

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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*October 11, 2026; **Twenty-Eighth 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

No 12:10pm Masses Monday, Tuesday
12:10pm Mass (Wednesday, Oct 14th)

OFFICE HOURS

Parish office is closed Monday October 12th-Columbus Day
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 11, 2026
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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.*



Prayer:
How to Go About Listening

What you do immediately before prayer is very important. Normally it is something you do not rush into. Spend a few moments quieting yourself and relaxing, settling yourself into a prayerful and comfortable position.

In listening to anyone, you try to tune out everything except what the person is saying to you.

In prayer, this can be done best in *silence* and *solitude*. Select a favorite passage from the Bible, five to ten verses. Try to find a quiet place where you can be alone and uninhibited in your response to God's presence. Try to quiet yourself interiorly.

In an age of noise, activity and tensions, it is not always easy or necessary to forget our cares and commitments, the noise and excitement of our environment. ***Never feel constrained to blot out all distractions.*** Anxiety in this regard could get between ourselves and God.

Begin reading the Scripture slowly and attentively. Do not hurry to cover the material. Ask God for the grace to listen to what he says.

If the passage recounts an event of Christ's life, be there in the mystery of it. Share with the persons involved, e.g., a blind man being cured. Respond to what Jesus is saying. Some words or phrases carry special meaning for you.

Savor those words, turning them over in your heart.

Blessings,
Father Andrew

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Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

October 17th-18th; Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



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Saturday 5pm – † Rev. Jean Lemay

Sunday 9am – † Jeffrey Sturmer

Sunday 11:15am – † Henry Corrow

October 17th-18th; Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Rev. Gary Lord

Sunday 9am – † William MacBride

Sunday 11:15am – † Rosemary Maciolek



Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, Oct 12th &
NO 12:10pm Mass-Monday & Tuesday
(October 12th-13th)



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Classes for Faith Formation-Grades K-5

No Classes on October 11th

Next Class October 18th

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 25th

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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



St. Thomas More **Food Pantry Update**

In September, our pantry served 390 patrons from 13 towns.

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 -

- Hot chocolate
- Tissues
- Aluminum foil



200 Club

October is full of color and the weather is cooler, Halloween is on the way!

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the September 25th 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

Thank you for your support

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



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.



Offertory

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

Offertory for September 27th \$4,530.54

Offertory for October 4th \$6,834.50

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



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!

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things, I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me...My God will supply whatever my need."

As we follow the missionary journeys of Saint Paul, and read his letters, we come to appreciate what he experienced, all for the gospel. He provides a wonderful example as he reveals his ability to deal and adapt to circumstances beyond his control. He knew shipwreck and imprisonment, beatings and punishment, but remained faithful. Why? 'I can do all things in him who strengthens me'.

May I have his courage and turn to the Lord who was the source of his strength and lean on Him. Maybe I can acknowledge the blessings of the Lord as His gift for me. Those with less, the hungry and unsheltered are deserving of my action response, not just feelings of compassion. Government policy of removing much needed aid at home and abroad is a scandal. We are told what I do not need is really not mine but belongs rightfully to someone else.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

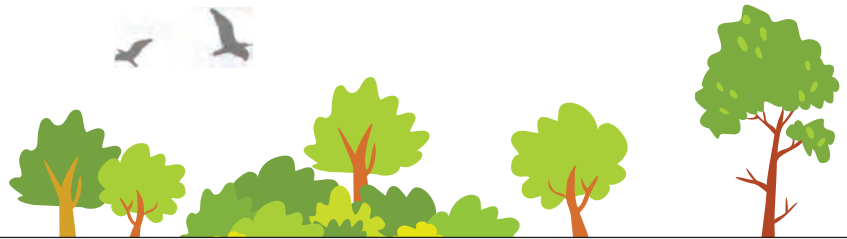


28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 22:1-14

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Matthew 22:14

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