

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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saint Patrick of Ireland,  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Saint Theresa of Lisieux**

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 10:30am

Sunday 5:30pm\*

\*As Announced September - December

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am



### **Most Precious Blood**

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 5:30pm\*

\*As Announced January - May

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

# OUR COLLABORATIVE

## Most Precious Blood—St. Theresa of Lisieux Collaborative Pastoral Council

Father Robert Blaney  
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Pray the Rosary at Saint Theresa of Lisieux Church on THURSDAYS at 8:30am, prior to the 9:00am Mass.

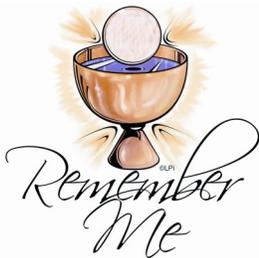
## Sacramental & Devotional Services

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish  
**Baptism: Saint Theresa of Lisieux** (contact the Parish)  
 1st Sunday of the month at 12noon  
**Most Precious Blood** (contact the Parish)  
 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30pm  
**Funeral:** Contact the Parish  
**Marriage:** Arrange six months prior  
**Confession:** By appointment contact the Parish  
**Adoration:** First Fridays following 9am Mass (MPB)  
**Rosary:** Thursdays 8:30am before 9am Mass (STP)



## FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

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Saturday March 19 4:00pm (MPB)	John Meany	Memorial
Saturday March 19 4:00pm (STP)	Carole Crino	Memorial
Sunday March 20 9:00am (MPB)	Peter Van Kleeck	Memorial
Sunday March 20 10:30am (STP)	Roger Reidy	Memorial
Wednesday March 23 9:00am (MPB)	Lawrence Gerrity	Memorial
Saturday March 26 4:00pm (MPB)	Lori & Joseph Garvey	Memorial
Saturday March 26 4:00pm (STP)	John Dwyer	Memorial
Sunday March 27 10:30am (STP)	David McHugh	Memorial

## Readings for March 20, 2022

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

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### WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Women's Prayer Group at Saint Theresa Parish will meet via Zoom now through April on Tuesdays at 7pm. We welcome all women of the collaborative to join us in prayer as their schedules allow. No commitment is required. To join our zoom email list, or for more information, please contact Kathy Donohue at 508-934-9366.

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

We invite all the men of St. Theresa & Most Precious Blood Parishes— young and old – to join the Men's Prayer Group each week as we get together to read the Sunday Scripture and then share our thoughts and reflections on what the readings mean and how we can better bring the Word into our lives. Meetings are on Saturday mornings from 8 to 9am.

Because of COVID, the meetings are now being held via Zoom, but we hope to meet again in person later this year. Each week is a lively event, bringing lots of different perspectives on our faith and our daily challenges. Please contact Gene Ham [hamgene50@gmail.com](mailto:hamgene50@gmail.com) if you'd like to join.



As we all know, St. Patrick is the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. As we all know, St. Patrick is responsible for casting out the snakes in all of Ireland. And as we all know, St. Patrick was quite fond of pancakes. My grandmother told me so!

In the spirit of Irish "Truth," all are invited to the St. Patrick's Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 20th at St. Theresa of Lisieux Church immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Irish step dancers from the Greene O'Leary School of Irish Dancing will participate in the Mass and will perform at the breakfast to follow. Céad Míle Fáilte!

Father Blaney



Second graders and their families are learning about the Mass as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion this spring. Last month they gathered to tour the church and discover sacred spaces and objects that help us celebrate the Mass. They especially loved getting a "behind the scenes" look at the vestments the priest wears for different liturgical seasons, smelling the holy oils used in the sacraments, and getting close to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Please join us in praying for the children as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist.

### A Prayer to the Patron Saint of Ukraine



We pray in a particular way for the people of Ukraine and entrust them to their Patron Saint *Michael the Archangel* as we pray for them and ourselves,

"Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LENTEN HOLY HOURS AND CONFESSION

During the season of Lent there will be weekly Holy Hours of Silence, Meditation and Adoration. A Holy hour will immediately follow every Thursday 9am daily Mass at St. Theresa of Lisieux Church and every Friday 9am daily Mass at Most Precious Blood Church during Lent.

There will be the opportunity for Confession immediately following Mass until 10am. Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur at 10:30am.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent at Saint Theresa of Lisieux Church beginning March 4th at 7:00pm.

The Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence for Catholics 14 and older: no meat is allowed. Good Friday is also a day of fasting for Catholics aged 18 to 59: one full meal and two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength but not equal to one full meal, are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juice are. On Holy Saturday fast and abstinence are encouraged, though not required.

## Express Your Prayers

As we enter into the season of Lent, we are inviting parishioners to “express their prayers.” In the back of the Church there is a basket with purple ribbon and black markers. Write your prayer intention on a ribbon and place it in the designated basket, it will be pinned to the white cross in the front of the Church. This is an opportunity to ask the community to pray with us and for us.

## The Chosen

This Lent you will have the opportunity to experience *The Chosen* on Catholic TV. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout the holiest days of the year, Catholic TV will bring you episodes from the first season of *The Chosen* to enhance your spiritual journey and deepen your relationship with the Lord. New episodes of *The Chosen* premiere Wednesday nights at 9 with encore presentations Thursdays at 5am, Saturdays at 10pm and Mondays at 1pm. Catholic TV can be viewed on channel 268 on Comcast and channel 296 on Verizon.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### Reconciliation Services

Wednesday, April 6th 7:00pm Saint Theresa of Lisieux  
Thursday, April 7th 7:00pm Most Precious Blood