need help.

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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

...follow me.

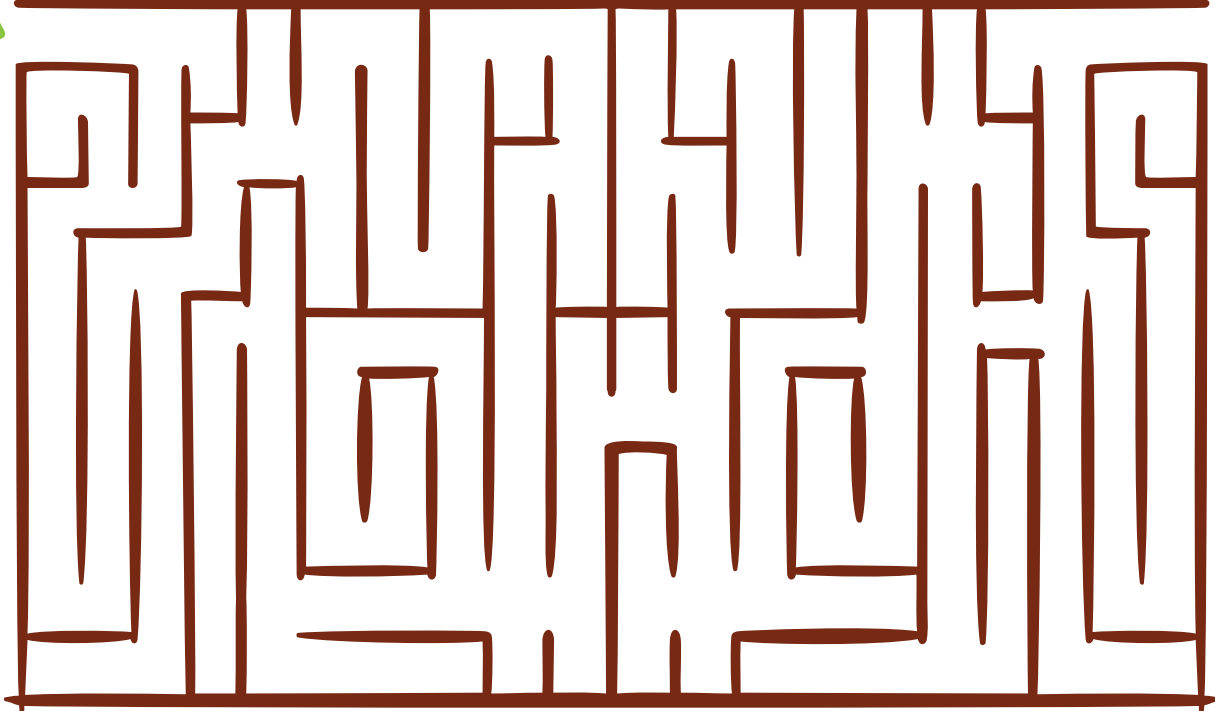
Matthew 16:24

For the Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father's glory, and then He will repay everyone according to his conduct.

Matthew 16:27



start



finish



Do not be afraid to follow God's way!

Peter had a hard time accepting God's way - Jesus had to remind him God and man do not think alike (Peter was thinking like a man).

What do you have trouble accepting?



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