



ST. THERESA

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
الأحد الثاني بعد الدنج

January 18-19, 2025



"DO YOU REALIZE THAT JESUS IS THERE IN THE TABERNACLE EXPRESSLY FOR YOU – FOR YOU ALONE? HE BURNS WITH THE DESIRE TO COME INTO YOUR HEART." – **ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX**

OUR CHURCH

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OUR INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Second Sunday After Epiphany

[Establishment of the Chair of Rome, St. Athanasius of Alexandria, St. Cyril of Alexandria]

4:00 PM: **+Intention available on request**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Second Sunday After Epiphany

[St. Macarius of Egypt]

10:30 AM: **+Assad and Nadia Haikal,**
+Moussa and Hana Daher [Parents of George Daher]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM: *[St. Sebastian]*

+Intention available on request

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 AM: *[St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul]*

+Amari Khauaja as requested by Maya Sawaya-Abboud

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 AM: **NO LITURGY**

6:30 PM: **NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Third Sunday after Epiphany

[Conversion of St. Paul]

4:00 PM: **+Intention available on request**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany

[St. Agnes]

10:30 AM: **40 Day Memorial for +Eva Gravinese [Sister of Sub Deacon Gordon McKinnon]**

LET US PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES AND THE INTENTIONS OF OUR HEARTS. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN INTENTION.



**TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
REGISTERED TO DATE:**

73

PARISH CENSUS & REGISTRATION INITIATIVE



For years now, St. Theresa Church has seen many families come and go through our church doors, but in recent history we have not had a parish database or record of who actually is a member of St. Theresa's. Because of this, the Parish Council is initiating a Parish Census and Registration Initiative. Beginning this weekend and until March 1, we will be collecting parish registration forms (one per household) in order to build our database. Each weekend, members of the Parish Council will be sitting after liturgy to register your family. You may also take a registration form from the back of the church, fill it out and either mail it to us or drop it in the collection basket.

You may also register online at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/243413465230145>

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REGISTER AT A PARISH?

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

There are many reasons to register:

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- Provides the parish community with a way to welcome you.
- In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.
- Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for the needs of the parish.
- Gives the parish a way to connect with you.
- In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.

Finally, Stewardship is the way of life. We care for the gifts that God entrusts to us to be used for the sake of serving others. This means we invite every parishioner to make a commitment of time, talent and treasure to God as a steward.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

DIVINE LITURGIES

SATURDAY 4:00PM
SUNDAY 10:30AM
TUESDAY 9:00AM
WEDNESDAY 9:00AM
THURSDAY 9:00AM

CONFESSION

TUESDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM
WEDNESDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM
THURSDAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM
6:30PM - 7:15PM

***ALSO AVAILABLE
BY APPOINTMENT**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



THURSDAY
6:30PM-7:30PM

BAPTISM

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at **least one (1) month** in advance. Godparents must meet requirements of church law. To discuss and to schedule a baptism, please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Please consult with the Pastor to make arrangements at **least six (6) months** in advance of proposed date. To discuss and to schedule a marriage, please contact the parish office.

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

BREAD & WINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+TOFIE AND THERESA SAMIA**
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE SHRINE OF ST. THERESA
IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+NAJLA ABOURJAILY**
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE TABERNACLE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+NACKLIE AND MARIE NESSRALLA**
OFFERED BY FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE GOSPEL THRONE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
+YOUSEFF AND GENEIEVE FEGHALI
OFFERED BY MADELEINE ASACK AND FAMILY

VIGIL CANDLE FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER
IN LOVING MEMORY OF **+HANNA AND SHAFIKAH FAKHRI**
OFFERED BY THE FAMILY

LECTORS

SATURDAY, JAN. 18
ENGLISH - CAUNA

SUNDAY, JAN. 19
ARABIC - SOLANGE
ENGLISH - PHILIP N.

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

GIO B.
CHARBEL B.

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

MARVIN G.
MATEO G.
ELIE G.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

CHARBEL S.
DANIEL Z.

