

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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**May 14, 2023: 6th Sunday of Easter**



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Please call the office if you receive a  
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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am

## WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
Ascension Thursday 12:10pm & 7pm

*Call the office to confirm.*

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9am-3pm; Wed 9-1pm (**ring doorbell**)  
**Closed Friday**

## 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 (RCIA):** Call Roberta ext. 115.

**First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:**

Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

For parish registration call 603-868-2666 or visit [stmdurham.org](http://stmdurham.org).

**May 14, 2023**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

**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.*



**Mother's Day**

"I give thanks to God  
always for you."  
1 Corinthians 1:4

The first thing we ever see is a face. A newborn's eyes seek out another pair of eyes. When the infant finds its mother's eyes, it locks into them, and that mutual gaze forges a connection to last a lifetime..

"Honor your Father and Mother" is one of the most famous of the Ten Commandments, while a verse in the book of Leviticus states: "Let each be in awe of his Mother and Father."

"Awe" and "honor" are defined in tradition. "Awe" means a deep and abiding respect. While "honor" is interpreted as undertaking basic obligations towards our parents, including, if necessary, supplying them with comfort and care in their later years.

Today is Mother's Day. May this wonderful day bring special joy to our hearts as we remember the precious person who brought us into life.

God's blessings on our dear Mothers this day and all days.

Fr. Andrew

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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 9am & 11:15am

**WEEKDAY MASS-IN THE CHURCH**

12:10pm Mass— Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

**ASCENSION THURSDAY (May 18th)**

12:10pm & 7pm

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9-3pm  
Wednesday, 9-1pm ([ring doorbell](#))

**Closed Friday**

**May 13th-14th; Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17  
Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18  
Gospel: John 14:15-21

**May 20th-21st; Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 1: 12-14  
Reading II: 1 Peter 4:13-16  
Gospel: John 17:1-11a



**May 13th-14th; Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 5pm – St. Thomas More Parishioners  
Sunday 9am – † Lorie Cryans Fields  
Sunday 11:15 am – † Cody Dolliver

**May 20th-21st; Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Saturday 8pm – † Philip Lamoureux  
Sunday, 9am – † Margaret Rosson Judge  
Sunday, 11:15am – Kevin Dugas and Family



### **OFFERTORY UPDATE:**

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

**Offertory for April 23rd- \$ 6,884.30**

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

**Thank you for your generous contributions.**



### **STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

*We are now accepting Registrations for Faith  
Formation Classes for  
Kindergarten –High school ~2023-24 School year.  
Registrations forms are available in the magazine rack near  
the entrance of the church and online on our parish website:*

[www.stmdurham.org](http://www.stmdurham.org)

*For more information on Faith Formation & Sacramental  
Prep, please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666*



### **FOOD PANTRY**

**MANY THANKS** to all of our Food Pantry volunteers  
for their dedication and service to our Community.

There are Many Ways to HELP Food Pantry, for more  
information contact [STMPantry@gmail.com](mailto:STMPantry@gmail.com) and someone will get  
back to you.

We are grateful to all who have donated to our Food Pantry.

Here are items needed in the pantry:

- \* Pancake syrup
- \* Rice & Noodle Pouches
- \* Crackers

Food donations are always appreciated. Please drop off at the  
Student Center between the glass door entrance.



### **Seacoast Birthright, Inc.**

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### ***Mother's Day-May 13-14***

**FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY!** – Seacoast Birthright will  
have handmade flower accessories available after Masses on  
Mother's Day weekend. A donation of any amount is appreciated  
to help keep Birthright's free, confidential services available to  
women facing unexpected pregnancies. Seacoast Birthright  
offers diapers, wipes, baby items, friendship and a loving  
alternative to abortion.

Thank you for your support!



**The Church of St. Thomas More**  
will offer Mass on  
**Thursday, May 18th at**  
**12:10pm & 7pm**



### **Sponsorship Requests**

The following items will be needed to  
support our upcoming Spring  
Volunteer Day on June 3. If you are  
interested in donating any of these,  
please contact the Parish Office to  
get more information:

- 4 forsythia bushes in pots
- 10-15 bags of mulch
- 2 clear plastic window well  
covers for the Rectory



### **200 CLUB**

**Kathy and Bernie Casey**  
**Steven Castro**  
**Tony and Diane Maggio**

*Congratulations to All*

The next drawing is on May 28, so there's plenty of time  
to become a new member or renew your membership.  
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 also 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](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or 603-519-0369



### **STAY UP TO DATE WITH STM HAPPENINGS!**

Our parish has registered for Flocknote!  
Flocknote is an online communication system  
designed to help parishioners stay up to date on  
community events, faith formation, and other  
important parish news. **By signing up for  
Flocknote, you are agreeing to receive parish**

**info through e-mail and/or text message. No one sees your contact  
information except the parish administrator (Derick, the campus  
minister), so you are guaranteed total privacy.** Many parishes in  
our diocese are making use of this program. You may sign up at the  
following link: <https://stthomasmore47.flocknote.com/>. We'd like  
as many folks as possible to register to keep you all informed about  
the exciting things happening at St. Thomas More. Please contact  
Derick (dalexandre@outlook.com) with any questions or  
concerns. Peace!



