



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

GAUDETE SUNDAY



† **Mass Intentions at *Little Flower***

Sunday, Dec 14 – 8:15am	Fr. Gonzalez’s Intentions
Sunday, Dec 14 – 10:45am	Pro Populo
Monday, Dec 15 – 8:15am	†Czerkawski & Rich Families
Tuesday, Dec 16 – 5:30pm	Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez
Wednesday, Dec 17 – 8:15am	Christmas Novena
Thursday, Dec 18 - 8:15am	Christmas Novena
Friday, Dec 19 - 8:15am	Christmas Novena
Saturday, Dec 20 - 8:15am	Christmas Novena
Sunday, Dec 21 – 8:15am	Christmas Novena
Sunday, Dec 21 – 10:45am	Pro Populo

† **Mass Intentions at *Blessed Sacrament***

Saturday, Dec 13 - 4:00pm	Poor Souls; Vazquez-Guerrero Family
Sunday, Dec 14 – 1:45pm	†Maria del Refugio Guerrero
Saturday, Dec 20 - 4:00pm	Kevin Nguyen
Sunday, Dec 21 – 1:45pm	Healing of Family Relationships



THE DESERT AND THE PARCHED LAND WILL EXULT; THE STEPPE WILL REJOICE AND BLOOM. THEY WILL BLOOM WITH ABUNDANT FLOWERS...BE STRONG, FEAR NOT! HERE IS YOUR GOD, HE COMES WITH VINDICATION; WITH DIVINE RECOMPENSE HE COMES TO SAVE YOU.

ISAIAH 35: 1-4

Weekly Offerings <i>(Sunday November 30, 2025)</i>		
General:	\$2,604.26	YTD: \$75,402.45
Building:	\$225	YTD: \$7,414.78
St. Martin:	\$700	YTD: \$20,841.24

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: \$41,271

Second Collection is for the Retired Religious Fund

Please Pray For: Ashley & Kitty Hudson, Shawn Canale, Jeanine Hilbert, Vanessa Jones, Helen Johnson, Shane Canale Jr., Michael Valldejuli, Ann Shorter, Whit and Carolyn Bell, Maya Roy

Join us for two special one-session Adult Faith Formation classes in December at 9:30 AM in the AFF Room:

The Jewish Roots of the Papacy - TODAY, DECEMBER 14

In this course, Dr. Brant Pitre will uncover biblical and historic proof of the Papacy, combating Protestant objections.

Mary & the Mystery of Christmas - Next Sunday, December 21

Discover Our Lady’s unique role in salvation history at the Christmas mystery through biblical, historical and theological analysis.

Rejoice always -- this is my duty, because the Lord is nigh. When joy is absent from me, it is because faith in His nearness is absent. When clouds hide the Sun of Justice, and I am disposed to be sad and despondent, let me make an Act of Faith in His Presence: My God, I know that Thou art within my soul, because I have reason to believe that I am in the state of grace. My JESUS, I believe that Thou art there in the Tabernacle. My God, I believe that Thou art truly present behind every person and every circumstance and every trial. My JESUS, I believe that it may be today that Thou wilt summon me to stand before Thee as my Judge...I shall find that Acts of Faith, such as these, will help to dispel the despondency and send me on my way rejoicing. How can I do anything but rejoice when I think of the Divine Inhabitation? Can I be sad when I realize the presence of JESUS in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and all that means to me? Can I allow circumstances and trials to depress and crush me when I know with what infinite love and care they have been arranged for me by Him who hides Himself in each one of them? And if the thought that the Lord is nigh in judgment can hardly in itself be a thought that brings joy, yet, when I know how much value He sets on joy, I should like Him to find me rejoicing when He pays that always unexpected visit to my soul. The Lord is nigh, therefore rejoice. To rejoice in the Lord is always possible, it only means a realization of the supernatural, and as soon as that is realized, everything is seen in a different light. "In Thy light we shall see light" (Ps. 25:10), and "at Thy right hand are delights even to the end" (Ps. 15:11). It is just because the Lord is nigh that I cannot but rejoice, and it is only when I forget His Presence that the clouds have the power to chill and depress me and rob me of my joy. St. Paul is afraid that I may forget, and so he adds: "Again I say: Rejoice." - excerpt from *Ortus Christi: Meditations for Advent* by Mother St. Paul, 1921



Gaudete Altar Flowers donated for the honor of

CHRIST THE KING

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE - HELP THOSE IN NEED

Purchase a pack of Little Flower Christmas cards and help those most in need from our parish and community during this Christmas season. Illustrated by a parishioner, ALL proceeds from the card sales go towards the St. Martin Society. Cards can be picked up and paid for at the altar of St. Martin. Checks payable to St. Theresa Church, “St. Martin Society” in the memo or give online (St. Martin Society)

ST. MARTIN SOCIETY CHRISTMAS AID

Please submit your recommendations for the St. Martin Society Christmas Aid *by the end of the day TODAY!* Our St. Martin Society helps those within our parish community or those recommended by our parishioners to be able to celebrate Christmas by providing for their needs during this blessed season. You may recommend yourself and

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

Candles Burn This Week For:

- Healing of Families
- Miriam Murguia
- † J. Guadalupe Longoria Samaniego
- Charles Claxton
- † Juan Carlos Coss Vargas
- Benefactors of the Parish
- Forgotten Souls in Purgatory



Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Vigil Mass *at Blessed Sacrament:* 6 PM
featuring the Children’s Choir!

Carols Program begin at 10 PM
at Little Flower

Mass at Night: 10:30 PM

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day

Mass at Dawn *in Spanish:* 7 AM
at Little Flower

Mass During the Day: 9 AM
at Little Flower

LIAR, LUNATIC, OR LORD?

How you answer the question, “*Who is Jesus Christ?*”, determines *everything*.

JESUS CHRIST, SAVIOR

Sundays from **9:30-10:30 AM** beginning January 11

In this course, Dr. Michael Sirilla draws from decades of teaching Christology to lead Catholics into a deeper understanding of Jesus as both true God and true man, the only Savior of the world, our eternal High Priest, Teacher, and King. Through Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, you’ll encounter definitive teachings on Christ’s identity and saving mission and begin to reflect theologically on divine revelation in the light of faith. This course will challenge vague belief, clarify distorted views of Jesus, and equip you to see the Gospels – and your own salvation – with fresh eyes. **Because once you truly know who He is, nothing remains the same.**

A NEW ST. THERESA ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSE