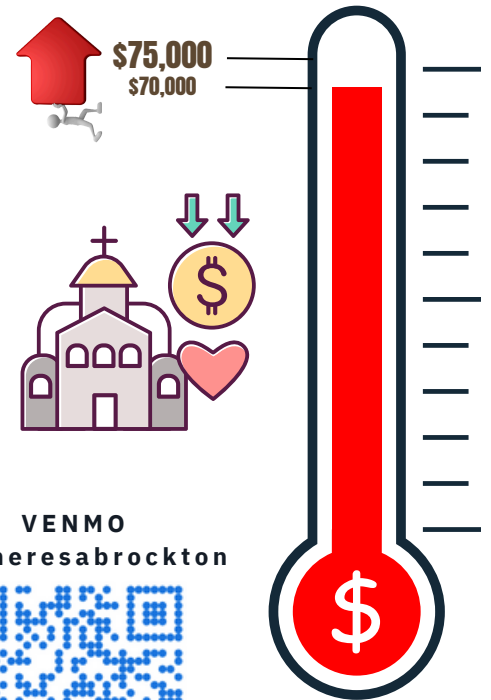
SUNDAY, JAN. 26

CHARBEL C.
MARTIN B.
ELIE G.

OUR OFFERING

SATURDAY - 1/11/25	\$108.00
SUNDAY - 1/12/25	\$898.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,006.00
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,400.00
DEFICT	-\$2,394.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



OUR TITHE

WE RELY ON YOUR GENEROSITY TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE OUR CHURCH! IN ADDITION TO USING YOUR ASSIGNED ENVELOPES, YOU MAY USE VENMO TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION. MAY GOD REWARD YOU BACK FOR ALL YOU GIVE AND DO.

RELIGIOUS ED

CLASSES ARE FROM 2PM-3:45PM

Please make sure your child arrives by 1:50pm and is picked up at 3:45pm

UPCOMING CLASSES

February 1

February 22 (1st Communion Class Only)

March 1

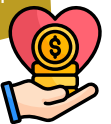


UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION

JANUARY 25 — 26, 2025

US CATHOLIC BISHOPS' WORLDWIDE CHARITIES

This collection combines the four USCCB collections; Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, Catholic Relief Services, and Operation Rice Bowl (which is part of CRS). The total is divided accordingly.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



9:45AM - 11:45AM
(CHURCH HALL)

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Jan 18

Feb 8

Mar 1

Mar 22

YOUNG ADULTS

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITS

RSVP TO ADIB ELIAS

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Feb 2

Mar 9

Apr 6

May 4



OUR EPISTLE READING

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 4:5-15

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So, death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture 'I believed, and so I spoke' we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يَا إِخْوَتِي، نَحْنُ لَا نُبَشِّرُ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُبَشِّرُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ رَبًّا، وَبِأَنْفُسِنَا عَبِيدًا لَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي قَالَ: «لِيُشْرِقَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَةِ نُورٌ»، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، لِنَسْتَنِيرَ فَتَعْرِفَ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ الْمُتَجَلِّي فِي وَجْهِ الْمَسِيحِ. وَلَكِنَّا نَحْمِلُ هَذَا الْكَنْزَ فِي آيَةٍ مِنْ خَزَفٍ، لِيُظْهَرَ أَنَّ تِلْكَ الْقُدْرَةَ الْفَائِقَةَ هِيَ مِنَ اللَّهِ لَا مِنَّا. يُضَيِّقُ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُسْحَقُ، نَحْتَارُ فِي أَمْرِنَا وَلَكِنَّا لَا نِيَأْسُ، نُضْطَهَدُ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُهْمَلُ، نُتَبَذُ وَلَكِنَّا لَا نَهْلِكُ، وَنَحْمِلُ فِي جَسَدِنَا كُلَّ حِينٍ مَوْتَ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا؛ فَإِنَّا نَحْنُ الْأَحْيَاءُ نُسَلِّمُ دَوْمًا إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ، لِكَيْ تَظْهَرَ حَيَاةُ يَسُوعَ أَيْضًا فِي جَسَدِنَا الْمَائِتِ. فَالْمَوْتُ يَعْمَلُ فِيْنَا، وَالْحَيَاةُ تَعْمَلُ فِيكُمْ. وَلَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا رُوحَ الْإِيمَانِ عَيْنُهُ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «آمَنْتُ، وَلِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ»، فَتَحْنُ أَيْضًا نُؤْمِنُ، وَلِذَلِكَ نَتَكَلَّمُ. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي أَقَامَ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ، سَيُقِيمُنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا مَعَ يَسُوعَ، وَيَجْعَلُنَا وَإِيَّاكُمْ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ. فَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، لِكَيْ تَكْثُرَ النُّعْمَةُ، فَيَفِيضَ الشُّكْرُ فِي قُلُوبِ الْكَثِيرِينَ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً

