

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



† Mass Intentions at *Little Flower*

Sunday, Dec 7–8:15am Sunday, Dec 7 – 10:45am Monday, Dec 8 – 8:15am Monday, Dec 8 – 6:00pm Tuesday, Dec 9 – 5:30pm Wednesday, Dec 10 – 8:15am

Thursday, Dec 11 - 8:15am Friday, Dec 12 - 8:15am Friday, Dec 12 - 6:00pm Saturday, Dec 13 - 8:15am Sunday, Dec 14 – 8:15am Sunday, Dec 14 – 10:45am

Sanctification of LF Parish Pro Populo Victoria Rodriguez Medina

Pro Populo Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez

David Benavides; Poor Souls; †Elzbieta Przywala

Poor Souls Our Hispanic Community Expectant Mothers of the Parish

Poor Souls

Fr. Gonzalez's Intentions Pro Populo

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, <u>ALL</u> 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 December 14th, the Third Sunday of Advent. 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 your family or someone you know

> who is struggling financially this time of year. Recommendation slips are available at the Altar of St. Martin.

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

Candles Burn This Week For:

Sanctification of Families

† Maria Marczyk

† Felicja Minko

Charles Claxton

† Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

Benefactors of the Parish

Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

† Mass Intentions at Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Dec 6 - 4:00pm Poor Souls; †Maria del Refugio Guerrero; †Cecilia Longoria Espinoza; †Michael Vincent Moremil

Sunday, Dec 7 – 1:45pm Saturday, Dec 13 - 4:00pm

Poor Souls; Vazquez-Guerrero Family †Maria del Refugio Guerrero

†Martin Griffin

Sunday, Dec 14 – 1:45pm



ON THAT DAY, A SHOOT SHALL SPROUT FROM THE STUMP OF JESSE, AND FROM HIS ROOTS A BUD SHALL BLOSSOM. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL REST UPON HIM...

ON THAT DAY, THE ROOT OF JESSE, SET UP AS A SIGNAL FOR THE NATIONS, THE GENTILES SHALL SEEK OUT, FOR HIS DWELLING SHALL BE GLORIOUS.

ISAIAH 11:1-10

Weekly Offerings (Sunday November 23, 2025)

\$3,129.19 **YTD:** \$72,798.19 General: \$227 Building: **YTD:** \$7,189.78 **St. Martin:** \$250 YTD: \$20,141.24

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: \$40,971

No Second Collection Today!

Please Pray For: Ashley & Kitty Hudson, Shawn Canale, Jeanine Hilbert, Vanessa Jones, Helen Johnson, Shane Canale Jr., Michael Valldejuli, Ann Shorter, Megan Rogers, 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 - Sunday, December 14

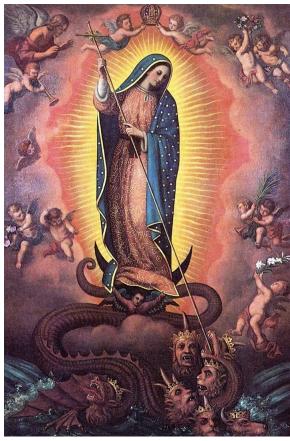
In this course, Dr. Brant Pitre will uncover biblical and historic proof of the Papacy, combating Protestant objections.

Mary & the Mystery of Christmas - Sunday, December 21

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

uring the Guadalupe apparitions, Our Lady revealed that she wished to be known as "the ever-virgin Holy Mary of Guadalupe". Catholic historians believe that Mary would have spoken this in the native Aztec language...which would have communicated "Guadalupe" as coataxopeuh, which is pronounced "quatlasupe" (sounding very much like Guadalupe). This is indeed significant because the breakdown of the word coatlaxopeuh is the following: oa means "serpent", tla means "the", xopeuh means "to crush or stamp out." Putting this all together, you have the name "Quatlasupe" meaning "the one who crushes the serpent" (and the Aztecs worshiped a serpent-god Quetzalcoatl). This allusion to Mary as "the woman" of Genesis 3:15 is remarkable as it is also used by the Church as one of the Scripture references supporting the dogma and feast of the Immaculate Conception... [On the tilam of St. Juan Diego] there is the woman of Genesis 3:15 and Revelation 12 depicted [pregnant with Christ] in all her humility and glory at the same time: "And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child . . . " [Revelation 12:1-2].

And this "woman" who revealed herself as Our Lady of Guadalupe amidst one of the most violent cultures of death came as the Advent of Christ, pregnant with her Divine Son, ready to bear Him as the Mediatrix of Divine Mercy, to a civilization lost in darkness and death with the tenderness and power portrayed in that miraculous image. Historians report that within eight years, Our Lady of Guadalupe achieved the impossible — that approximately nine million Aztecs (basically a Pentecost a day for eight years) were converted to the Christian faith. Some even say that the number of Aztec conversions equaled those souls lost to the Protestant revolution.



What Our Lady of Guadalupe accomplished in the heart of the Americas reveals that she indeed is the bridge-builder par excellence as she connected and expanded a fractured Church in the Old World with the budding Church in the New World (since Mexico was known as the "New Spain"). Mary appeared at the geographic center of all the Americas as the Immaculate Conception...Wherever Mary enters, she crushes the head of the serpent and recalibrates a disoriented society according to its worship, its womanhood and its "yes" to life! - from an article by Peter Howard, professor of theology at the Avila Institute and member of the International Marian Association, author of the 2015 book: The Woman: The Mystery of Mary as Mediatrix in the Teaching of Fulton I. Sheen.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS TOMORROW, MONDAY DECEMBER 8 - Low Mass: 8:15 AM; High Mass: 6 PM. Come to Mass to celebrate this great dogma of our Catholic Faith!

JOIN US IN A PROCESSION for peace and protection through the intercession of Our Immaculate Mother of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas THIS FRIDAY, December 12 starting at 5PM from Blessed Sacrament, walking to Little Flower where we will celebrate a Mass (6 PM) for Our Lady of Guadalupe. This will be a public witness of faith, hope and charity and a way to show our confidence in Our Blessed Mother who said "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?, are you not under my shadow and protection?"

Acompáñanos en una procesión por la paz y la protección Enroll in the Christmas Novena of Masses de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Emperatriz de las Américas, el Viernes 12 de Diciembre a las 5 PM desde la Iglesia de Santísimo Sacramento, caminando hasta Santa Teresita donde celebraremos una Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Esta será una forma de mostrar confianza en Nuestra Santísima Madre, quien dijo: «¿Acaso no estoy aquí, yo que soy tu Madre? ¿Acaso no estás bajo mi sombra y protección?».

December 17th-25th. \$50 Donation to St. Theresa Church "Holy Name Society" to enroll a loved one in the Novena. Deadline to enroll is this Friday, December 12! You may enroll online, deliver to the office, or drop in the collection. Enrollment slips are available at the Infant King Altar. To enroll online please visit: LittleFlowerMemphis.org/novena