

# Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus

18 Baltic Street, South Attleboro, MA 02703



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot.

Jeremiah 43:14-15

**FATHER JON-PAUL GALLANT, PASTOR**  
Rev. Deacon Rick Varieur

### PARISH DIRECTORY

#### Pastor and Parish Office

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#### Parish Office Hours

Monday & Friday - Closed

Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 1:00PM

#### Religious Education Information

Religious Education Director: Nancy Hale

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All parish children in grades 1 - 9 should be registered for religious education classes.

#### Saint Vincent de Paul Assistance

Telephone: (508) 243-4386

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#### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Holy Days: Check bulletin for schedule

#### Weekday Masses

Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Thursday & Friday: 7:00 AM

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays following 7:00 AM Mass until 4:00 PM

#### Baptism

Last Sunday of the month by appointment.

Please call the Parish office to register.

#### Penance/Confession

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:00 PM and by appointment

#### Marriage

Please contact the Parish office for an appointment with the Pastor at least six months in advance.

#### Sacrament of the Sick

To receive this sacrament or for communion for the homebound please contact the Parish office.

**Considering a Vocation?** [www.FallRiverVocations.org](http://www.FallRiverVocations.org)

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday, November 27, 2021**

**4:30pm** + Claire & Oscar Bourgette.....By The Family

**Lector:** Shawn Seybert

**EMHC:** Annette Sirois

**Altar Server:** Kaleigh P.

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

**7:30am** For all in our Parish especially those affected by Covid-19

**Lector:** Gregory Beland

**EMHC:** Manny Desourdy

**Altar Server:** Jack O.

**9:00am** + Bernadette LeTendre.....By The Butler Family

**Lector:** Paul Dion

**EMHC:** Richard Enright

**Altar Server:** Emma W.

**11:00am** + William Sharples.....By Wendy Smith

**Lector:** Wendy Smith

**EMHC:** Janice Salisbury

**Altar Server:** Trinity & Evan P.

**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

**7:00pm** + Patricia Ludorf.....By Karen McMahon

**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

**7:00am** + Joseph & Arline Fournier.....By The Family

**Friday, December 3, 2021**

**7:00am** Jason Boler (living).....By His Dad

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

**4:30pm** + Pauline Robert.....By A Friend

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**7:30am** + William O'Neil.....By The Family

**9:00am** + Richard & Barbara Wagle.....By David Wagle

**11:00am** + Evelina Blanchette.....By Dolores LaRochell

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

**November 27/28:** Diocesan Assessment

**December:** Christmas Flowers (**Please PRINT Names**)


**December 4/5:** Monthly Maintenance

**December 8:** Immaculate Conception

**December 11/12:** Retired Religious

**December 18/19:** Diocesan Assessment

**December 25/26:** Christmas & Budget Deficit

 **CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE:** Please leave your cell phones at home or in the car when you're at church or at the very least turn them **OFF** while in Church. Thank you for your cooperation.

### OUR SUNDAY OFFERING

"What can I return to the Lord for His goodness to me?

I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving..." (Ps.116)

**Weekly Parish Sacrifice / Online Giving: \$2,158.45**

**WELCOME!** We are happy to welcome all who come to worship God here at St. Theresa's. If you would like to register as a member of our parish, please fill out one of the "Welcome" envelopes located at the doors of the church or see Fr. Gallant after Mass.


**GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL 2021:** We are continuing our Grand Annual Appeal through the end of calendar year 2021. If you have already responded, THANK YOU! If not, we will accept donations in any amount, but we are hoping that each household may be able to give \$150.00. Our total parish response to date: \$22,237.00. May God bless your generous support of our parish!

**"CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE" PARISH RAFFLE —**  
**THANK YOU: – THANK YOU!** A tip of the St. Theresa cap to all those involved in the successful parish raffles. God bless you for your generous response and CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES:** It is very important to **clearly print** your loved one's names on the back so that they can be included in our flower memorial books. If it is not readable it might not be included or could be misspelled. Thank you in helping us to include all names.

