



ST. THERESA

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
الأحد الثالث بعد الدنج

January 25-26, 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 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]**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

**9:00 AM: [St. Ephrem, Doctor of the
Church]+Intention available on request**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

**9:00 AM: [St. Hippolytus of Antioch]
+For the soul of Josephine Jabbour as
requested by Fr. Christian**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

**9:00 AM: +Intention available on request
6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

[St. Pionius and His Companions]

**4:00 PM: For the souls of +Remember Me
In Your Kingdom**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

**10:30 AM: 40 Day Memorial for +Yousef
Nessralla requested by the family**

**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:**

82

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. 25
ENGLISH - CAUNA

SUNDAY, JAN. 26
ARABIC - SOLANGE
ENGLISH - MIRNA

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JAN. 25
CHARBEL S.
DANIEL Z.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26
CHARBEL C.
MARTIN B.
ELIE G.

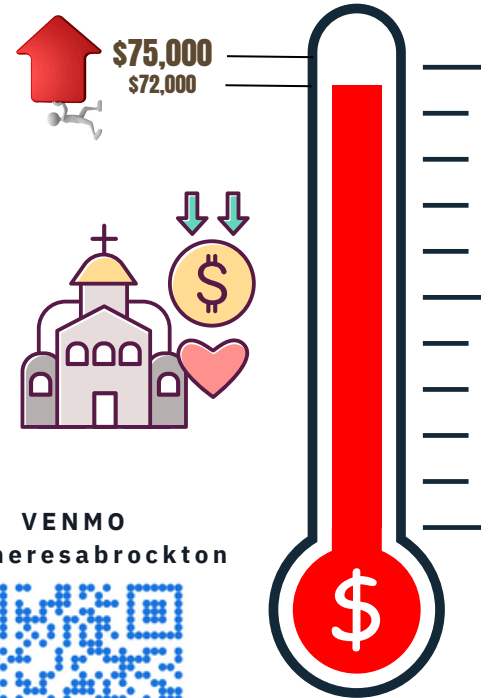
SATURDAY, FEB. 1
CHARBEL S.
DANIEL Z.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2
MARVIN G.
MATEO G.
ELIE G.

OUR OFFERING

SATURDAY - 1/18/25	\$ 515.00
SUNDAY - 1/19/25	\$1,328.00
TOTAL WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,843.00
WEEKLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,400.00
DEFICT	-\$1,557.00

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

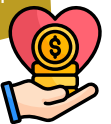


UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION

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 SESSION

Feb 8 Mar 1
Mar 22

YOUNG ADULTS

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITS

RSVP TO ADIB ELIAS

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Feb 2 Apr 6
Mar 9 May 4



OUR EPISTLE READING

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians 3:23-29

Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية

يَا إِخْوَتِي، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْإِيمَانُ، كُنَّا مُحْتَجَزِينَ مَحْبُوسِينَ تَحْتَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، إِلَى أَنْ يُغْلَنَ الْإِيمَانُ الْمُنْتَظَرُ. إِذَا فَالْشَّرِيعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدِّبًا يَقُودُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى الْإِيمَانُ، لَمْ نَعُدْ تَحْتَ مُؤَدِّبٍ؛ لَأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَأَنْتُمْ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ. فَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ بَعْدُ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَا ذَكَرٌ وَلَا أُنْثَى، فَإِنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَأَنْتُمْ إِذَا نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَوَارِثُونَ بِحَسَبِ الْوَعْدِ.

OUR GOSPEL READING

Gospel: John 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, and no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, and no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

من إنجيل ربنا يسوع المسيح للقديس يوحنا

كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِّسِيِّينَ اسْمُهُ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ، رَئِيسٌ لِلْيَهُودِ. هَذَا جَاءَ لَيْلًا إِلَى يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ مَعَهُ". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَى مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ". قَالَ لَهُ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ: "كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدَ وَهُوَ كَبِيرٌ فِي السِّنِّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَشًا أُمًّا، وَيُولَدَ؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ: "الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَالرُّوحِ. مَوْلُودُ الْجَسَدِ جَسَدٌ، وَمَوْلُودُ الرُّوحِ رُوحٌ. لَا تَعْجَبْ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَكَ: عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُوَلَدُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ. أَلَرَّيْحُ تَهْبُّ حَيْثُ تَشَاءُ، وَأَنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهَا، لَكِنَّكَ لَا تَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ تَأْتِي وَلَا إِلَى أَيْنَ تَمْضِي: هَكَذَا كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ مِنَ الرُّوحِ". أَجَابَ نِيقُودِيمُوسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "كَيْفَ يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يَصِيرَ هَذَا؟" أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمُ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَتَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟ الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَا نَعْلَمُ، وَنَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَأَيْنَا، وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا. كَلَّمْتُكُمْ فِي شُؤْنِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، فَكَيْفَ تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كَلَّمْتُكُمْ فِي شُؤْنِ السَّمَاءِ؟ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعَدَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، إِلَّا الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، أَيِ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ. هَكَذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ الْعَالَمَ، حَتَّى إِنَّهُ جَادَ بِابْنِهِ الْوَحِيدِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَهْلِكَ أَيُّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونَ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ.

OUR LATEST NEWS

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



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:

Cristiano (Charbel) Matta,
son of Chadi and Sally Matta

By the power of God's Word, **Cristiano Charbel** 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 this precious gift and bless him with a life of happiness and good health.

UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS

Date	Offered By
Sunday, Jan 26	40 Day Memorial
Sunday, Feb 2	40 Day Memorial
Sunday, Feb 9	Feast of St. Maron

GET CONNECTED

CONTACT US

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A Night in

Cana



An Invitation to all Married Couples in the Parish

We warmly invite you to join us for a Divine Liturgy & Blessing, followed by a Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Social.

Friday

02.28.2024 | 6:30PM

\$30 per couple

RSVP by February 21st

Sandra Mouawad: 857-400-4085

Mirna Issa: 508-725-4786



2025

MYO SCHEDULE

YOUTH NIGHTS ARE THE SPIRITUAL FORMATION OF THE MYO AND ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED. THEY RUN FROM 6:30PM-8:30PM.

FEB 21

Youth Night

MAR 14

Youth Night

MAR 29

Regional Lenten Retreat Day
Danbury, CT

APR 14

Hosanna Sunday Cemetery Cross Sale

APR 18

Great Friday Flower Sale

APR 25

Youth Night

MAY 23

Youth Night

JUNE 13

Youth Night

JUNE 23-28

National MYO Conference
Pittsburgh, PA

SEP 19

Youth Night

QUESTIONS? CONTACT YOUR MYO LEADERS:

JOELLE EL HAYEK
508-333-7555

ADIB ELIAS
617-827-9993



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

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN 18 +

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

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



“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.