OUR GOSPEL READING

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

فِي الْغَدِ أَيْضًا كَانَ يُوحَنَّا وَقِيفًا هُوَ وَاثْنَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعَ مَرًّا فَحَدَّقَ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ: «هَذَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللَّهِ». وَسَمِعَ التِّلْمِيزَانِ كَلَامَهُ، فَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ. وَالتَفَتَ يَسُوعَ، فَرَأَاهُمَا يَتَّبِعَانِهِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِ؟» قَالَا لَهُ: «رَبِّي، أَيَّ يَا مُعَلِّمَ، أَيْنَ تُقِيمُ؟». قَالَ لَهُمَا: «تَعَالَيَا وَانْظُرَا». فَذَهَبَا وَنَظَرَا أَيْنَ يُقِيمُ. وَأَقَامَا عِنْدَهُ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ، وَكَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ نَحْوَ الرَّابِعَةِ بَعْدَ الظُّهْرِ. وَكَانَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ أَخُو سِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ أَحَدَ التِّلْمِيزَيْنِ، الَّذِينَ سَمِعَا كَلَامَ يُوحَنَّا وَتَبِعَا يَسُوعَ. وَلَقِيَ أَوَّلًا أَخَاهُ سِمْعَانَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: «وَجَدْنَا مَسِيحًا، أَيَّ الْمَسِيحِ». وَجَاءَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَحَدَّقَ يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ: «أَنْتَ هُوَ سِمْعَانُ بْنُ يُونَا، أَنْتَ سَتُدْعَى كَيْفَا، أَيَّ بُطْرُسَ الصَّخْرَةِ».

Memorials 2025: If you would like to offer the Bread and Wine, Vigil Light for the Gospel Throne, Vigil Light for the Shrine of Saint Theresa, Vigil Light for the Blessed Mother, Sanctuary Lamp for the Tabernacle, the following months and items are available for the coming year.

Sanctuary Lamp

May, November

Vigil Light for the Gospel

April, May, August, September, October, November

Vigil Light for the Shrine of St. Theresa

March, April, May,

Vigil Light for the Blessed Mother

March, September



Call the church office to schedule your month. Donations for each item are \$25.00 per month. Memorials will be noted in the bulletin in the month you select.

OUR LATEST NEWS

Our Lady of Purgatory Church Saint Maron's Feast Day Hafli

Saturday, February 1, 2025

at

OLOP Church Hall

4254 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA, 02745



Live Entertainment by

Rami Badr

&

Bachir Khoury Band

Dance Floor Seating: \$100.00 (All Ages)

General Seating: \$75.00

Children (8-17): \$40.00

Children (under 8yrs.): No Charge

Cash Bar & Mezza

@ 7:00 PM

Dinner Served

@ 8:00 PM

For Ticket Sales Contact:

Church Office: (508) 996-8934

Sousou Maalouf: (508) 916-1523

MARONITE HISTORY

SAVE THE DATES!

