

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF ST. THERESA



#### † Mass Intentions at Little Flower

Sunday, Oct 5 – 8:15am Sunday, Oct 5 – 10:45am Monday, Oct 6 – 8:15am Tuesday, Oct 7 – 5:30pm Wednesday, Oct 8 – 8:15am

Thursday, Oct 9 - 8:15am Friday, Oct 10 - 8:15am Saturday, Oct 11 - 8:15am Sunday, Oct 12 - 8:15am Sunday, Oct 12 - 10:45am Sanctification of LF Parish Pro Populo Poor Souls

Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez †Pat Collins; †William Hope;

Poor Souls
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†Charlie Kirk
†Frank Tilly

The Nwobilors Pro Populo



Benedictine Blessing is cancelled this week. Come and join us for the Parish Mission!

Please contact the Office if you'd like to donate the beautiful flowers that adorn Our Lord's altar each week. Memorials will be included in the bulletin.

### Please Pray For:

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

# Sanctuary Candle Bedication 2 WEEKS: \$20 & 1 WEEK: \$10

Candles Burn This Week For:

In Thanksgiving for St. Theresa

Repose of Charlie Kirk

Benefactors of the Parish

Charles Claxton

**†** Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

An Increase of Contemplative Vocations & Holy Priests

Protection of Our Parish



Saturday, Oct 4 – 4:00pm Sunday, Oct 5 – 1:45pm Saturday, Oct 11 - 4:00pm Sunday, Oct 12 – 1:45pm Poor Souls; Ella Adams Vazquez-Guerrero Family Poor Souls; †Pat Collins †Maria del Refugio Guerrero



 $\mathbf{A}_{\mathtt{MEN}}$  I say to you

UNLESS YOU BE
CONVERTED, AND
BECOME AS LITTLE
CHILDREN, YOU SHALL
NOT ENTER INTO THE
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN.

Matthew 18:3

#### Weekly Offerings (Sunday September 21, 2025)

 General:
 \$2,750.84
 YTD: \$41,829.22

 Building:
 \$242
 YTD: \$4,075.78

 St. Martin:
 \$3,170
 YTD: \$11,338.24

#### 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: \$23,484

Second Collection is for the Little Flower Society

"A checkbook is a theological document, it will tell you who and what you worship."

## PARISH MISSION THIS WEEK!

October 6, 7, 8 & 9 at 6 PM in English
MISIÓN PARROQUIAL
¡LA PROXIMA SEMANA!

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



Join us for Fun and Fellowship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

# Little Flower Feast Fundraiser Celebration

\$18/plate includes ravioli/spaghetti combo,
Italian spinach, garlic bread,
drink, and dessert
\$60 max per family (parents & children)
Tamales 3 for \$10
\$20/plate for Take Out

Beer and Wine available for a donation

Split the Pot and Gift Table

EACH PARISH FAMILY PLEASE DONATE A DESSERT Desserts may be brought to Leppert Hall Saturday 10/11 between noon and 2pm Sunday 10/12 before either Mass

Pay with cash, check, or your Givelify account.
Credit card payments must go through Givelify.
Set up your Givelify account by scanning the QR code



OFTEN ASKED MYSELF WHY GOD HAD PREFERENCES, why all souls did not receive an equal measure of grace. I was filled with wonder when I saw extraordinary favors showered on great sinners like St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Mary Magdalen, and many others, whom He forced, so to speak, to receive His grace.

In reading the lives of the Saints I was surprised to see that there were certain privileged souls, whom Our Lord favored from the cradle to the grave, allowing no obstacle in their path which might keep them from mounting towards Him, permitting no sin to soil the spotless brightness of their baptismal robe. And again it puzzled me why so many poor savages should die without having even heard the name of God.

Our Lord has deigned to explain this mystery to me. He showed me the book of nature, and I understood that every flower created by Him is beautiful, that the brilliance of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not lessen the perfume of the violet or the sweet simplicity of the daisy. I understood that if all the lowly flowers wished to be roses, nature would lose its springtide beauty, and the fields would no longer be enameled with lovely hues. And so it is in the world of souls, Our Lord's living garden. He has been pleased to create great Saints who may be compared to the lily and the rose, but He has also created lesser ones, who must be content to be daisies or simple violets flowering at His Feet, and whose mission it is to gladden His Divine Eyes when He deigns to look down on them. And the more gladly they do His Will the greater is their perfection.

I understood this also, that God's Love is made manifest as well in a simple soul which does not resist His grace as in one more highly endowed. In fact, the characteristic of love being selfabasement, if all souls resembled the holy Doctors who have illuminated the Church, it seems that God in coming to them would not stoop low enough. But He has created the little child, who knows nothing and can but utter feeble cries, and the poor savage who has only the natural law to guide him, and it is to their hearts that He deigns to stoop. These are the field flowers whose simplicity charms Him; and by His condescension to them Our Savior shows His infinite greatness. As the sun shines both on the cedar and on the floweret, so the Divine Sun illumines every soul, great and small, and all correspond to His care—just as in nature the seasons are so disposed that on the appointed day the humblest daisy shall unfold its petals.

- from *The Story of a Soul*, the Autobiography of St. Theresa, the Little Flower of Jesus