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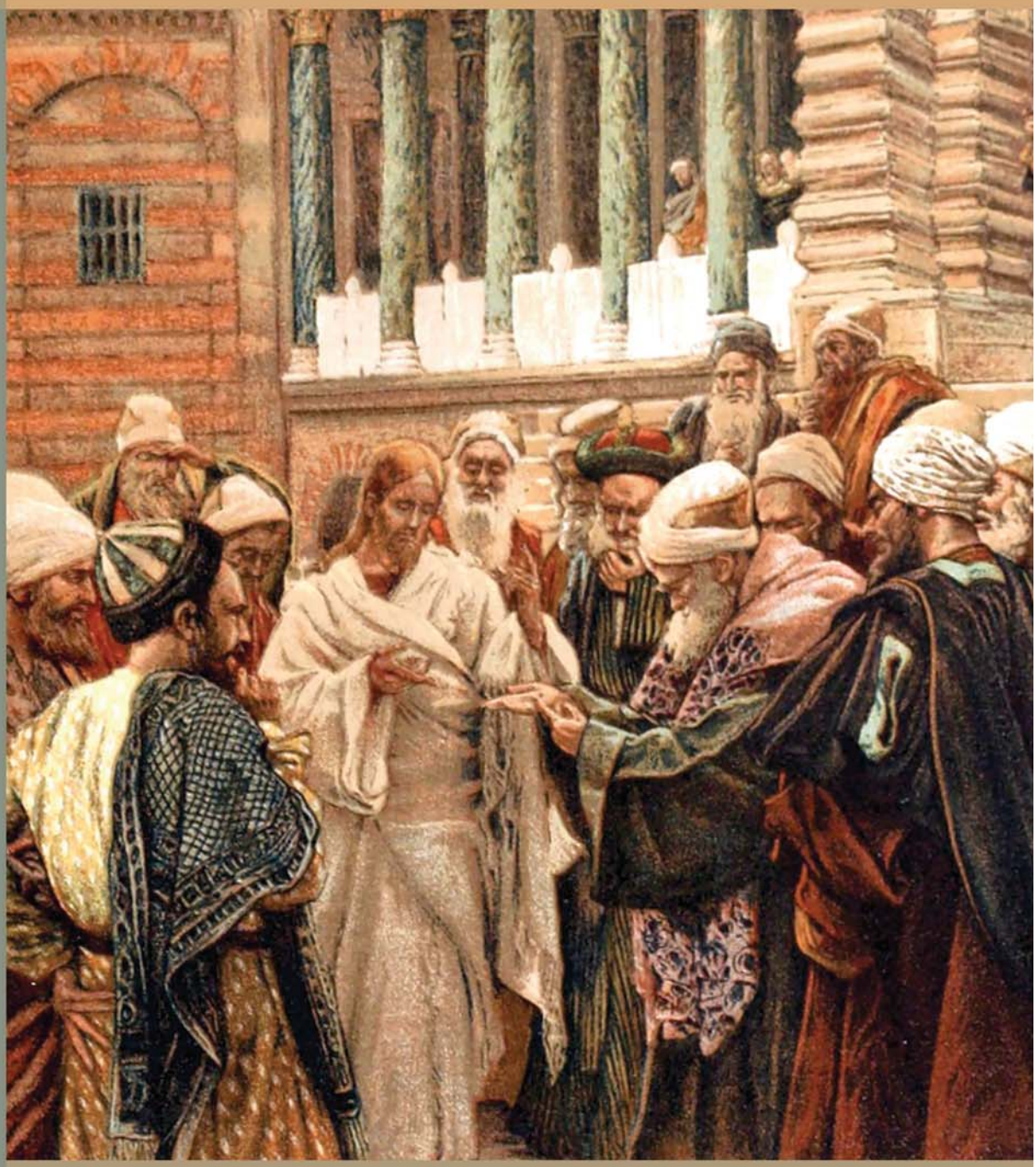
OCTOBER 18, 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matthew 22:21

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IN COLLABORATION WITH SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm in Main Church
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am in Main Church
Daily: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Thursday 6:30 –7:00 pm in the Chapel.
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday morning following 8:30 A.M. Mass

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am
Daily: Tuesday, Thursday 4:30pm, Saturday 8:30am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Saturday morning 9:15-9:45 A.M.
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Saturday morning following 8:30 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

