

# Most Precious Blood & Saint Theresa of Lisieux Parishes

## *First Sunday of* **ADVENT**



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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saint Theresa of Lisieux**

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 10:30am

Sunday 5:30pm\*

\*As Announced October - December

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am

**Most Precious Blood**

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 5:30pm\*

\*As Announced January - April

Monday & Friday 9:00am

## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD & SAINT THERESA OF LISIEUX PARISHES

### ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISHES?

If you are visiting today we welcome you to our parishes! We'd love to meet you, so please introduce yourself to Fr. Blaney or fill out a registration form available at the entrances of the church or online at [www.mpb-stp.org](http://www.mpb-stp.org).

#### Collaborative Pastoral Council

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#### Sacraments & Devotions

##### Confession & Adoration:

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm St. Theresa's  
 First Thursdays 9:30-10am St. Theresa's  
 First Fridays 9:30-10am Most Precious Blood

**Rosary:** Thursdays 8:30am before 9am Mass (STP)

**Baptism/Funeral/Anointing:** Contact the Parish

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish at least 6 months prior

#### Mass Intentions

To reserve a weekday or weekend Mass for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, please contact the parish office ten days to two weeks ahead of time.

#### Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle at either church may be memorialized for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one for one week. Please call the office for more information.

**Saturday December 2**

**4:00pm (STP)**

**Raymond Falvey**

**Memorial**

**Saturday December 2**

**5:30pm (MPB)**

**Bob & Wendy Richards**

**Memorial**

**Sunday December 3**

**9:00am (MPB)**

**Ruth Marie Dunnirvine**

**Memorial**

**Sunday December 3**

**10:30am (STP)**

**Jennifer Monsen**

**Memorial**

**Sunday December 3**

**5:30pm (STP)**

**Mike Montalbano**

**Memorial**

**Monday December 4**

**9:00am (MPB)**

**James J. Tierney**

**Memorial**

**Tuesday December 5**

**9:00am (STP)**

**Virginia DePalo**

**Memorial**

**Thursday December 7**

**9:00am (STP)**

**Barbara Ann Sousa**

**Memorial**

**Saturday December 9**

**5:30pm (MPB)**

**Dr. Mitchell Nore**

**Memorial**

**Sunday December 10**

**9:00 (MPB)**

**Nancy Wright (Hines)**

**Memorial**



We pray for the repose of the soul of **Virginia V. DePalo**, who died on November 19th and whose funeral was on November 24th at St. Theresa's Parish.



#### For the week of December 3rd the Sanctuary Candle

At Most Precious Blood Church will burn in memory of **Joan Valinote**.

At Saint Theresa of Lisieux will burn in memory of **Tom McDonald**.

#### Gifts & Bequests

Did you know you can make a financial gift that will have a lasting impact on either Most Precious Blood or Saint Theresa's Parish? The Catholic Community Fund enables donors to make planned gifts and create charitable endowment funds that provide permanent support for the current and future needs of our parishes. For more information please contact Lynne Sullivan, Executive Director, from The Archdiocese of Boston at 617-779-3747 or [lsullivan@rcab.org](mailto:lsullivan@rcab.org)

### SUNDAY 5:30PM MASS

Although focused on the youth of our parishes, this Mass is open to all. The final Mass for 2023 is **Dec. 10**, at **St. Theresa of Lisieux Church**. Beginning in January, the Mass will move to Most Precious Blood Church.

## Parish Support

**Support your church today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.**

1. Visit [www.mpb-stp.org](http://www.mpb-stp.org) go to Online Giving.
  2. Choose WeShare for your parish
  3. Select the collection or event of your choice.
  4. Set up your donation or payment.
- For support contact [weshare@4lpi.com](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com) or call 800-950-9952



Flower button on the home page.

### Christmas Flower Fund

Contributions toward the purchase of Christmas flowers to beautify the celebration of Christmas are gratefully appreciated. Donations made in memory of your loved ones will be prayed for during the Christmas season. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the churches. To donate online go to [mpb-stp.org](http://mpb-stp.org) and click on the Christmas

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Friday, December 8**

Saint Theresa of Lisieux Church  
Thursday, December 7th 7:00pm

Most Precious Blood Church  
Friday, December 8th 9:00am

### 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend of Advent (December 23 & 24) MASS SCHEDULE

#### **St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish**

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00pm  
(There is NO Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Mass)

#### **Most Precious Blood Parish**

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00am  
(There is NO Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm Mass)



### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### **Most Precious Blood Parish**

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm & 6:00pm  
Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

#### **St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish**

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm & 6:00pm  
Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30am



### Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Although this year the Solemnity of **Mary, The Holy Mother of God** is not a holy day of obligation, it is of course a holy day nonetheless. The Mass for this Solemnity will take place on **Monday January 1st at 9:00am** at Most Precious Blood Parish.

