

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD & SAINT THERESA OF LISIEUX PARISHES

APRIL 13, 2025



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest."
- Lk 19:38

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Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend Mass at Most Precious Blood or St. Theresa's regularly, we'd love it if you registered as a parishioner! You may register online or stop by either parish office to fill out a registration card.



PASTOR

Fr. Bill Robinson

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00pm at St. Theresa
5:30pm at Most Precious Blood

SUNDAY

9:00am at Most Precious Blood
10:30am at St. Theresa
5:30pm Youth Mass (as announced)

DAILY MASS

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am at St. Theresa
Wednesday/Friday 9:00am at Most Precious Blood

SACRAMENTS AND DEVOTIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm at St. Theresa

CONFESSION & ADORATION

First Thursdays 9:30-10am at St. Theresa
First Fridays 9:30-10:00am at Most Precious Blood

ROSARY

Thursdays 8:30am
before 9:00am Mass at St. Theresa

Baptism/Funeral/Anointing: Contact the Parish
Marriage: Contact the Parish at least 6 months prior

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MASS INTENTIONS

Most Precious Blood April 12 — April 16		Saint Theresa of Lisieux April 12 — April 16	
Saturday 5:30pm	A special intention	Saturday 4:00pm	
Sunday 9:00am	Daniel Griffin	Sunday 10:30am	Heather Zir
Wednesday 9:00am		Tuesday 9:00 am	Donna Manion



During the week of April 13, the sanctuary candle at Most Precious Blood Church will burn for a special intention.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

MASS INTENTIONS

To reserve a Mass for a deceased loved one or a Special Intention for a living family member or friend, please contact the parish office.



YOUTH MASSES: SELECT SUNDAYS AT 5:30PM

Although the music and homily are geared toward our younger parishioners, all ages are welcome!

Upcoming Mass dates at **Most Precious Blood** are:
April 13, May 4 and May 18.



Bob Keller, Lisa C, Lisa. H, Neil, Cathy, Noreen D, Miranda A, Brooke, Pamela C, The Perlmutter Family, Harry S, Joannie D, Meghan and Christopher, Jim, Jane, Susan, Grace Noell, Dean & Rick

If you would like to add someone to the prayer request list or if you would like to be a part of the prayer line, contact Roseann Furbush at Roseann@mpb-stp.org or call either parish office.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Boston Healthcare for the Homeless donation bins are in the back of both churches.

Local Food Pantry (A Place to Turn and St. Bridget's) collection bins are located in the back of St. Theresa.

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF SUPPORT?

The Circle of Friends invites all parishioners to contact us with private requests or knowledge of a family or individual in need of outreach of any kind, be it a cheerful note, a visit, a meal, etc.

Help us be the eyes and ears of our Collaborative so that we may care for each other.

Please email us at CircleOfFriends@mpb-stp.org.

PRAYER GROUPS

The Women's Prayer Group meets once a week to share our faith and spirituality with each other. We study the upcoming Sunday Gospel using the Lectio Divina method of prayer. We end each meeting praying for special intentions and for those who have asked for our prayers. At this time we are meeting by Zoom. New members are always welcome.

Contact Kathy Donohue at (508) 934-9366.



The Men's Prayer Group meets Saturday mornings at 8:00am in the parish hall at St. Theresa's to read and discuss scripture, ending with prayer around 9:00 am. We also retain a Zoom link for those who wish to participate.

Contact Gene Ham at hamgene50@gmail.com.



FROM THE PASTOR

Reflection:

Did you know that the history of palms dates all of the way back to the Old Testament? Their first reference comes during the time of Moses in the 13th century BC with the Israelite Feast of Booths (a harvest festival kind of like our Thanksgiving). We then follow the timeline of salvation and find palms as a symbol of victory to the Israelites, as a tool of purification in the Temple, and of course as a token of worship to Jesus as He enters Jerusalem. Going to the future, we see the book of Revelation describe those in Heaven as holding palms as they stand around Jesus the Lamb at the triumph of all things. So, as palms are passed out to today, let us keep them as a reminder of God's loving and great plan, not only for His creation, but for each and every one of us.

Parish News

I am thrilled to share with you our first Dover-Sherborn Catholic Community Newsletter! It contains the many great things we all have been doing these past several months. All in this newsletter is a testament and credit to you. Every day I am awed by your faith, kindness, talent, and friendship. We are a truly wonderful community, and I look very much forward to a future of growth and vibrancy!

