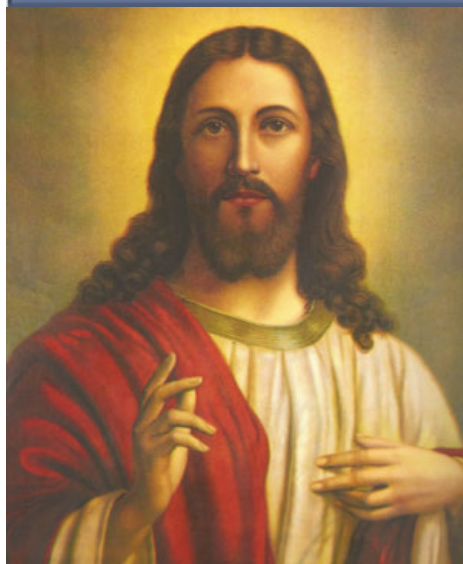


MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD & SAINT THERESA OF LISIEUX PARISHES

AUGUST 24 AND AUGUST 31, 2025



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

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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, please consider registering as a parishioner and signing up to receive our emails. You may register through our website, or fill out a card at the back of either church and drop it in the basket.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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PASTOR

Fr. Bill Robinson

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 pm at St. Theresa

5:30 pm at Most Precious Blood

SUNDAY

8:45 am at Most Precious Blood

10:45 am at St. Theresa

DAILY MASS

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 am at St. Theresa

Wednesday/Friday 9:00 am at Most Precious Blood

SACRAMENTS AND DEVOTIONS

CONFESSION

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

CONFESSION & ADORATION

First Thursdays 9:30-10:00 am at St. Theresa

First Fridays 9:30-10:00 am at Most Precious Blood

WEEKLY ROSARY

Thursdays 8:30 am

before 9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa

BAPTISM/FUNERAL/ANointing

Contact Roseann@mpb-stp.org

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish at least 6 months prior

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office, CircleofFriends@mpb-stp.org or Kathy Donohue at (508) 934-9366.

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MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD & ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX PARISHES

MASS INTENTIONS

Most Precious Blood August 23 - September 7		Saint Theresa of Lisieux August 23 - September 7	
Saturday 5:30pm	Roberta Dodge	Saturday 4:00pm	For the people of the Parish
Sunday 9:00am	Sally Meany	Sunday 10:30am	Carol Crino
Wednesday 9:00am	Joanie Donnelly	Tuesday 9:00am	Eugene McPherson
Friday 9:00am	Nancy Jean Wright	Thursday 9:00am	Donna Manion
Saturday 5:30pm	John Scott Hines	Saturday 4:00pm	
Sunday 8:45am	For the people of the Parish	Sunday 10:45am	
Wednesday 9:00am		Tuesday 9:00am	
Friday 9:00am	Esther & Giuseppe Ferrante	Thursday 9:00am	Edward Malloy
Saturday 5:30pm		Saturday 4:00pm	
Sunday 8:45am		Sunday 10:45am	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lisa Bouvier, Michael, Manuel & Maria Nunes, Ellie, Sarah, Bob Keller, Lisa H, Noreen D, Brooke, Joannie D, Meghan and Christopher, Jane, Susan, Larry, Bill, Kevin, Katie, and Rosemary

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.



PRAYER GROUPS

The Women's Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 7 pm 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 or Liz Ham at lizbeham@gmail.com.

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

Contact Gene Ham at hamgene50@gmail.com.

WEEKLY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

FROM THE PASTOR

**Reflection:**

Today, we hear Jesus invite us to always choose Him. It's a straightforward call—but let's be honest: choosing Jesus and doing what's right isn't always easy. Life brings challenges, distractions, and moments of doubt. So how do we grow in holiness and stay oriented toward the right path?

Here's a helpful exercise: think about something you're great at—a sport, a skill, or a personal strength. What made you so good at it? Chances are, it took time, practice, reflection, and shared experiences with others. You didn't become excellent overnight—it was a journey.

Faith works the same way. Choosing Jesus isn't a one-time decision—it's a daily commitment. It deepens through intentional effort, consistent practice, and walking alongside others who share the journey. When we bring the same dedication that helped us thrive in other areas of life into our spiritual life, our faith becomes vibrant, resilient, and at the ready.

So today, let's choose Jesus with joy. Let's nurture our faith as the cherished gift that it is, trusting that every small step draws us closer to the ultimate goal—standing together with Jesus in the glories of Heaven itself.

Parish News:

We present the Spring/Summer 2025 Dover-Sherborn Catholic Community Newsletter! It is with great joy that we share this seasonal reflection—a celebration of the many blessings we've experienced together as a community of faith. Within its pages, you'll find the spirit of devotion, generosity, and vitality that make our parishes so extraordinary. Each story and photo is a testament to your kindness, your talents, and the deep friendships that fill our churches with life. I am continually inspired by the grace and goodness that radiate from this community. Thank you for being the heart of it all!

-Fr. Bill

GOD NEEDS PRIESTS. IS HE CALLING YOU?

If you are 30-60, you may be surprised!

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston hosts "First Friday Visits" where men discerning the priesthood are invited to join the Seminary community for prayer, fellowship, and dinner. These brief and informal evenings begin at 5:00 PM and conclude by 7:30 PM. .