Saturday, October 17
4:30 P.M. Lauren Alessandro--Anniversary Mass
Chris and Monica D'Arcy, Caroline D'Arcy Trainor, and Ellen "Ciss" Fennessey--Memorial Mass
Christopher Downey--Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 18
8:00 A.M. No Intention
10:00 A.M. Edward J., Mary A., Edward F., and Tim O'Toole Memorial Mass

Monday, October 19
8:30 A.M. No Intention

Wednesday, October 21
8:30 A.M No intention

Friday, October 23
8:30 A.M. Deceased Members of the Mitchell Family--Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 24
4:30 P.M. No Intention

Sunday, October 25
8:00 A.M. No Intention
10:00 A.M. Nicholas J. Lamberti--Memorial Mass
Rose Chan-- 4th Anniversary Mass

CLERGY

Reverend John J. Connolly, Jr. — Pastor
Reverend Charles J. Higgins—Senior Priest
Reverend Sean M. Connor—Senior Priest
Deacon Brian Kean

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MISSION STATEMENT

PRAYER OF SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

**Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
yours are the only hands with which He can do His work,
yours are the only feet with which He can go about the world,
Yours are the only eyes through which His compassion can shine forth.
Christ has no body on earth now but yours.**

THE COLLABORATIVE PARISHES OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM AND ST. THERESA OF AVILA

INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Newsletter #1 *October 18, 2026*

AN INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM FOR OUR PARISH

This weekend, Fr. John Connolly, our Pastor, is speaking at each Mass to announce the beginning of a new program that will prove to be very important for the life of our parish. The program, the St. John and St. Theresa Increased Offertory Program, is aimed at each parishioner worshipping here at our parish. All adult wage earners are asked to participate by making a commitment, to the best of their financial ability, in our Sunday Offertory Collection. In this, we are asking each parishioner to reflect on the importance of the program and their role as stewards of this parish. No matter the amount, an increased contribution will help our parish greatly.

In two weeks, you will be asked to bring your COMMITMENT FORM to Mass, since that weekend is designated as "COMMITMENT WEEKEND" for our Increased Offertory Program. You will soon receive the Commitment Form in the mail along with detailed information about this program. Your commitment and your generosity will mean so much to our parish and will have a significant impact for generations to come. If we join together and make an intentional decision, we will be successful in this important parish endeavor.

If you are going to be out-of-town or unable to attend Mass that weekend, please drop off your Commitment Form at the Parish Office or simply place it in the collection basket the following weekend. It can also be mailed directly to the Parish Office.

"Commitment Weekend"
October 31 and November 1

Our Parish Community is a reflection of each of its members.
Your generosity will determine what this community can do or cannot do.
A small sacrifice will make a big difference.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, Who at Your First Eucharist

1. Lord, who at your first Eu - cha - rist did pray
2. For all your Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3. We pray for those who wan - der from your fold;
4. So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

That all your Church might be for - ev - er one,
O make our lack of char - i - ty to cease.
O bring them back, Good Shep - herd of the sheep,
May we be one with all your Church a - bove,

Help us at ev - 'ry Eu - cha - rist to say
Draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
Back to the faith which saints be - lieved of old,
One with your saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

With long - ing heart and soul, "Your will be done."
By draw - ing all to you, O Prince of Peace.
Back to the Church which still that faith does keep.
One with your saints in one un - bound - ed love.

Thus may we all one Bread, one Bod - y be,
Thus may we all one Bread, one Bod - y be,
Thus may we all one Bread, one Bod - y be,
More bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.
Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.
Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.
One with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1859–1938, alt.
Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES, 10.10.10.10.10.10; William H. Monk, 1823–1889, alt.

PREPARATION HYMN

Seek Ye First

*1.

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,

and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev - 'ry word
there am I in their midst;

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

*May be sung as a two-voice canon.

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. by Karen Lafferty, b.1948
Tune: SEEK YE FIRST, Irregular; Karen Lafferty, b.1948
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PSALM

Refrain in honor of Blessed John Rugg (†1539)

Give the Lord_ glo - ry and hon - or.

