

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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August 3, 2025-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass on Monday, Tuesday

No 12:10pm Mass-Wednesday

Weekday Masses will be in the Student Center-Library

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-1pm & Closed Wednesday & 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 (OCIA): 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.

August 3, 2025
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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.



“The Repentant Sinner,” is a short story by the great Russian writer, Leo Tolstoy, author of the much acclaimed novel ***War and Peace***.

Tolstoy's tale tells of a man, a great sinner, who turns to God asking for God's mercy before he dies. The man arrives at heaven's gate and finds it locked. Saint Peter reminds the man that because of his many sins he cannot enter heaven, but the man in kind reminds Peter of his many sins, not the least of which is his three fold denial of even knowing Jesus.

Peter moves on and is replaced by King David who delivers much the same message as Saint Peter. The man then reminds King David of his many sins, including adultery and murder.

Finally, the Apostle John arrives. The man says to him, “You wrote that God is love. Surely, you will let me in.” And sure enough, St. John embraces the man and escorts him into heaven.

Tolstoy's point in telling the tale is to help us see that ***we are loved sinners and we find God in love.***

“Love is God, and to die means that I, a particle of love, shall return to the eternal source of love.”

- Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910)

Have a blessed week,
Fr. Andrew

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Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

August 9th-10th; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9

Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



August 2nd-3rd; Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Frank O'Brien

Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter

Sunday 11:15am – † Msgr. Donald Gilbert

August 9th-10th; Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Meridith Mistretta

Sunday 9am – † Mary Ambrose Nasca

Sunday 11:15am – † Kathleen Sturmer



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for July 27, 2025 **\$4,096.00**

“Give and it shall be given to you.” - Luke 6:38
Thank you for your generous contributions.



Mission Appeal next weekend, August 9-10:

The Mission Office of the Diocese of Manchester each year invites a missionary group to share about their mission work in all the parishes. Next weekend, August 9-10, we will have a guest speaker at all the masses offering the annual mission appeal for the church's many-faceted missionary activities throughout the world. **Foundation for Children in Need** is a Catholic lay organization based in Arlington Heights, IL.

Alan Carlson, Sponsor and Supporter of FCN is very happy to visit us and share about their mission work in the interior villages of India. FCN sponsors 1800 children and college students and 100 seniors. They have been responsible for building several schools, boarding homes, a community health center and two homes for the elderly. They provide free medical check-ups and medicine to thousands of needy people and children. They also provide vocational training in sewing and embroidery to rural village women. 2000 children born with Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate have been helped with free corrective surgeries in the past 10 years. We welcome Alan and encourage you to support their mission work generously. There will be a second collection taken up next weekend. To know more about their mission work, please visit: www.fcn-usa.org.



"I am the Resurrection and the life"

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul Cox**
Memorial Mass will be here at STM on
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 11am.



Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



200 Club

Rhonda Hodson
Robert Worrell
Peggy Dolan



Congratulations to July's winners...

There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the August 31st drawing.

Both enrollment and renewal are easy. As the 200 Club 'year' ends in January, all annual new or renewal subscriptions in June are \$140.

Quarterly and Semi annual subscriptions are available at \$50 and \$100 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 or 603-519-0369.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD AS A LECTOR AT MASS?

Please contact the Parish office at
603-868-2666 or contact Roberta MacBride at
stmpastoralmin@comcast.net
(Training will be provided)

Lectors needed for Sundays at the 11:15am Masses.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY?

We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses,
especially on Sundays at 11:15am. If interested, please
contact Ann McGurty at the office at 603-868-2666.

Training will be provided.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Summer Update

During the summer months, we are able to provide our food pantry patrons with fresh produce from local NH farms thanks to a grant received from NH Feeding NH and one of our generous parishioners and food pantry volunteers.

Our pantry has many opportunities for volunteers to assist. If you have some extra time to give, contact Regina Smick-Attisano – rasamom3@comcast.net for the details.

This week, at the pantry, we have a need for:

- Ajax or Comet cleaner
- pickle relish
- body wash



STM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Fellowship Committee is responsible for hospitality and parish community activities.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested in building community and sharing fellowship within our parish please contact Alberto Manalo alberto.manalo@comcast.net



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly Barbara Farrington Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin Bernadette Komonchak

For all our homebound and residents of our local nursing homes and care facilities



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,101.00**
We have raised **\$20,373.00**

Help us reach our goal!
Thank you to all who have
contributed. Feel free to take an
envelope complete it and mail it

directly to **2025 NH Catholic Appeal**; drop it in the basket at the
entrances of the Church; place it in the collection
basket; or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca



Our Parish number code is 41830.

Our STM Food Pantry and
Campus Ministry benefit from the
NHCA contributions.

Thank you for your continual support.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 12:13-21

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Will you be greedy or
share with the needy?

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Dependence	Guard Against Greed	A	Y	E	A	R	S	A	G	A	I	N	S	T	G	D
	Avoid Possessions	S	L	U	F	I	T	N	U	O	B	D	E	R	E	N
	Share Wealth	N	N	O	D	E	P	E	N	D	E	N	C	E	A	A
	Parable	W	E	A	L	T	H	H	V	E	L	E	R	A	U	L
	Rich Fool	I	D	S	H	A	R	E	G	A	I	G	E	S	N	P
	Land Produced Bountiful Harvest	D	D	M	G	G	H	A	R	V	E	S	T	U	P	A
	Man Built Larger Grain Storage	E	U	A	U	E	R	V	I	O	V	F	M	R	R	R
	Barns Believing Years	C	S	A	F	O	I	E	C	I	I	O	G	E	E	A
	Enjoyment	U	R	I	T	M	A	N	H	D	N	O	R	I	P	B
	God Demanded Life	D	L	S	B	U	I	L	T	M	G	L	A	U	A	L
Unprepared	Suddenly	O	G	E	N	J	O	Y	M	E	N	T	I	R	R	E
	Heavenly Treasure	R	E	G	R	A	L	A	D	E	M	A	N	D	E	D

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do. I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.’ There I shall store all my grain and other goods and say to myself ‘Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink and be merry’ But God said to him, ‘you fool, this night your life will be demanded of you’...Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

Our highways are dotted with new buildings, extra storage for goods not needed. They replace silos on farms which stored grain for the winter months. What do we find in these new buildings? We can just imagine. The parable of Jesus raises questions for us.

It begins with my admission that whatever I have is God’s gift to me. What I have in excess and do not use, is going to waste and could be helpful to someone else. An unused coat or jacket could be of enormous help to a homeless person, or a thrift shop. A rusting bike could make a poor child happy. A set of dishes can be of great assistance for someone whose home was destroyed by fire. Think of one thing you can afford to give away. That is ‘what matters to God.’

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

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in the eyes of
God

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nine people face hunger.

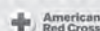
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