

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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October 4, 2026; *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & 5pm (UNH Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Masses Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9-3pm, Wednesday 9-1pm &

Closed: Friday

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us 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.

October 4, 2026
Twenty-Seventh 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.*



Remember Mary

Mary is at the heart of everything that unites human instincts with religious- birth, maternity, simplicity and the deepest of natural affections between two persons. An inscription in Greek on a papyrus fragment (ca. 4th century) is believed to be the earliest known prayer to Mary.

"We flee to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs do not disdain our prayer, but save us at all times from all dangers."

The language of this ancient prayer is much like the popular Medieval prayer known as the **Memorare**:

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I turn to you, O virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions but in your clemency, hear and answer me."

The author of the **Memorare** is believed to be Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 - 1153). The prayer is a vivid testimony to one man's closeness to the Mother of Jesus. May our recitation of this tender prayer transform the lives of those who offer it.

Fr. Andrew

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October 3rd-4th; *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7
Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

October 10th-11th; *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10a
Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



October 3rd-4th; *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 5pm –✙ John Gordon
Sunday 9am – Greg Thayer
Sunday 11:15am –✙ Roberta Gendron

October 10th-11th; *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 5pm – ✙ Rev. Jean Lemay
Sunday 9am –✙ Jeffrey Sturmer
Sunday 11:15am –✙ Henry Corrow



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Classes for Faith Formation-Grades K-5

Next Class October 4th

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

Faith Formation

Grades K-5th Classes

9:00am-Kindergarten-Grades 1 (Church Hall Classroom)
10:00am- Grade 2 (Student Center Prayer Rm)
10:00am- Grade 3 (Library Student Center)
10:00am- Grades 4 & 5 (Church Hall)

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next Class October 4th

10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym –See MS Calendar

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



200 Club

Fall foliage is bringing bright color to our world, and the 200 Club September drawing brought green \$\$ to the world of:

**Nikki and Ally Brown
Regina Leahy
Donna Healy**

Congratulations to the winners for September.

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

September's 200 Club drawing was held this past Sunday in memory of the late Bob (Boca) Brown. Bob was a charter member of the club and also served on the 200 Club steering committee. Bob was the face of the 200 Club as he officiated at all the monthly drawings for over 8 years until his death last year. Bob's counsel and guidance helped to insure the success of the club and are sorely missed. "Requiescat in pace, Boca."



A special note of thanks to all those who have supported and continue to support the club. You have made a difference!



Adult Faith Formation Series-Updated Dates

Derick Alexandre, our Campus Minister will be offering a 5-week series on **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 updated dates:

October 14th, October 21st,
October 28th, November 4th
November 11th



FALL VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAY!

SAVE THE DATE!

We are planning a **Fall Clean-Up Day** on **Saturday, Oct 24, 2026**, from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** rain-or-shine (but you can come for all or part of the event when you can). We will have both **indoor and outdoor projects** ready and will go with what the weather allows. We will have sign-up lists at the back of the Church beginning the weekend of **October 10th**. The Parish Finance Committee will provide the supplies that will be needed for the tasks.

Thank you in advance. Please come out and join in the fun!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Meets on Tuesday, October 6th
Tuesday, November 3rd
Tuesday, December 1st**
at 11:00 in the student center

All interested in knitting & crocheting are welcome!

Sponsoring a New Bench for the Madonna Shrine

Thank you to all who responded to our request for a new bench. Our parish finance committee has been in contact with our sponsor and a plan has been worked to order a stone bench.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Got some time? Have 2 hours, 3 hours or 4 hours once a month? We can help fill it.

Contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net for more specific information.

This week, at the pantry, we could use -

- Any type of cleaning product
- Prepared Rice dishes such as Rice A Roni, Uncle Ben's
- Sandwich bags



ST. FRANCIS' BLESSING OF PETS & ANIMALS

Sun, Oct 4th

1pm Church back lawn



The Feast of St. Francis reminds us that all creation is a sacred gift and we are responsible to respect and care for all life.

On Oct 4th, we will celebrate all creation with special music, prayers, and environment at all Masses, as well as our STM tradition of **Blessing of Animals/Pets** at 1pm on the back lawn or in the gym if it rains.

BRING PETS ON A LEASH OR IN A CAGE (no snakes, please), to the back lawn. Fr. Andy will lead a prayer & bless all pets by name. Pet food donations for the food pantry appreciated.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of October 5th-11th

WEEKLY EVENTS:

MONDAY 10/5 OCIA, 7pm Student Center

TUESDAY 10/6 Men's Group 7pm—Student Center
Women's Group 7pm — Student Center

WEDNESDAY 10/7 Board Meeting 5:15pm-MUB 2nd floor
CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 334

THURSDAY 10/8 Food Pantry 2-6pm

FRIDAY 10/9 Adoration, 7pm-STM

SUNDAY 10/11 NO STUDENT MASS
COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the past 100 years, the number of Catholics around the world has tripled from 291 million in 1910 to 1.1 billion in 2010. Percentage wise, the population has remained relatively stable, constituting 17% of the world population in 1910 and 16% in 2010.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 11th	NO MASS-HOLIDAY
Sunday, October 18th	5pm
Sunday, October 25th	5pm
Sunday, November 1st	5pm
Sunday, November 8th	5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

SAVE THE DATE!

OUR FALL DANCE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th AT 7PM IN THE STM STUDENT CENTER.



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

October 7th at 7:00pm at the MUB 203

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow

October 18th at 5pm

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CORNER



October 5—Faustina Kowalska (d. 1938).

Polish nun. Had visions of Christ. Established the Divine Mercy devotion.

October 11th— John XXIII (d. 1963) Be-

loved Pope. Shocked the world by calling the Second Vatican Council. His diary *Journal of a Soul* became a spiritual classic. Addressed his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* to all people of good will for the salvation of souls.



< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 21:33-43

The farmer trusted his workers to do their job in the vineyard, just as God trusts us to do His work here on earth. The workers who did not follow the farmers message were turned out of the vineyard. When we follow God's way, our harvest or reward will be the Kingdom of Heaven.

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God's message is "Love God and Love One Another."

Cut out
pictures
and fill in
the blanks.



1] The gave workers a job in his vineyard.



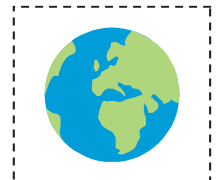
2] God gives His people a job here on .



3] The farmer asked for his share of the .



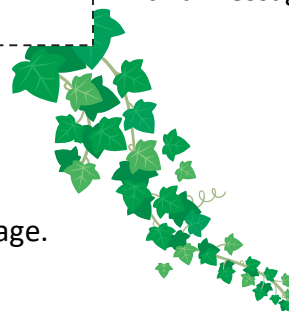
4] God asks us for a share of our for Him and others.



5] The farmer sent his son to the with a message.



6] God sent His son, with a message.



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