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COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this
one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

to Refrain

1. free, wom-an or man, no more.
2. works, one in the Lord of all.
3. grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9.
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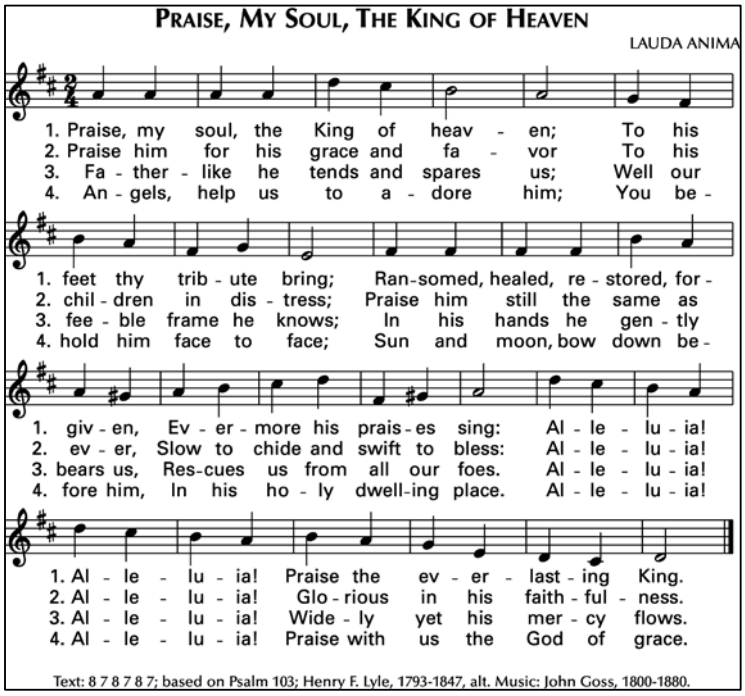
New to the Parish??

If you have recently moved into the Parish and would like to register to receive Parish mailings and Offertory envelopes please register online by visiting our website www.stheresaparishboston.com

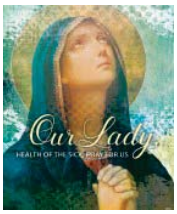
RECESSIONAL HYMN

CCD Classes for Grades 1-6 take place on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 P.M. Please enter through the Pine Lodge Rd door.

Montrose School

School Fall Admission Events

Open House: October 25 at 1:00 PM

Discover Montrose, an independent school for girls in grades 6-12 guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, at a fall admission event. Hear from current parents, faculty members, administrators, and students about Montrose's partnership with parents, rich liberal arts curriculum, and nationally recognized character and leadership program. Find out why girls thrive at Montrose, in college -- and beyond. To learn more, and explore Montrose's newly renovated campus in downtown Medfield, register for a fall admission event today! www.montroseschool.org/events



PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

LORD, OUR GOD, HELP OF THE HELPLESS, BE NEAR OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO SUFFER THIS DAY. GRANT THEM STRENGTH, OF MIND AND HEART, AND RENEWED HEALTH IF IT BE YOUR WILL, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

