



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



† Mass Intentions at *Little Flower*

Sunday, Sept 14 – 8:15am Protection & Graces for Fr. Gonzalez & Little Flower Parish Pro Populo

Sunday, Sept 14 – 10:45am

Monday, Sept 15 – 8:15am

Tuesday, Sept 16 – 5:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 17– 8:15am

Thursday, Sept 18 - 8:15am

Friday, Sept 19 - 8:15am

Saturday, Sept 20 - 8:15am

Sunday, Sept 21 – 8:15am

Sunday, Sept 21 – 10:45am

†Eladio Gonzalez

Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez

Poor Souls

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Charles Claxton Jr.

†Marian Griffin

Poor Souls

Pro Populo

By the sign of the Holy Cross, deliver us from our enemies, O Lord our God! In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

This powerful prayer often used in Spanish and Latin-American countries while making the Sign of the Cross has roots in the liturgy of today's Feast and is prayed in the monastic office as an antiphon.

Please Pray For:

Shawn Canale, Jeanine Hilbert, Vanessa Jones, Mary Blanchard, Deborah Ottawa, Henry Olivi, Helen Johnson, Shane Canale Jr.

Sanctuary Candle Dedication

2 WEEKS: \$20 & 1 WEEK: \$10

Candles Burn This Week For:

†J. Guadalupe Longoria Samaniego

Graces for Fr. Gonzalez

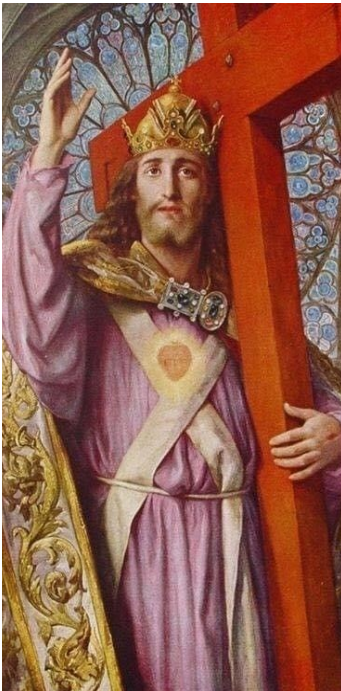
Families of the Parish

Joan Farino

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

The Triumph of the Holy Cross in Our Time

Protection of Our Parish



† Mass Intentions at *Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday, Sept 13 – 4:00pm Poor Souls

Sunday, Sept 14 – 1:45pm †Maria del Refugio Guerrero

Saturday, Sept 20 – 4:00pm Poor Souls; Joan Farino

Sunday, Sept 14 – 1:45pm Vazquez-Guerrero Family



Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:13-17

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

Weekly Offerings (Sunday August 31, 2025)

General:	\$2,944.79	YTD: \$27,984.83
Building:	\$267	YTD: \$2,479
St. Martin:	\$200	YTD: \$5,414.45

ST. JOSEPH'S PROJECTS COLLECTION:

Repairing our church as we look forward to the 100 year anniversary of Little Flower parish. Campaign to Date Total as of this Fiscal Year: \$13,119

Second Collection is for the St. Martin Society

God is never outdone in generosity!

Don't Forget! - ¡No lo olvides!

Little Flower Parish Mission

October 6, 7, 8 & 9 at 6 PM *English*

Misión Parroquial de Santa Teresita

**Octubre 13, 14, 15 y 16 a las 6 PM
*en Español***



IFT of the Cross, how precious, how splendid to contemplate!

In the Cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise, but opens the way for our return. This was the tree on which Christ, like a king on a chariot, destroyed the devil, the lord of death, and freed the human race from his tyranny.

This was the tree upon which the Lord like a brave warrior wounded in hands, feet and side, healed the wounds of sin that the evil serpent had inflicted on our nature. A tree once caused our death, but now a tree brings life. Once deceived by a tree, we have now repelled the cunning serpent by a tree. What an astonishing transformation! That death should become life, that decay should become immortality, that shame should become glory! Well might the holy Apostle exclaim: Far be it from me to glory except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world! The supreme wisdom that flowered on the Cross has shown the folly of worldly wisdom's pride. The knowledge of all good, which is the fruit of the cross, has cut away the shoots of wickedness.

The wonders accomplished through this tree were foreshadowed clearly even by the mere types and figures that existed in the past. Meditate on these, if you are eager to learn. Was it not the wood of a tree that enabled Noah, at God's command, to escape the destruction of the flood together with his sons, his wife, his sons' wives and every kind of animal? And surely the rod of Moses prefigured the cross when it changed water into blood, swallowed up the false serpents of Pharaoh's magicians, divided the sea at one stroke and then restored the waters to their normal course, drowning the enemy and saving God's own people? Aaron's rod, which blossomed in one day in proof of his true priesthood, was another figure of the Cross, and did not Abraham foreshadow the Cross when he bound his son Isaac and placed him on the pile of wood?

By the Cross death was slain and Adam was restored to life. The Cross is the glory of all the apostles, the crown of the martyrs, the sanctification of the saints. By the Cross we put on Christ and cast aside our former self. By the Cross we, the sheep of Christ, have been gathered into one flock, destined for the sheepfold of heaven.

- Meditation on *The Precious and Life-giving Cross of Christ* by St. Theodore the Studite



Photograph of St. Theresa as a novice embracing the Cross. She always had a great devotion to the Holy Cross of Jesus, especially during her great trial of faith.



**Join us for
MASS
OF THE
HOLY
ARCHANGELS
STS. MICHAEL,
GABRIEL & RAPHAEL
September 29th
at 6 PM**

*Devotion to the Holy
Angels will keep us close
to the saving Cross of
Christ!*



Beginning September 23rd through October 1st
\$50 Donation to St. Theresa Catholic Church "Little Flower Society" to enroll a loved one in the Novena of Masses. **Enrollments must be received by Friday September 19th.**

Visit ***LittleFlowerMemphis.org/novena*** to enroll or drop an enrollment slip with your donation in the collection or deliver to the office. Enrollment slips are available by the statue of St. Theresa