



# ST. THERESA

## MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
الأحد الأوّل بعد الدنح

January 11-12, 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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Mon: Office Closed/Clergy Day Off  
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## OUR INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

#### **First Sunday After Epiphany**

*[St. Theodosius of Antioch]*

4:00 PM: **+Jamileh Farid Nasr Yazbeck**  
*requested by Fr. Christian*

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

#### **First Sunday After Epiphany**

*[St. Tatiana of Rome]*

10:30 AM: **+ John and Theresa Samia**  
*requested by the family*

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:00 AM: *[St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers,  
Doctor of the Church]*

**+Intention available on request**

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:00 AM: *[St. John Calybits]*

**+Intention available on request**

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

9:00 AM: *[Memorial of the Chains of St.  
Peter]*

**+Tanios and Toufica Zogheib** *requested by  
Assaad and Liliane Zogheib*

6:30 PM: **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

### **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]*

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



# 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. 11**  
ENGLISH - CAUNA

**SUNDAY, JAN. 12**  
ARABIC - SAIDE  
ENGLISH -DIANA

## ALTAR SERVERS

### SATURDAY, JAN 11

DANIEL Z.  
CHARBEL S.

### SUNDAY, JAN 12

CHARBEL C.  
CHARBEL C.  
MARTIN B.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 18

GIO B.  
CHARBEL B.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 19

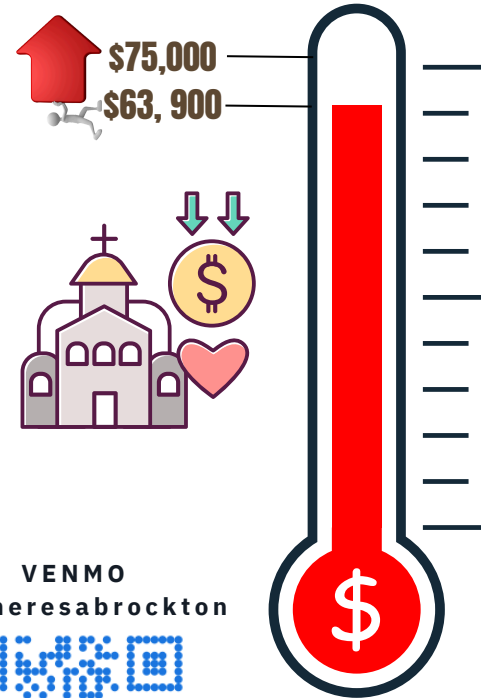
MARVIN G.  
MATEO G.  
ELIE G.



## OUR OFFERING

SATURDAY - 1/4/25	\$1,037.00
SUNDAY - 1/5/25	\$873.00
NEW YEAR'S DAY 1/1/25	\$578.00
EPIPHANY 1/6/25	\$854.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING	\$3,342.00
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,400.00
PROFIT	+\$58.00