### Change in Daily Mass Schedule

Please note that there is no longer a daily Mass on Wednesdays.

### A Multitude of Thank You's

*Thank you* to all who made the annual coat and blanket drive a great success.

*Thanks too* for the support of the October Baby Shower. We received new baby outfits, blankets, diapers and monetary gifts.



A big thank you to all those who made the Bake Sale at STP a huge success. Especially, Pat Bain, Lisa Caraviello-Helmuth and Doug Furbush.

Thank you to all who made the Harvest Bake Sale such a great success at Most Precious Blood!

And finally, a special *thank you* to the MPB parishioner who generously provided the blue Advent Prayer Booklets at Most Precious Blood Church and to the STP parishioner who generously provided these booklets at St. Theresa's Church.

### Collaborative Christmas Giving Opportunities

For over 30 years the Bethlehem Tree program at **St. Theresa's** has joined with SMOC to provide Christmas gifts for children in the Framingham area. You are invited to take a card and purchase the items listed, or a combination of items and gift cards. Gift cards from Walmart and Target are especially useful to the families. Please put your name and phone number next to the tag number on the sign-up sheet. **Unwrapped** gifts should be in individual bags by recipient with the tags securely attached.

The deadline to drop off gifts at the parish is **Sunday, December 10 at noon**. Contact Kathy Donohue at (508) 934-9366 for more information.



At **Most Precious Blood Parish**, the annual Advent Giving Tree will be in the vestibule from **November 25th through**

**December 13th**. Our Giving Tree is a wonderful opportunity to provide a Christmas gift or gift card to a child or family in need. Please take a tag from the tree and return **unwrapped** gifts & gift cards with the original red or green tag attached by **Wednesday, December 13 at 5:00pm**. Contact [Suegeremia@gmail.com](mailto:Suegeremia@gmail.com) for additional information.

### What Sweeter Music:

#### The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College in Concert

This December, The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College will present a festive concert of sacred music for Advent and Christmas at two Boston area Catholic churches. The acclaimed 22-voice ensemble will take you on a musical journey from the season of hushed waiting to the joyful radiance of Our Lord's Nativity. Repertoire includes works by Palestrina, Victoria, Gibbons, Britten, Carter, Rutter, Stopford, and others ranging from the 15<sup>th</sup> century to the present day. The concerts will be capped off by familiar carols for all present to sing. Performances are on Saturday, December 9, at 7:00 PM at Holy Name Church in West Roxbury and on Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 PM at Saint Leonard Church in Boston. Both concerts are free and open to the public. They are part of the choir's *What Sweeter Music Tour*. For more information, please visit [magdalen.edu/concert](http://magdalen.edu/concert)



## Calling All Storytellers, Shepherds, Angels, Magi!



Most Precious Blood and St. Theresa of Lisieux Parishes  
Announces its first collaborative **Nativity Play**,  
**Sunday, December 17, 3:00 pm**  
**Church of the Most Precious Blood**

We are seeking children in grades 1-5 (cast), middle and  
high school (narrators), and adults (volunteers)

**Sign-up deadline extended to Tuesday, November 28**

For more information, please contact Graceanne Bowe,  
[Graceanne@mpb-stp.org](mailto:Graceanne@mpb-stp.org)

### Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, December 3 @ St. Theresa

Grades 9-10 4:00-5:30 pm

Grades 6-8 6:30-7:45 pm

Monday, December 4 @ St. Theresa

Grades 1-5 3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday, December 5 @ Most Precious Blood

Grades 1-5 3:30-4:30 pm

### Grand Annual Collection

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to  
our “**Annual collection.**” If you have not yet had an  
opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as  
possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated.  
Thank you.

## Most Precious Blood & Saint Theresa of Lisieux Ministries

Saint Theresa of Lisieux’s food pantries, **A Place to Turn** and **St. Bridget’s**, have collection baskets at the rear of the church. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, and paper goods are greatly appreciated.

**Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program** in Roxbury. there is a drop off location at both St. Theresa’s and Most Precious Blood. Upcoming Delivery Date: **Tues, Dec. 12th**. For more information about what is needed, see the fliers at the back of church or contact: Anne Mangini, [mpbdover@mpb-stp.org](mailto:mpbdover@mpb-stp.org) or Ann Marie McVeigh, [mcveighboston@gmail.com](mailto:mcveighboston@gmail.com).

**The Circle of Friends** is a group whose mission is to provide a gesture of kindness to those individuals & families who are weathering an illness, who have suffered a loss and/or are celebrating a birth. If you know of someone that we should reach out to, please call or email Anne Mangini at [mpbdover@mpbstp.org](mailto:mpbdover@mpbstp.org) or (508) 785-0305 and she will forward that information to the group.