

Most Precious Blood & Saint Theresa of Lisieux Parishes



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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DECEMBER 24 & 31, 2023

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, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

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.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

Father Robert J. Blaney	Roseann Furbush
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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 23

4:00pm (STP)

Peter Bruzzi

Memorial

Sunday December 24

9:00am (MPB)

Gregory Bullock

Memorial

Tuesday December 26

9:00am (STP)

Carole Kane & Mary Twomey

Memorial

Thursday December 28

9:00am (STP)

Mike Kickham

Memorial

Friday December 29

9:00am (MPB)

Clare Ellison

Memorial

Saturday December 30

4:00pm (STP)

Bob Sullivan

Healing

Saturday December 30

5:30pm (MPB)

Nancy (Wright) Hines

Memorial

Sunday December 31

9:00am (MPB)

John Meany

Memorial

Tuesday January 2

9:00am (STP)

Kris Matthews

Memorial

Sunday January 7

10:30am (STP)

Francis, Maureen, & Seamus Greene

Memorial



For the week of December 24th the Sanctuary Candle

At Most Precious Blood Church will burn in memory of **Frank & Mary Finn**.

At Saint Theresa of Lisieux will burn for **Peace & Justice in Israel**.

For the week of December 31st the Sanctuary Candle

At Most Precious Blood Church will burn for the healing of **Michael Haggerty**.

At Saint Theresa of Lisieux will burn in memory of **Chris Blaney**.



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

SUNDAY 5:30PM MASS

Although focused on the youth of our parishes, this Mass is open to all. The Masses for 2024 are at

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH.

January 7, 21, 28, February 4, March 3, 10, 17, April 7 & May 19.

Parish Support

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

1. Visit 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 or call 800-950-9952

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.

Religious Education is on break from December 16 until January 7.

**The Offices will be closed from December 23rd through January 1st to allow our staff to enjoy a well deserved holiday break.
Office will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd.**

4th Weekend of Advent (December 23 & 24) MASS SCHEDULE



St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish

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

Most Precious Blood Parish

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Most Precious Blood Parish

Sunday, December 24th 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Monday, December 25th 9:00am

St. Theresa of Lisieux Parish

Sunday, December 24th 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Monday, December 25th 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.



A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful parishioners who participated in our Advent Giving Tree and donated so generously through gifts and gift cards this year. You all truly made a difference in the lives of so many families through Project Hope and Catholic Charities of Dorchester.



Welcome to Saint Theresa of Lisieux and Most Precious Blood Parishes Glad Tidings!

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,
For a child is born to us, a son is given us.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast and forever peaceful." Isaiah 9: 1,5-6.

Father Blaney and the staff of Most Precious Blood and Saint Theresa of Lisieux wish you and your family a blessed, peaceful, and joy-filled Christmas Season.
It is our great pleasure to welcome all who gather for Christmas Masses at our collaborative parishes.

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

The joy and gratitude of the Family Team at Boston Health Care for the Homeless was evident when food and Christmas presents were delivered December 12. As we did last year, several parishioners "adopted" a family at the agency providing gifts for children and parents served by BHCHP.

Our next food delivery is Tuesday, January 16. Drop off food donations at Most Post Precious Blood or St. Theresa's. Smaller sized packages are appreciated as folks carry what they receive either by foot or on public transportation. Email Carol Coakley at cacoakley@gmail.com if you need more information.



Christmas Collection: Clergy Trust

Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston.

The Christmas Collection supports the retirement, medical & financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

Year End Charitable Contributions

As we approach the end of the year you may be considering the best way to make a charitable contribution to your parish:

- Standard cash gifts are greatly appreciated and are fully tax deductible.
- Consider electronic contributions to offertory through WeShare by visiting our website www.mpb-stp.org and selecting Online Giving.
- Significant tax savings can result from having stock and/or mutual funds transferred directly to Most Precious Blood or Saint Theresa parishes. Not only will the IRS allow you to deduct 100% of the value of the underlying stock/mutual fund the day it is received by the parish; you can also avoid paying capital gains taxes resulting from the transfer. Please contact Mike Bliss, mike@mpb-stp.org for additional details.
- If you are 70 1/2 years or older, you can make a donation to a charitable organization directly from your IRA before December 31, 2023. Doing it this way will avoid paying income tax on your withdrawal altogether!
- Please call or talk to your tax advisor for additional details.

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, Jan. 16th**. For more information about what is needed, see the fliers at the back of church or contact: Carol Coakley, cacoakley@gmail.com or Dianne Polizzi, dijo5@verizon.net

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 or (508) 785-0305 and she will forward that information to the group.

Womens Prayer Group meets via Zoom on **Wednesday's 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 meets **Saturday mornings at 8:00am** in the parish hall at St. Theresa's to read and discuss the scripture, ending with prayers around 9:00am. We also retain a Zoom link for those who wish to participate. You can contact Gene Ham at hamgene50@gmail.com