## 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

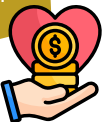


## UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION

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 10:1-11

**Brothers and Sisters:** I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

**Praise be to God always.**

### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ نَفْسِي أَنَاثِدُكُمْ بِوَدَاعَةِ الْمَسِيحِ وَجَلْمِهِ، أَنَا الْمُتَوَاضِعُ بَيْنَكُمْ عِنْدَمَا أَكُونُ حَاضِرًا، وَالْجَرِيءُ عَلَيْكُمْ عِنْدَمَا أَكُونُ غَائِبًا. وَأَرْجُو أَلَّا أَجْبَرَ عِنْدَ حُضُورِي أَنْ أَكُونَ جَرِيئًا، بِالثِّقَةِ الَّتِي لِي بِكُمْ، وَالَّتِي أَنُوي أَنْ أَجْزُو بِهَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّنَا نَسْلُكُ كَأَنَّا بِنَاسِ جَسَدِيَّينَ. أَجَلْ، إِنَّنَا نَحْيَا فِي الْجَسَدِ، وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُحَارِبُ كَأَنَّا بِنَاسِ جَسَدِيَّينَ؛ لَأَنَّ أَسْلِحَةَ جِهَادِنَا لَيْسَتْ جَسَدِيَّةً، بَلْ هِيَ قَادِرَةٌ بِإِلَّهِ عَلَى هَدْمِ الْحُصُونِ الْمَنِيعَةِ؛ فَإِنَّا نَهْدِمُ الْأَفْكَارَ الْخَاطِئَةَ، وَكُلَّ شُمُوخَ يَرْتَفِعُ ضِدَّ مَعْرِفَةِ اللَّهِ، وَنَأْسِرُ كُلَّ فِكْرٍ لِبَطَاعَةِ الْمَسِيحِ. وَنَحْنُ مُسْتَعِدُّونَ أَنْ نُعَاقِبَ كُلَّ عُضْيَانٍ، مَتَى كَمَلْتُ طَاعَتَكُمْ. إِنَّكُمْ تَحْكُمُونَ عَلَى الْمَظَاهِرِ! إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ وَاثِقًا بِنَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَلْيُفَكِّرْ فِي نَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ كَمَا هُوَ لِلْمَسِيحِ كَذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا. فَأَنَا لَا أَخْجَلُ إِنْ بَالِغْتُ بَعْضَ الْمُبَالِغَةِ فِي الْإِفْتِخَارِ بِالسُّلْطَانِ الَّذِي وَهَبَهُ الرَّبُّ لَنَا لِتُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ لَا لِهَدْمِكُمْ. وَلَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَظْهَرَ كَأَنِّي أَخَوْفُكُمْ بِرِسَائِلِي؛ لَأَنَّ بَعْضًا مِنْكُمْ يَقُولُونَ: "رِسَائِلُهُ شَدِيدَةُ اللَّهْجَةِ وَقَوِيَّةٌ، أَمَّا حُضُورُهُ الشَّخْصِيُّ فَهَزِيلٌ، وَكَلَامُهُ سَخِيفٌ!". فَلْيَعْلَمْ مِثْلُ هَذَا الْقَائِلِ أَنَّنَا كَمَا نَحْنُ بِالْكَلَامِ فِي الرِّسَائِلِ، عِنْدَمَا نَكُونُ غَائِبِينَ، كَذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا بِالْفِعْلِ، عِنْدَمَا نَكُونُ حَاضِرِينَ.

والتسبيح لله دائماً

# OUR GOSPEL READING

## Gospel: John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

## من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

في الغد (بعد شهادة المعمدان) رأى يوحنا يسوع مُقْبِلًا إِلَيْهِ فَقَالَ: "هَذَا هُوَ حَمَلُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي يَرْفَعُ خَطِيئَةَ الْعَالَمِ. هَذَا هُوَ الَّذِي قُلْتُ فِيهِ: يَأْتِي وَرَائِي رَجُلٌ قَدْ صَارَ قُدَّامِي، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَبْلِي. وَأَنَا مَا كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُهُ، لَكِنِّي جِئْتُ أَعْمَدُ بِالْمَاءِ □ لِكَيْ يَظْهَرَ هُوَ لِإِسْرَائِيلَ". وَشَهِدَ يُوْحَنَّا قَائِلًا: "رَأَيْتُ الرُّوحَ نَازِلًا كَحَمَامَةٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، ثُمَّ أَسْتَقَرَّ عَلَيْهِ. وَأَنَا مَا كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُهُ، لَكِنَّ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي أَعْمَدُ بِالْمَاءِ هُوَ قَالَ لِي: مَنْ تَرَى الرُّوحَ يَنْزِلُ وَيَسْتَقَرُّ عَلَيْهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يُعْمَدُ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَأَنَا رَأَيْتُ وَشَهِدْتُ أَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ".

**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, June, July, September, November

### Vigil Light for the Gospel

April, May, July, August, September, November

### Bread and Wine

March, April, July

### Vigil Light for the Shrine of St. Theresa

March, April, May, June, July

### Vigil Light for the Blessed Mother

March, June, July, 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

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

**Carlo Raad**, son of Ziad and Rachelle Raad

By the power of God's Word, **Carlo** is 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.



The Parish Family congratulates Chadi & Sally Matta on the birth of their child, **Cristiano Matta**.

We thank God for this precious gift of life!

## UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS

Date	Offered By
Sunday, Jan 12	
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



If you would like a 2024 year-end statement of contributions for Tax Filing, please email us at [office@sttheresabrockton.org](mailto:office@sttheresabrockton.org)

## GET CONNECTED

### CONTACT US

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### FOLLOW US!

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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.