**MARIAN MEDAL AWARD:** We are pleased to announce that the 2021 Marian Medal Award has been awarded to Manuel Desourdy from our parish. Each year the Bishop of Fall River gives the Marian Medal to one person from each parish. The award is given to recognize the service and devotion to the parish by the recipient. We offer our prayerful congratulations to Manny and to all who volunteer to assist in the work of evangelization here at St. Theresa's parish.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:** There will be no Religious Education Classes on Sunday, November 28th. Classes will resume on December 5th. Confirmation Students have Retreat on December 4th from 8:00am till 4:00pm and returning to join the 4:30 mass at church. No class for Confirmation student on December 5th. Have a wonderful THANKSGIVING

 **MEAT PIES!!!** Meat Pies are on sale by calling the parish office during open hours, or by seeing Bob. They are \$13 each. We have a limited amount of Meat Pies left.

**THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK:** Six minute reflections on the weekday Gospels of Advent are available at the entrances of the church. Please only 1 per family.

**MOUNT ST. CHARLES ACADEMY INVITES YOU:** To our annual celebration of Lessons and Carols. A traditional English Advent event that involves Scripture readings, prayer, music and dance. This hour-long celebration, featuring the students, parents, and staff of Mount St. Charles Academy, provides a peaceful break from the busy Christmas rush. The service will be held in Chapel Hall at the Academy on Sunday, December 5, at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Tickets are free but necessary for admission and are available at the Mount St. Charles Main Office (Visit M-F between 8-2 or call 401-769-0310, extension 0).



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** SVDP will be putting up our annual parish giving tree November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please help yourself to a tag or 2 and be one of Santa's Helper's! Please return the gift **un-wrapped** with the tag attached by December 12th (no later please).  
Happy Holidays!!

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### SUNDAY



**COFFEE SOCIAL:** Coffee and donuts are served after the 9am & 11am Masses. This is a great way to start your day. We are in need of Volunteers, Please call Sue & Mark Priest for more info at 508-399-8772.

### TUESDAY



**ST. THERESA'S FAITH SHARING GROUP:** Will meet on Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the church basement and all are welcome to come and share your faith with us. For info please call Janice at 508-915-6930

### WEDNESDAY



**FOOD PANTRY:** Every Wednesday 9:30-10:30am & every Thursday 6:00-7:00pm. For information please call the St. Vincent DePaul helpline at 508-243-4386.

### THURSDAY



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** after the 7am Mass until 4pm. Could you give Jesus just 1 hour a week? He gave you everything. If for any reason you are unable to fill your hour, please call Catherine Cote 508-761-8219 or Elaine Gagnon 401-305-5094. Thank you!



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE "CENACLE FOR LIFE" MEN & WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP:** meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the church. Come and join us in a rosary for the end of abortion and in thanksgiving for the gift of life. For more information, please call Catherine Cote at 508-761-8219

### What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath?

Since circles have no beginning and no end, the circular shape of the Advent Wreath is used to symbolize God the Father and eternal life. The wreath holds four candles which are lit over the four weeks of Advent. There are three violet (purple) candles and one rose candle, each representing 1,000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the Savior.

Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of penance, sacrifice, and prayer. During the first two and the last weeks of Advent we light violet candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has their own meaning. The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the Prophet's Candle reminding us that Jesus is coming. The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the Bethlehem Candle reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the Shepherd's Candle reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The fourth Sunday symbolizes Peace with the Angel's Candle reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

When Advent Wreaths are decorated the materials often have symbolic meaning. The use of evergreens reminds us of our eternal life with Christ, holly represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus, and pinecones symbolize Christ's Resurrection.



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Our Amazon Wish List is an easy and quick way to shop and support our food pantry. It will ship right to the pantry!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18OWKOEYIPUQ0?ref\\_wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18OWKOEYIPUQ0?ref_wl_share)

#### Weekly Food Pantry needs:

\* Frozen Meatballs, Ground Beef, Ground Turkey, Chicken, Pork Items, Kielbasa, Hot Dogs (any meat items, we could use it all)

\* Fresh produce (oranges, apples, potatoes, carrots, peppers, onions, lettuce, etc.) We could use it all

- Canned Corn, Peas, Green Beans & Carrots
- Chef Boyardee (all kinds)
- Canned Tuna & Canned Chicken
- Macaroni & Cheese

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