

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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*September 6, 2026; **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time***



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am

WEEKDAY MASS

There will be No 12:10 Masses Mon, Tue, and Wed this week

OFFICE HOURS

**The parish office will be Closed Labor Day Monday, Sept 7th
Tuesday & Thursday: 9-3pm , Wednesday 9-1pm & Closed: Fri**

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered Friday in the Church 7-8pm

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.

September 6, 2026
Twenty-Third 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.*

Come September

September means different things to different people. For some it is death of summer. Summer's swan song, in the mystical belief that swans sing sweetly just before dying. For others, it marks the advent of autumn, a seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness. In the world of academe, the fall semester has begun. The time has come to get back to work. Welcome, September.



September is a time of new beginnings, comings and goings, exits and entrances, warm welcomes and fond farewells; whatever September means to you it is for me a great season to walk.

For most Americans, Labor Day is just the name of the weekend that concludes summer. No one has yet thought of a way to turn Labor Day into a buy a gift card or send cards. There are no family customs built around this day. So as we mark a seasonal change, I wish each of you a time of new beginnings and maybe a time for letting go.

Shalom,
Fr. Andrew

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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

September 12th-13th; *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Sirach 27:30-28:7
Reading II: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



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

September 12th-13th; *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 5pm –† Mary Ava Letourneau
Sunday 9am –† June Russell
Sunday 11:15am –† Bob Brown (1st Anniversary)



There will be **no 12:10 Mass** on **Monday, September 7th**

The parish office will be closed **Monday, September 7th for Labor Day**

We will resume with normal business hours on **Tuesday, September 8th:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9-3pm
Wednesday 9-1pm Closed Fridays



200 Club

Last weekend the sunshine spread
200 CLUB winnings on...

*Wendy and Shawn Green
Michael and Susan Camire
Harry and Danuta Richards*

Congratulations to August's winners...

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **September 27th 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



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:

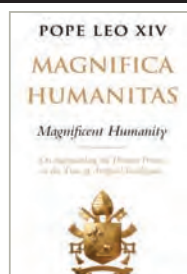
September 30th

October 7th

October 14th

October 21st

October 28th



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

Love ♥♥♥♥
one another



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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of September 6-13

WEEKLY EVENTS:

SUNDAY 9/6 LABOR DAY, NO STUDENT MASS

TUESDAY 9/8 Men's Groups/Women's Groups

WEDNESDAY 9/9 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 334

THURSDAY 9/10 Food Pantry 2-6pm

FRIDAY 9/11 Adoration, 7pm-STM

SUNDAY 9/13 Student Mass 5pm, Opening BBQ!

PRAYER OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PATRON OF STUDENTS

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.

AMEN .

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 13th	5pm
Sunday, September 20th	5pm
Sunday, September 27th	5pm
Sunday, October 4th	5pm
Sunday, October 11th	NO MASS-HOLIDAY

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

We held our first CSO meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7pm in MUB 162. We had a great turnout! Come join us every Wednesday same place, same time for faith, fellowship, and fun.

**WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!
WE ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH
THE FOLLOWING LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES:**

Lector, Usher, Altar Server.



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September 11– Cyprian of Carthage (d.258) Bishop. Cared for Plague Victims. Followed a middle way for welcoming back apostates after the Decian persecution. Rejected the baptism of heretics.

September 13– John Chrysostom (d. 407) Bishop of Constantinople. Prophetic voice against the hypocritical rich and powerful. Noted preacher, called the “Golden-tongued”. Died in exile for his devotion to the truth.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2026 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**:

Derick Alexandre—stmunh@stmdurham.org

or **CSO President**:

Christian Anderson caa1063@usnh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

*Hope to see you at the next meeting
September 9th at 7:00pm at the MUB 334*

*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
September 13th at 5pm*

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 18:15-20

Jesus promises, "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

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PAPER PRAYER CHAIN

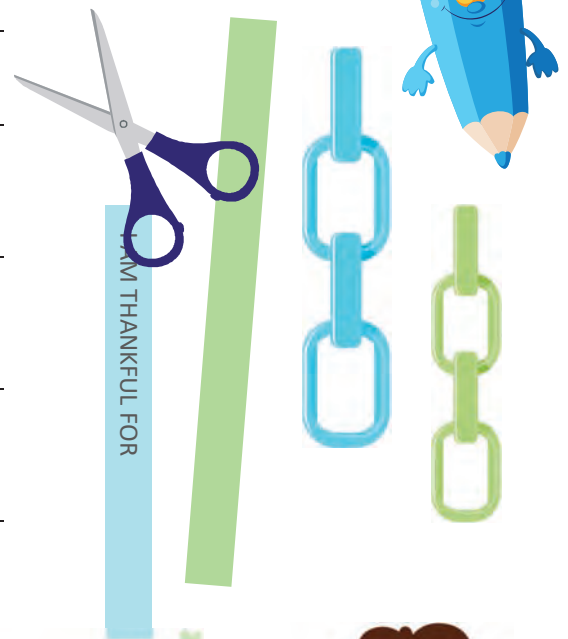
We call God to us when we gather in prayer, two or three or more! Most churches have a "prayer chain". Not a real chain, but a group of people who link up and pray together.

Make a personal prayer chain. Write your thanks, needs, forgiveness or requests to God, one on each link or strip of paper. Attach the links together to form a chain. Have other family members add their own links! Hang it in your home and during family prayer time, as two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, He will hear your prayer. If it is His will, it will be done.

DIRECTIONS

- Step One** Cut the construction paper lengthwise into strips that are about an inch wide. They can be of pretty much any length, keeping in mind that the longer the strip, the bigger each link in the chain. Write your requests to God on each link.
- Step Two** Bend the first strip around to form a circle or loop.
- Step Three** Seal the open ends of the circle link with glue, tape or a stapler so that it stays connected on its own.
- Step Four** Take another strip and thread it through the first loop forming a second, connected circle.
- Step Five** Seal the second circle with glue, tape or a stapler so that you have two linked circles.
- Step Six** Repeat Steps 4 and 5 to make the chain as long as you like.

I AM THANKFUL FOR



For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:20



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