Gary Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Mary Antonellis, Michelle Baker, Alan Bartlett, Marilyn Barry, Margaret Barto, Stephen Bisordi, Charlene Bissinger, Joseph Blackman, Diane Blaskiewicz, Kevin Boettger, Margaret Bomba, Jr., Damien Brennan, Chet Broderick, Katie Broderick, Paul Broderick, Kendall Buczynski, Stephanie Buczynski, Geraldine Bulman, Joan Bumila, Larry Burke, Allen Cameron, Lisa Carden, Maria Cemrania, Joseph and Susan Christiano, Nicholas Cleary, Brendan Cogavin, Charles Collins, John Collins, Rose Connolly, Mary Connors, Eileen Corrigan, Teresa Costa, Tom Cunningham, Jeanette Dantona, Debra Daum, Gary D'Avila, Mary DeSantis, Lorraine DeVirgilio, Cristina Donatelli, Claire Donohoe, Kristen Doty, John J. Doyle, Kathleen Durepo, John Ellis, Helen Evans, Audrey Fallon, Barbara Farulla, Joseph Federico, Mary Feeney, Rose Finn, Joseph Fisher, Griffin Fleishman, Patrick Flynn, Dan Foley, Neil Foley, Terry Forkins, Ben Fox, Nora Frasier, Karen Glazer, Louise Gogg, Louise Goodwin, Eleanor Gordon, Colin Andrew Greco, Stephan Grundy, Patricia Hade, Denise Hamilton, Ann Hanlon, Patricia Dolan Harwitz, Elizabeth Heffernan, Mary D. Hennessey, Jackie Hess, Barbara Hickey, Louise Marie Hogan, Eleanor Howard, Janet Hughes, Meaghan W. Hussey, Kyle Johnson, Lily Joyce, Mary Kenny, Karen Kostek, Irene Kyricos, Kylee LeSourd, Madison Paige Losuts, Taylor Anne Lynch, Lois MacDonald, Kathleen Maloney, Shawn Patrick Maloney, ElizabethMatalobos, Jason McCann, Michael McCarthy, Patrick McCarty, Linda McClelland, Helen McCloskey, Mildred McDermott, Kara McGonagle, Erin McGuirk, Ellen McKenna, Jessica McKenzie, Joanne McKenzie, Neil McLaughlin, Paul McNamara, Keith McWhirk, Hilda Mendise, Anna Minotti, Cynthia Monahan, Joe and Cindy Morello, Deanna Morrissey, Maryellen Mulkern, Pat Mullen, Honora Murphy, Annie Murray, Maria and Michael Nadile, Donna Nazzaro, Bruce Newman, Billy O'Brien, Geraldine O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Sister Mary O'Brien, Daniel O'Connor, Natalie O'Connor, Patrick O'Connor, Barbara Page, John Palumbo, Virginia Palumbo, Steve Papia, Sheila Papia, Nicole Pellagrino, James Perri, Carol Pitman, Marie Polo, Virginia Prendergast, Kathy Psarros, Kathleen Quinn, Rose Raimo, Barton Ramos, Josephine Rappa, Steven Ricchiuti, Theresa Ricco, Joel Rivera, Kate Robbins, Kathleen Ryan, Merry and Lawrence Samonte, Stephen Shea, Jeannie Schlosky, Gina Scrima, John Sera, Zachary Shea, Claire Sloane, Terry Smart, Catherine Spellman, William Spicer, Albert Spiniello, Diane Carr Staton, John Sullivan, Patsy Sullivan, Philip Sullivan, Timothy Sullivan, Irene Supino, Steve Theodorakis, Mary Timony, Ellen Tobin, Joshua Torremoro, Edward Treseler, Jr., Edward Treseler, Sr., Peter and Stephen Usherwood, Albert Vincentio, Ellen Vogel, Mary Walsh, Paula Ward, Catherine Watson, Brian Webber, Cassandra Welles, Bill Whitcomb, Christine Yaffe, Anthony Young, and Florence Yu

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

World Mission Sunday is the best way we can help the Holy Father and share in the universal mission of the Church to spread the Faith through prayer and sacrifice. We may not be able to **GO** to the missions, but we can **SEND** to the missions both our prayers and the material means they so greatly need.

Today's second collection will help Pope Leo to extend the Church's missionary work to places where the Gospel has never been heard before and to where the Church is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself.

Thank you for your generous response to today's second collection and for being part of this global mission.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Oct 18	***Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
MONDAY Oct 19	*Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs* Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
TUESDAY Oct 20	*Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest* Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
WEDNESDAY Oct 21	Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
THURSDAY Oct 22	*Saint John Paul II, Pope* Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
FRIDAY Oct 23	*Saint John of Capistrano, Priest* Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
SATURDAY Oct 24	*Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop* Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
SUNDAY Oct 25	***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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TRANSFORMED IN LOVE FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Transformed in Love is a comprehensive marriage preparation program offered virtuallyby the Archdiocese of Boston. To sign up,please visit:

bit.ly/TiLmarriageprep

OCIA/RCIA

A word about OCIA/RCIA: The Order/Rite of Christian Initia- tion of Adults, a process by which adults "… consciously and freely seek the living God….By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and…..will receive the sacraments fruitfully."

The OCIA/RCIA is for:

- people who were never baptized, or
- those baptized in another faith, or
- those who were baptized Catholic but have never received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

If you are interested in the Catholic faith, or have a friend or relative who may be interested in exploring the possibility of making this journey of faith, please invite the person to call (617-323-4410 X #3).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY

The Catholic Charities Food Pantry remains in desperate need of donations, especially now with rising prices. The situation continues to be urgent for many families. You may bring your contributions of food to the rectory garage on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Thank you for your ongoing generous support.

AL-ANON and AA now meet in person every Wednesday night, 7:00-8:00 P.M. at Saint John Parish Center. New members always welcome! Free refreshments! Please call the Parish Office for more information. 617-323-4410.

