

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

6 Madbury Road (P.O. Box 620) - Durham, New Hampshire 03824-0620

**August 27, 2023: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am, No 5:00pm Mass Sept.3rd

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Tuesday & Wednesday

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thurs: 9-1pm (ring doorbell)

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 (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.

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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.*

*"...where two or three are
gathered in my name..."
Matthew 18:20*



Almost every culture, throughout human history, has believed, as Christians do, that the world and everything in it was deliberately created by an infinitely powerful, good and purposeful force which we call *God*. God is unique, all-powerful, invisible

and eternal, not created by anything nor caused by anything. We believe that God uses the natural laws of biology and physics to bring about change and development in the world. We also believe that human beings can enter into a personal relationship with God through prayer. Through human beings, too, God works out His purposes for His creation, a process which is called *Providence*.

Prayer is the language of our relationship with God. We can pray at any time and in any place. Because we share our faith with other people, we gather to pray together. It is fashionable for some to say "*I believe in God, but I don't feel the need to go to church.*" Our private prayer needs to be enriched by public worship. We also need to engage with one another for our faith to grow.

*God bless you,
Fr. Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am & 11:15am, no 5:00pm Sept. 30th
(UNH Student Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Summer Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thurs: 9-1pm

Closed Wednesday & Friday

August 26th-27th; 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23
Reading II: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

September 2nd-3rd; 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Reading II: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27



August 26th-27th; 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Kevin Dugas
Sunday 9am – ✠ Joan C. Ciccone
Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Julia Frawley

September 2nd-3rd; 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – ✠ Albert and Lorraine Landry &
Linfred & Norma Bovat
Sunday 9am – ✠ Ginger Rosson Judge
Sunday 11:15am – ✠ Robert Rogers



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Parent Meeting for all Faith Formation
Parents will be on Tuesday, September 12th
at 7pm in STM Gym.

For more information please contact Ann McGurty
stmfaith@comcast.net or call 603 868-2666 X110

Registration for all grades for Fall Classes
are now being accepted

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes
stmfaith@comcast.net

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

Middle School Youth Ministry
stmmsfaith@gmail.com

Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano for more information

High School Youth Ministry
stmHSYM@gmail.com

Please contact Felicia Sperry for more information

Please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email
stmfaith@comcast.net for more information and Sacrament
inquiry.

Rock
of Faith



Blessed are you, Peter.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry

As we head into the Back to School season, our numbers of patrons are increasing. We need additional volunteers. As your schedules change, please consider giving an hour or more of your time to our Food Pantry.

We have different days to choose from as well as times of the day. You can volunteer once a month or once a week.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net
This week, at the pantry, we can use:

- Paper towels
- BBQ sauces
- Lemonade Mix and/or Koolaid Mix



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for July 31st- \$ **2,796.00**

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



COME AND SEE (RCIA)

Are you searching for meaning in life? Do you feel a longing for a relationship with God? Have you ever wanted to know more about what the Catholic Church really teaches? Have you thought about receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist but don't know where to begin?



If so, then **please join us for an informational meeting about RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) on Monday, September 25, at 7pm in the STM Student Center Library.**

One is not making a formal commitment to anything by attending this meeting. We will simply answer your questions to help you discern if you want to start the inquiry process. All are welcome and invited (University students and all other adults). Bring a friend!

For more information, please contact **Roberta MacBride** call the **parish office** at **603-868-2666 ext. 115.**

stmpastoralmin@comcast.net or Derick Alexandre
unhstm@gmail.com or call 603-868-2666 ext. 113.



"Who has known the mind of the Lord?" Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at call (603) 663-0196 or email: mmason@rcbm.org



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. **It is SAFE and SECURE!**

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.

On the weekend of **August 27th** (Weekend Masses), Derick Alexandre will be available to assist parishioner who would like to sign-up for Flocknotes or have questions regarding the program. This is great way to keep in touch with the activities at St. Thomas More Parish.



Vince Ambrosetti

Parish Family Concert

Sunday September 10, 2023 at 7pm

Future full of Hope Parish Mission

September 11 & 12 at 7pm

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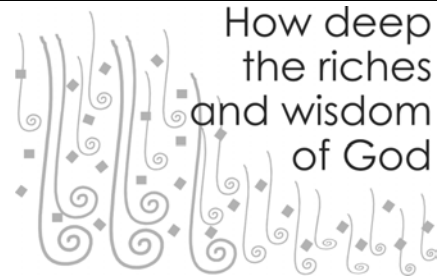
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www.faithonfiremissions.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

We will be closed Monday , September 4th for Labor Day

We will resume with normal business hours September 5th :

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



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND APRIL 2024

Deacon Edward Munz & Derick Alexandre (UNH Campus Minister) will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from April 7-16, 2024. We will be traveling with Unitours, a pilgrimage tour company with an impeccable reputation. To view the brochure or to book online, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/StCatherinesHL>. Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, see the Mount of Transfiguration, among many other highlights. Walk with us in the footsteps of Jesus!

dalexandre@outlook.com



UNH SUNDAY SUPPER TEAMS

Our Sunday suppers after the 5pm Mass owe everything to your generous service. We are looking for more teams/volunteers to prepare and serve meals. If you're not already on a team and would like to volunteer, please contact Derick at dalexandre@outlook.com. Fall dates for prep run from September 17th-December 10th (excluding holiday weekends). Thank you so much for your help and God bless you.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of August 27-September 2

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

If you are new to UNH or returning this Fall, welcome to St. Thomas More and the UNH Catholic Student Center. We're delighted to worship with you. Please consider joining our Catholic Student Organization. **We hold meetings on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the MUB (room TBD). Our FIRST MEETING will take place on August 30th. We will be discussing MOTHER TERESA and our Christian duty to the poor. Plus, be on the lookout for our monthly Adoration, of the Blessed Sacrament starting Friday, September 8th.** We are a joyful, faith-filled community inspired by the Spirit to share the love of Christ with our neighbor. Please join us. You are welcome here!

FOCUS VISIT 8/26-8/27

Our FOCUS missionaries Rachel and Dylan will be visiting on **Opening Weekend**. They will be doing outreach to Freshmen during Wildcat Days and sponsoring a welcome event after the first student Mass. Be on the lookout for emails and Discord Announcements about FREE dinners and opportunities for faith and fellowship with our awesome friends from FOCUS. They will also be giving information on upcoming Bible studies and discipleship groups.

Peace,
Derick

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 3rd NO MASS-Labor Day
 Sunday, September 10th 5pm Mass—Followed by Cookout!
 Sunday September 17th 5pm Mass—Supper Follows
Home-cooked meal to follow Student Masses!

CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER OPEN!!!

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, the Catholic Student Center on 6 Madbury Rd. will be open into the evening (8 or 9p or until the Wednesday meeting). If you want a quiet place to pray, study or to hang with peers, this is a great opportunity to escape the bustle of campus. Just ring the front door bell, and Derick will let you in.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2023 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**,
 Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
 Tyler Johnson tyler.johnson@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the FIRST meeting
August 30th at 7:15pm at the MUB

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
September 18th at 5pm

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August 20-Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1153) Advisor to Popes, defender of the faith, healer of schism, reformer of the Cistercian order, theologian, eloquent preacher, doctor of the Church!

August 23- Rose of Lima (d.

1617)-first canonized saint of New World. Deeply penitent. Ardent love for the poor and sick. Following Catherine of Siena's example, she became a Dominican tertiary.

August 24-Saint Bartholomew. One of the twelve Apostles.



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