-Fr. Bill

This Week's Schedule of Events - Holy Week**Sunday, April 13**

9:00am Mass at Most Precious Blood
 9:15–10:30am Grades 2-5 Faith Formation at STP
 10:30am Mass at St. Theresa
 Grades 9-10 Confirmation Retreat
 5:30pm Youth Mass at Most Precious Blood
 6:30-8:00pm High School Youth Group at MPB

Tuesday, April 15

9:00am Mass at St. Theresa

Wednesday, April 16

9:00am Mass at Most Precious Blood
 7:00pm Women's Prayer Group via Zoom

Thursday, April 17 - Holy Thursday

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
 All Night Adoration

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

3:00pm Family Stations of the Cross at MPB
 7:30pm Passion of Our Lord at Most Precious Blood

Saturday, April 19 - Holy Saturday

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Theresa

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

8:30am Mass at St. Theresa
 9:00am Mass at Most Precious Blood
 10:30am Mass at St. Theresa
 11:00am Mass at Most Precious Blood

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Contributions toward the purchase of flowers to beautify our churches for Easter are greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate in memory of your loved ones, please go to our website, mpb-stp.org, or use the envelopes provided at the entrances of the churches. All intentions will be prayed for during the Easter season. Those received by **this Wednesday, April 16** will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/
 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/
 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1
 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/ Lk 24:1-12

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



GOOD FRIDAY

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS, APRIL 18

Stations of the Cross led by children and young people of the DSCC collaborative will take place on Good Friday, April 18, 3:00pm at Church of the Most Precious Blood.

We are seeking students who would like to read a short prayer at each station. If your child is interested, please contact Graceanne Bowe at Graceanne@mpb-stp.org.

GRADE 9 & 10 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Retreat: TODAY Sunday, April 13 2:00-6:15pm at MPB

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sunday Nights 6:30-8:00pm at Most Precious Blood

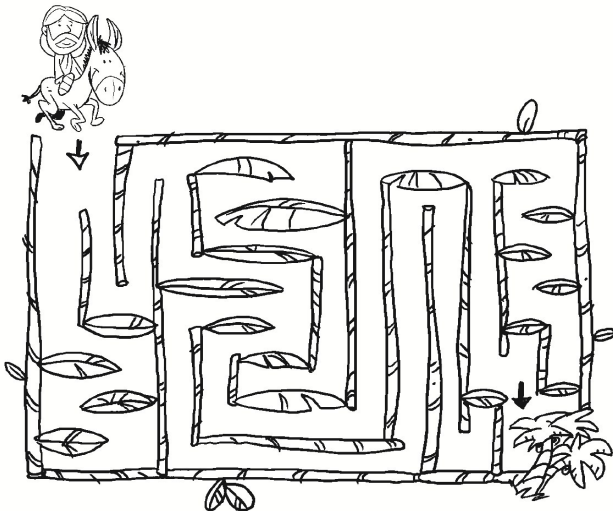
April 13, April 27, May 4 & May 18

Summer Dates: TBD

How to Make a Palm Cross



Follow this QR Code to watch a YouTube instructional video on how to make a palm cross.



I will say good words about my family and friends each day.

BAPTISM NEWS

Last weekend, we celebrated a beautiful milestone as Claire Hafera was welcomed into the faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Surrounded by love, family, and God's blessings, we witnessed the beginning of her journey as a child of God.



Welcome, Claire!
Congratulations to Emily and Joe Hafera & big brother George!

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

MASS WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE DEAF

In celebration of Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, the Archdiocese of Boston invites you to a special Mass honoring persons with disabilities and the deaf community. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard Henning on:



Sunday, April 27th at 1:30 PM

at the

Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston

This Mass will include sensory-friendly space, ASL interpreters, Braille and large print worship aides, and a designated drop off and pick up location. Participants and their families have an opportunity to serve at the liturgy.

For more information or to register, contact Family Life Consultant Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756 or visit

<https://bit.ly/JubileeMWPWD-DC>.



Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey. At the time, it was a customary practice to throw clothes or palms or small branches as a sign of homage to a person of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.



The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic: it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

Regular Weekend Mass schedule
Procession of palms at Sunday Masses

Thursday, April 17 - Holy Thursday

7:30pm at St. Theresa of Lisieux followed by all night
eucharistic adoration in the parish hall

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

3:00pm Family Stations of the Cross at Most Precious Blood
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WHAT IS THE TRIDUUM?

The triduum is a period that begins on Holy Thursday and ends at the conclusion of Easter Sunday. It encompasses the evening of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

The term "triduum" means "three days" and refers to any three-day observance. Technically, the triduum during Holy Week is known as the "paschal triduum" or "Easter triduum."

The word "paschal," which is used to refer to Easter, comes from the Greek word "pascha," which comes from the Hebrew word "pesach," which means Passover. Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, which is connected theologically to the Passover feast, is referred to as the paschal mystery.

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper, the final meal Jesus shared with his Apostles before His arrest and crucifixion. During this meal Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Eucharist, the real presence of His Body and Blood in the consecrated bread and wine.

At the end of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to the lower hall of Saint Theresa's Church, which becomes the place of repose for the Eucharist. There is a sign-up at the back of both churches to "keep watch" with the Blessed Sacrament so that there is no hour where Jesus is left alone. All are invited to keep Vigil with Jesus throughout the night. Eucharistic adoration will end at 8am Friday morning.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is the commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus. The liturgy is not a Mass. It begins with the reading of the Passion, which is followed by the solemn intercessions - petitions for the salvation of the entire world, Christian and non-Christian. The veneration of the Cross follows, a desolate reminder of Jesus' humiliation and suffering, and his profound love for us.

Communion is then offered, using the hosts that were consecrated on Holy Thursday. We leave the church in complete silence.

HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Saturday we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy.

This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.