

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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March 22, 2026-Fifth Sunday of Lent



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & **No 5pm Mass (Spring Break)**

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Mon, Tue, and Wed

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9-3pm & Wed: 9-1pm &
Closed Friday

Food Pantry-Thursday 4-6pm



Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7pm



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:

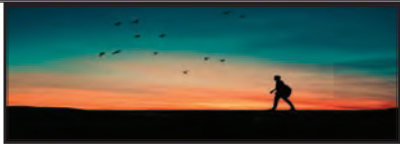
Call Director of Faith Formation 603-868-2666

For Parish Registration call 603-868-2666 or visit stmdurham.org.

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 Discipline of Simplicity

In Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline*, he divides discipline into three parts: inward, outward, and corporate discipline. He places *simplicity* under the category of the outward disciplines. Here are his nine ways to order our world so that we can create simplicity in our lives:

- First,* buy things for their usefulness rather than their status.
- Second,* reject anything that is producing an addiction in you.
- Third,* develop a habit of giving things away.
- Fourth,* refuse to be propagandized by the custodians of modern gadgetry.
- Fifth,* learn to enjoy things without owning them.
- Sixth,* develop a deeper appreciation for creation.
- Seventh,* have a healthy skepticism toward all "buy now, pay later" schemes.
- Eighth,* obey Jesus' instructions about plain, honest speech.
- Ninth,* shun whatever would distract you from your main goal: "Seek first the kingdom of God."

So, what are we to do? Just relax. Slow down. Clear your schedule. Listen to God. Hug a child. Watch a sunset. Hold the hand of a loved one. Fall in love again with the God who has been in love with you all along.

*Blessing on your week,
Fr. Andrew*

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March 21st-22nd; Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Reading II: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

March 28th-29th; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7
Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Gospel (Passion) Matthew 26:14-27:66

Holy Week Schedule posted inside bulletin



March 21st-22nd; Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5pm –† Jeff Waterhouse
Sunday 9am –† Jud Porter
Sunday 11:15am –† Carol Kovacs

March 28th-29th; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 5pm –† Canon Frank Hagerty
Sunday 9am –† Bernadette Komonchak
Sunday 11:15am –† Leon Bouchard



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Grades K-5th Classes

Faith Formation Grades K-5 Classes – March 22nd
(Mary’s Way of the Cross) 10am Gym (after 9am Mass).

Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle School Class – March 22nd
(Mary ‘sWay of the Cross) 10am Gym (after 9am Mass)
10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym
See Middle School Calendar for upcoming dates

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for March 15th **\$3,822.00**

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



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

This spring we will again be offering our patrons Easter Food Baskets on **Saturday, March 28th**. A ham dinner is on the menu. Donations of canned pineapple, fruit cocktail, Easter candy, cake mixes and frosting are needed currently. Gift cards to local grocery stores are also welcome. **Please leave your donations by March 22nd.**

Contact me at rasamom3@comcast.net if interested in sharing your time and talents in helping with this effort.

This week, at the pantry, we can use the following items:

- Conditioner
- Body wash
- Lemonade mix



MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

WE MADE OUR GOAL!

Let’s reach our goal of **\$20,000.00**
We have currently raised **\$24,740.00**

Please help us reach our goal.

Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



We hope you will join us for
Mary’s Way of the Cross
(by Richard G. Furey, C.Ss.R)
Sunday, March 22nd in the gym at 10am
(after the 9:00am Mass).

As we journey through Lent and approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, let us walk with Jesus as he prepared for the ultimate sacrifice.

Presentation narrated by our Faith Formation Catechists & Parishioners. All are welcome to join us.

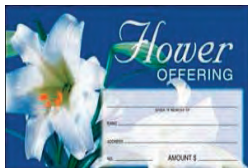
I will put my Spirit within you



and you shall live

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

Honor or remember loved ones with a donation for Palms/Easter Flowers. Envelopes are available on the church window sills and all entrances. Memorial/Deceased names will be posted in bulletin.



200 CLUB



*March winds are blowing strong!
If you’re a 200 Club member,
those winds could blow some
winnings your way on **Sunday,**
March 29th.*

*You could be a winner on **Sunday, March 29th.***

There’s plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the **March 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

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

A Journey through Lent

St. Thomas More Catholic Church



This greatest week in the church calendar celebrates the Good News that God has reconciled the world to Himself in the suffering, death & Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

MASSES PALM/PASSION SUNDAY~ March 28/29

Sat 5pm; Sunday 9am; 11:15am & 5pm UNH Mass

ALL MASSES BEGIN IN CHURCH! Come early to Receive Palms!

Be seated: *1st Gospel in Foyer/Procession/Matthew's Passion*

TRIDUUM– three days/one liturgy

THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm

*Receive New Blessed Oils, Washing of Feet, Celebrate the Lord's Supper,
Eucharistic Procession to Library Garden; "Watch" 8-10pm (incense)*

GOOD FRIDAY ~ Friday, April 3, 7:00pm

John's Passion Gospel; Venerate the Cross; Receive Holy Communion

EASTER VIGIL ~ Saturday, April 4, 8:00pm

*Easter Fire on the lawn; (Incense); Procession w/ New Paschal Candle / Sung
Exsultet; Renewal of Baptismal Promises/Sprinkling; OCIA Baptisms/Confirmations*

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 5, 9am & 11:15am Mass

No 5pm UNH Mass on Easter Sunday

Enjoy a Blessed and Happy Easter!

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Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Lent / John 11:1-45

Jesus is called by Martha & Mary with news their brother Lazarus is very ill. When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Jesus loved His friends deeply and was so saddened by their grief, He cried. Jesus called upon His Father, who raised Lazarus, much the same as Jesus will rise Easter morning!

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Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

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The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK
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Dear God,
This week I...

LEND
for
LENT

Love,

Examples

- Make a special card for someone who is sad or sick.
- By yourself, or with family members, write a "Thank you Jesus, for Loving Me" prayer. Read it each day from now until Easter.
- Plant some seeds in a cup or planter, giving it water & sun daily. In a few days, you too will witness the miracle of new life. Your new sprouts should be ready by Easter to give as a loving gift.

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In the past weeks of Lent we have seen a lending of physical, emotional, spiritual and healing support. With the rising of Lazarus, Jesus' friends experiences all of these comforts, and many people became believers.

Lent is nearing the end. Using these remaining two weeks of Lent, think about how much Jesus loves us, and pass this love on to others. **Lend** your talents to an activity that will comfort someone. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.



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