SAINT THERESA CHAPEL is open for private prayer Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M

PROJECT RACHEL Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? Project Rachel retreats offer hope, healing and peace with God. Remaining Fall 2026 Dates: Saturday, November 14. Locations are confidential. For more information about retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE

Please keep the members of our parish serving in the nation's military in your prayers during these difficult times.

Lt. Ben Bellavance US Navy
Michael Birch US Army
Pvt. Connor Boyle United States Marine Corps
Capt. Patrick Conley US Air Force
Lt Sean Conley US Navy
Braden Conroy USAF
John Driscoll US Air Force
Harrison Eck, USAF
Captain Ryley Fay United States Army
Sergeant Declan M. Finnegan United States Marine Corps
2nd Lt. Sean Kelly, United States Marine Corps
Kevin Mc Gillicuddy United States Marine Corps
2nd Lt. Brendan Sanders United States Marine Corps

If you would like your relative or friend who is serving in the military to be remembered in the prayers of our parish, please provide their name, rank,and service branch. You can call the Parish Office 617-323-4410 / 617- 325-1300

OCTOBER 3RD / 4TH

OFFERTORY: $3,741.00

ONLINE $1,300.00

TOTAL: $5,041.00

Holy Father Missionary Efforts: $1,401.00

Thank you for your generous support.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Saint Theresa Parish offers electronic giving through the WeShare program which enables parishioners to contribute to the offertory and special collections even when away or traveling. It is easy to set up a WeShare account, and options are provided for the frequency of donations. Parishioners who use WeShare have been very satisfied with the results. If you would like to set up an account please go to the Saint Theresa Parish website and click the Donate tab at the top of the page or simply click on the QR Code below.. Follow the directions to set up an account or call the Parish Office 617-323-4410 for help.

2026 Baptism Preparation

Are you planning a Baptism for 2026? We have a new way to reg- ister for a Baptism date online! Please go to the parish website sttheresaparishboston.com and click on Liturgy and Sacraments and then Baptism. Fill out the forms online and submit. Once the forms have been received, we will contact you to see what date you are requesting. If this is you first child, you and the Godparents will be required at attend a Baptism Catechesis class to be held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Pavilion. We will contact you to register. Once you have attended this class, we can reserve a date for your child's Baptism. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00 P.M.

Parishioners can request a Prayer Shawl for someone by contacting Carol O'Brien atsttoffice24@gmail.comor by calling 617-323-4410.Every prayer shawl is different and perfect. Donations of completed shawls may be dropped off in the parish office, Monday—Thursday 9:30 —12 Noon or when you come to Mass. We would like to thank our dedicated knitters and crocheters who keep our stock full. We appreciate your continued support.

~~Collaborative Parishes Health Care Ministry

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BINS

We remind you about the Saint Vincent de Paul clothing bin in the parking lot at Saint John Chrysostom Parish for donations of clothing for our less fortunate neighbors. Your generous response to this request is greatly appreciated.

Cathedrals: Adventide Edition

with Matt Maher & Sarah Kroger

Internationally known Catholic recording artists Matt Maher & Sarah Kroger return to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Friday, December 11, 2026, from 7-9:15 PM. Join us for a beautiful night of prayer, music, and community to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Tickets are available directly from www.itickets.com/events/487353.

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Thank you to all those who signed the petition last weekend to repeal 188.

This weekend, October 17 / 18, we will againn be collecting signatures in the Pavilion and at the front doors of the Church to help repeal the recently enacted law which allows abortion up until birth. We hope you will support this effort by signing the petition as you leave Mass. This is a perfect opportunity to put your faith into action and help save lives. Please note: By law, you are only allowed to sign this petition once. If you signed last weekend, you may not sign again this weekend.

"Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life."

– St. John Paul II

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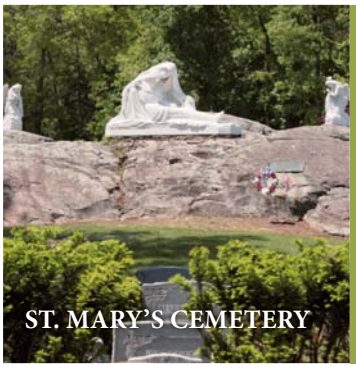

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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at ***781-235-1841***.
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