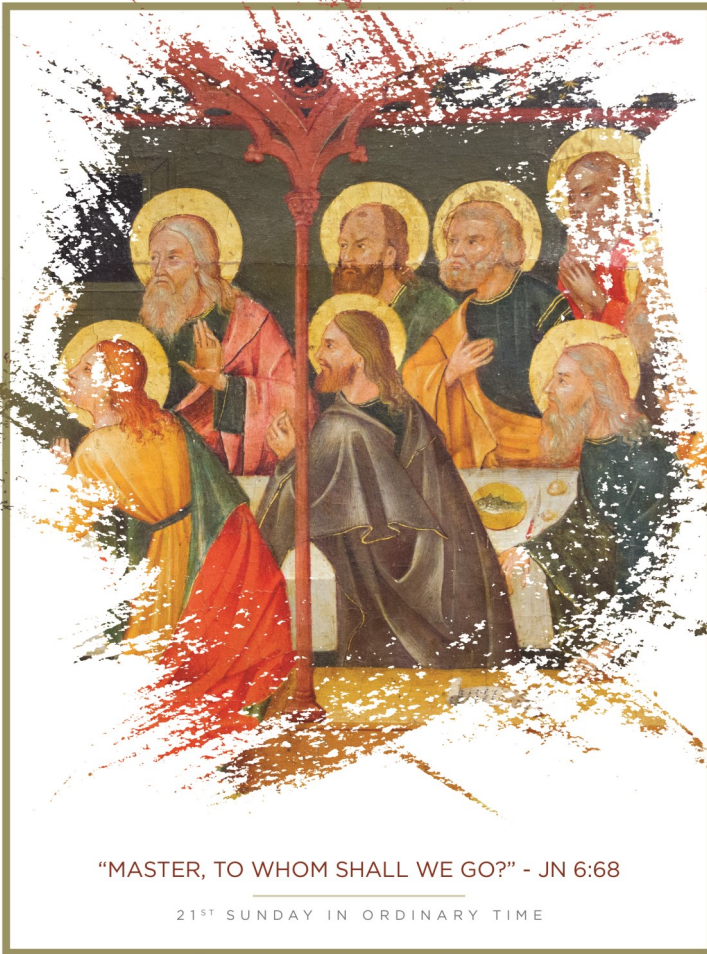


# Church of the Most Precious Blood Saint Theresa of Lisieux Collaborative



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### Sacramental

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish

**Baptism: Saint Theresa of Lisieux (contact the Parish)**

**1st Sunday of the month at 12 noon**

**Most Precious Blood (contact the Parish)**

**3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM**

**Funeral:** Contact the Parish

**Marriage:** Arrange six months prior

**Confession:** By appointment contact the Parish



Saturday August 21

4:00PM (MPB)

Lori & Joseph Garvey

Memorial

Tuesday August 24

9:00AM (STP)

Adilson fonseca

Memorial

Thursday August 26

9:00AM (STP)

Marilyn Carroll

Memorial

### Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saint Theresa of Lisieux

Saturday 5:30PM

Sunday 10:30AM

Tues & Thurs 9:00AM



#### Most Precious Blood

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM

Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00AM

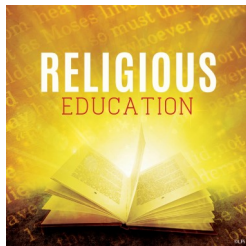
## COLLABORATIVE NEWS

### Emails

If you are not receiving our emails and would like to please contact one of the parish office by phone or email.



Pray the Rosary at Saint Theresa of Lisieux on **THURSDAYS** at 8:30AM, prior to the 9:00AM Mass.



**Religious Education registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open and will be available online only. Please visit our website at [mpb-stp.org](http://mpb-stp.org) to register.**

## PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Please consider making your donations online to ensure that your parish receives your offertory/PSP contribution even if you cannot be present at church. To set up online giving at either parish, please go to our website at [mpb-stp.org](http://mpb-stp.org) and scroll down to the On Line Giving section and click on the box of the parish you would like to set up online giving for. Thank you so much for your generosity!



By supporting the annual Catholic Appeal, you are helping our Church bring Christ's presence to the world through more than 50 different ministries. **If you have not already done so, please consider contributing to the 2021 Catholic Appeal to help ensure these ministries can continue helping our parish and communities throughout our Archdiocese of Boston.** To give now, scan the QR code above or visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org).

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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### **A Double Blessing**

*It was a joyous day last Sunday for sisters Tiffany Sullivan Pinciario and Alexa Pinciario as both of their second-born children were baptized into the Church. Tiffany and husband Matthew had their baby boy Cole Patrick baptized and Alexa and husband Kevin had their baby girl Skylar Anne baptized. May God bless and watch over them and their families!!*

### **The School of Joy**

Maysoon Khair, representing The School of Joy, will be coming to Most Precious Blood and Saint Theresa of Lisieux August 28-29.

The School of Joy works with children with special needs in Beit Sahour, the 'town of the shepherds' on the West Bank, [www.schoolofjoy.org/about.shtml](http://www.schoolofjoy.org/about.shtml). Additionally, over one hundred Christian families make a living through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

The difficult situation in the Holy Land has caused an interruption of the tourist trade, which in turn has our Christian families in Bethlehem having to seek alternative ways to earn a living.

One of these alternatives is to sell their goods at churches. After all masses there will be a display of these beautifully hand carved items created by our families; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, the last supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self help project to keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

Thank you and God Bless you,  
Maysoon Khair