*"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."  
Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated  
life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)*





## THIS WEEK AT HOME

**Monday, May 15**

### Lydia's Example

Trailblazer Lydia sells high-end purple fabric, listens to Paul's witness with an open heart, and undergoes a conversion. She responds to Paul with Christian hospitality, inviting his companions and him to stay at her home. Lydia paves the way for women business leaders across all generations to live faithful and generous lives. *Today's readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

**Tuesday, May 16**

### John 16

Chapter 16 of John's Gospel is proclaimed passage by passage this week. During the Last Supper, Jesus speaks at length to his disciples just before he is arrested, urgently trying to convey the depth of his love for them. Jesus promises his disciples that they will never be alone, that he will send an Advocate (the Holy Spirit) as protector and guide, and that they will be equipped to fulfill their mission. *Today's readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

**Wednesday, May 17**

### Hallelujah!

As Pentecost draws near some of the psalms we pray begin with "Hallelujah!" These psalms from the end of the psalter give praise and glory to God with full heart and voice. Psalm 148 leads our prayer imagination through all the wonders of creation. Bring your Bible outside and read from it aloud. Appreciate the wonder of God's creation all around you. *Today's readings: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1; Psalm 148:1–2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

**Thursday, May 18**

### Ascension of the Lord

Jesus' final words to his disciples before ascending to heaven are direct: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

Our mission is to draw others to a life of committed faith within the Church community. Jesus promises that he is with us in all that we do in service to his name. Take time in prayer to contemplate the truth that Jesus empowers us with as he accompanies us. *Today's readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9 (6); Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.*

## Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter Faith Works

The reading from Acts provides a small detail about St. Paul's life as a missionary disciple. In the midst of his efforts to grow the Christian community, St. Paul continued to work as a tentmaker. Like all of us, he needed to earn a living to provide the basic necessities. This apostle exemplified the balance of work and faith in the life of a committed disciple. *Today's readings: Acts 18:1–8; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.*

**Friday, May 19**

### Take Heart

Jesus continues to prepare his disciples for the shock of loss that is to come. In our lives, too, we face loss as we keep vigil with a dying loved one and watch older generations decline in body and mind. We know the time is coming when people we love will pass from earthly life to heaven. But when anticipated death arrives, shock and grief are still felt. Jesus promised his disciples that grief will be transformed to joy. Take heart, grief is a process. Jesus walks with us. *Today's readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

**Saturday, May 20**

### Ask and You Will Receive

Jesus adamantly encourages us to ask God for what we need and assures us that God hears our prayers. When it seems that our prayers go unanswered, remember that God holds the long view of our lives, giving us what we truly need. Have faith in the big picture. Know that God desires to be close to us and wills the best for us. *Today's readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*



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**KEEPING THE SEASONS**  
LENT AND EASTER 2023



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Flow through Us

Generous God,  
you pour your infinite love  
upon the whole world.  
Thank you for infusing every cell  
of our bodies  
and every seed of creation with your  
Holy Spirit.  
Open our eyes to recognize this gift  
of love  
flowing through our lives.  
May your unbreakable bond of love  
propel us to act with mercy,  
kindness, and compassion  
toward all those in need of your  
unconditional grace.  
Through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Love Eternal



*Today's readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21.* The Gospel readings of the Easter season persistently invite us to remain close to the risen Christ in love. This love is born in trust that the Lord is with us for all time in the form of the Holy Spirit. He made that promise to the disciples in the upper room before he suffered and died. He repeated the promise before he ascended to heaven. And he makes that promise to us today.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit entwine us in an unbreakable bond of love. Binding us together, this love makes us one in faith. This love creates and sustains life and glorifies the earth with beauty. This love inspires us to clothe

the naked, feed the hungry, and bring others to faith. This love reveals itself through a mother's gift of life, protection, care, and devotion. This love welcomes us into the world at our birth and draws us to the Father when we take our last breath. This love is with us and in us for every breath we take during our earthly life, in every relationship, in every twist and turn of our journey.

The invitation to love is always present. It courses through every cell of our body and sustains every breath we take. Our response to this great gift is to receive love with open hearts, allow it to guide our walk through life, and share it with others.

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