To register, contact Msgr. William Fay at (781) 899-5500 ext. 134 or firstfriday@psjs.edu.

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. Or if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please let us know!

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

If you know someone in need of support or if you would like to join the Circle of Friends, email us at

CircleofFriends@mpb-stp.org

EVANGELIZATION**August 24 ~ Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah is speaking on behalf of the Lord, directly to us: "...proclaim my glory among the nations." This might seem like too much of a challenge. Take a few minutes to ask God to whom should you be proclaiming God's glory. Is it a family member, a co-worker or a friend? Tell YOUR story of the importance of Jesus in your life. And, in case you think that task is for someone else, the Church in her wisdom reminds each one of us in today's psalm refrain: "Go out to all the world and tell the good news!"

August 31 ~ Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's readings highlight the importance of the virtue of humility. In the first reading we hear, "conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." In the Gospel parable, we hear Jesus say, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility is not about weakness. Rather humility is freedom from pride and arrogance, a quality which is rare in our world. A humble person recognizes that all of life and all that we possess is a gift from God. This week, pray for the grace to eliminate any conceit or feelings of self-importance so as to grow in humility and truth.

FAITH FORMATION - KIDS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION REMINDER

Parents,

Don't forget to register your child for Faith Formation! Classes begin October 5. Schedules, tuition, and an online registration form may be found at <https://www.mpb-stp.org/faith-formation>.

For information on grades 1-5, contact Graceanne Bowe at Graceanne@mpb-stp.org

For information on grades 6-10, contact Zach Morris at Zach@mpb-stp.org



1ST RECONCILIATION AND 1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION



Sacramental preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation is a two-year program for Grades 1 and 2. In order for your child to receive the sacraments in second grade, they must attend both first and second grade classes.

If your second grader did not attend first grade classes, and you would like them to receive 1st Communion, please contact Graceanne Bowe, Director of Religious Education, at Graceanne@mpb-stp.org, to discuss available options.



FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

Could God be calling you to pass on the Catholic faith to the children and youth of our parish?

The Faith Formation program is in need of catechists for all grades. Commitment is 2-3 hours per week (1 hour of teaching, 1-2 hours preparation). Substitute catechists are also needed.

If you have a gift to share, please contact Graceanne Bowe, Graceanne@mpb-stp.org for grades 1-6 or Zach Morris, Zach@mpb-stp.org for grades 7-10.



FAITH PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



BIBLE AND BAGELS

Our Friday morning Bible study group continues to meet on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Fridays following the 9 am Mass at Most Precious Blood Church. Refreshments and Bibles are provided.

Come & bring a friend!

There will be no bible study on August 29.

We will resume on September 12.

Contact Fr. Bill at wrobinson19@bostonclergy.org.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE EVENT

TALK BY IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 6PM - 7:30PM

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For more information and to register, visit www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

Seating is limited.

COLLABORATIVE CALENDAR

Sunday, August 24 - 2nd Collection for Catholic Charities' Texas Flood Relief Efforts

8:45 am Mass at Most Precious Blood followed by
Coffee & Donuts

10:45 am Mass at St. Theresa followed by
Coffee & Donuts

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 am Mass at Most Precious Blood

7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group

Thursday, August 28

8:30 am Weekly Rosary

9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa

Friday, August 29 - Offices Closed for Labor Day

9:00 am Mass at Most Precious Blood

Saturday, August 30

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group at St. Theresa

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

4:00 pm Mass at St. Theresa

5:30 pm Mass at Most Precious Blood

Sunday, August 31

8:45 am Mass at Most Precious Blood

10:45 am Mass at St. Theresa followed by
Coffee & Donuts



Tuesday, September 2

9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa

Wednesday, September 3

9:00 am Mass at Most Precious Blood

7:00 pm Women's Prayer Group

Thursday, September 4

8:30 am Weekly Rosary

9:00 am Mass at St. Theresa followed by
Adoration and Confessions

Friday, September 5

9:00 am Mass at Most Precious Blood followed by
Adoration and Confessions

Saturday, September 6

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group at St. Theresa

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

4:00 pm Mass at St. Theresa

5:30 pm Mass at Most Precious Blood

Sunday, September 7

8:45 am Mass at Most Precious Blood followed by
Coffee & Donuts

10:45 am Mass at St. Theresa followed by
Coffee & Donuts

6:30 pm H.S. Youth Ministry Kickoff Cookout at STP



September EVENTS

September 7: Youth Ministry Kickoff Cookout at STP

September 13-14 Blessing of the Backpacks at all Masses

September 20: Welcome Back Collaborative Cookout at STP

September 28: Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast at MPB



Back to School Prayer

*May God bless, guide, and protect those
in our community returning to school this
season.*

*May He grant students peaceful spaces
to study, learn, and grow.*

*May He grant teachers joy, patience, and
inspiration.*

*May He grant all who support education
grace, peace, and blessing.*

*In Your name we pray,
Amen.*



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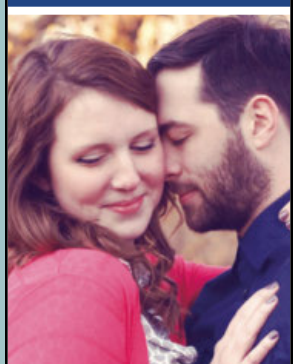
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