Online Workshops at 8pm:

Feb. 6- St. Maron & the Maronite Liturgy
(Fr. Dominique Hanna)

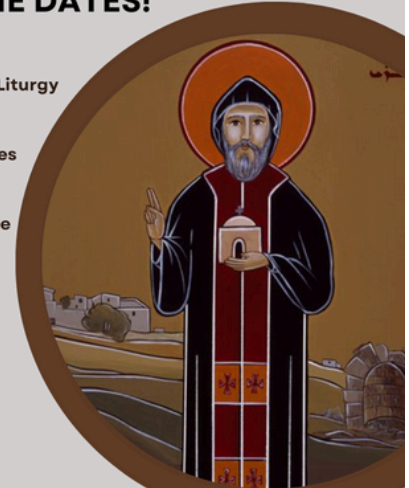
Feb. 13- Maronite Music & Melodies
(Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

Feb. 20 - Maronites & the Holy See
(Chorbishop John Faris)

VIA ZOOM

Hosted by the Maronite Servants of
Christ the Light in conjunction with
the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

To register and/or to learn more visit:
maroniteservants.org
saintsharbelcenter.org



**If you would like a
2024 year-end
statement
of contributions for
Tax Filing,
please email the
Office.**

UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS

Date	Offered By
Sunday, Jan 19	Mr. and Mrs. George Daher
Sunday, Jan 26	40 Day Memorial
Sunday, Feb 2	40 Day Memorial
Sunday, Feb 9	Feast of St. Maron

GET CONNECTED

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“WE MUST FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN US, AND HELP EVERYONE TO GAIN NEW STRENGTH AND CERTAINTY BY LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH AN OPEN SPIRIT, A TRUSTING HEART AND FAR-SIGHTED VISION.” - **POPE FRANCIS**



The Catholic Church
celebrates the

Jubilee of Hope,

from 12/24/24-12/28/25.

A Jubilee is a special year
that occurs every 25 years in
the Church and the Holy
Doors are opened.

Bishop Gregory Mansour
has designated several
pilgrimage Churches
throughout the Eparchy. For
our region, our pilgrim
Church is
St. Anthony of the Desert in
Fall River, MA.

PLENARY INDULGENCE
MAY BE OBTAINED DURING
THE UPCOMING JUBILEE
YEAR BY MAKING A
PILGRIMAGE, PIOUSLY
VISITING A SACRED PLACE,
OR PERFORMING A WORK
OF MERCY AND PENANCE.
THIS INDULGENCE IS
SUBJECT TO THE USUAL
CONDITIONS -

- SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION
- RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
- PRAYER FOR INTENTIONS OF THE POPE
- TOTAL DETACHMENT TO ALL SIN,
INCLUDING VENIAL SIN.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

GROWING IN FAITH,
SPIRIT & GOOD WORKS

Join with your friends and fellow parishioners on a transformative journey to deepen your knowledge, embrace your faith, and discover the woman God created you to be!

TO SIGN UP - CONTACT

Mrs. Flavia Saade
508-208-4203

Ms. Michelle Nessralla
508-284-9716

ENGLISH-SPEAKING &
ARABIC-SPEAKING
SMALL GROUPS

SATURDAYS

9:45 - 11:45 AM

Jan 18

Feb 8

Mar 1

Mar 22

Apr 12

May 3

May 24

June 14

O P E N T O A L L W O M E N 1 8 +

Scripture & Spirits

A Young Adult Social Scripture Series

Open to All Aged 18-35

Sundays at 7PM

FEBRUARY 2ND: SUFFERING WITH JOB

MARCH 9TH: CHASTE HEARTS LIKE THE JOSEPHS

APRIL 6TH: A BALANCED LIFE WITH MARTHA & MARY

MAY 4TH: RECOGNIZING TRUTH ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Brack's Grille & Tap
1280 Belmont St.
Brockton, MA 023021
APPETIZERS PROVIDED



RSVP: Text/Call Adib
617-827-9993



It is with great joy we welcome into the Family of God, through the Life-Giving Mysteries of Holy Baptism and Chrismation, the following infants:

John (John) Bechara, son of Rabih and Sandra Bechara

Carlo (Carlo) Raad, son of Ziad and Rachelle Raad

By the power of God's Word, **John and Carlo** are born again of water and Spirit to life as a child of God. We give thanks to God for His gifts of faith and life. May Christ shine His light upon these precious gifts and bless them with a life of happiness and good health.

