



*I have  
Risen  
and am  
still with you,  
Alleluia!*

*Easter Sunday      April 5, 2026*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
8 PM Easter Graces for the Parish

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**  
8:15 AM Sanctification of the Parish  
10:45 AM Pro Populo  
1:45 PM Vazquez Guerrero Family

**\*MONDAY, APRIL 6**  
†Stanslaw Marczyk

**\*TUESDAY, APRIL 7**  
Fr. Gonzalez's Intentions

**\*WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**  
Poor Souls; †Leticia Villegas Delgado;  
†Joseph Spain; Benefactors of St. Joseph's  
Projects; Conversion of Joseph Negri

**\*THURSDAY, APRIL 9**  
John Lewandowski

**\*FRIDAY, APRIL 10**  
†Barbara Lucille Favorite

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
8:15 AM Conversion of Michelle Valldejuli  
4 PM Poor Souls; Martha Lockwood;  
†John Murray; Alessandro Gaffuri

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**  
8:15 AM †Ian Hudson  
10:45 AM Pro Populo  
1:45 PM †Maria del Refugio Guerrero

*\*There will be no Masses, Rosary, Confessions, or Devotions Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 10. All Mass intentions will be fulfilled.*

*The Office will be closed this Monday, April 6 and will reopen for Wednesday and Thursday at the usual hours.*

## CANDLE INTENTIONS

*Sanctuary Candles always before the Blessed Sacrament*  
*2 weeks: \$20 & 1 week: \$10*

Easter Conversions  
Graces for Father's Retreat  
†Marcia del Rosario Frias Tova  
†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas  
Benefactors of the Parish  
Conversion of Sinners

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please pray for:*  
Amparo Estrada  
Whit & Carolyn Bell  
Caleb Knight

*Divine Mercy Sunday*  
**APRIL 12**

Celebrate the close of the Easter Octave in the Presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament with Exposition at 3 PM

We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Father will be available for Confessions.

Vespers and Benediction at 4 PM

### Weekly Offerings (Sunday March 15, 2026)

General: \$2,919.99	YTD: \$129,399.09
Building: \$210	YTD: \$17,460.78
St. Martin: \$505	YTD: \$30,204.24
St. Joseph's Projects (restoring our church)	YTD: \$73,348.56

**Second Collection today is for the Holy Name Society**



*Join us this Thursday for the continuation of the Brant Pitre Adult Faith Formation series on the Scriptural Roots of the Mass. 6 PM in the AFF room.*

*Join us for a single-session course with Dr. Brant Pitre*



## THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**  
*from 9:30 - 10:30 AM*

Why do the Gospels stress that Jesus died at 3 PM? What were the Jewish people praying for in the Temple at the time of Jesus' Death? How did the Jewish daily sacrifice known as the *Tamid* foreshadow Christ's Passion and Death? These questions and more will be answered. Presentation in the Adult Faith Formation Room in the school. Coffee and donuts provided.

**CLASES EN ESPAÑOL CON EL PADRE GONZÁLEZ**  
*1er y 3er Sábado del mes a las 11 AM.*  
*Las clases tratan sobre la espiritualidad Benedictina y nuestra identidad Católica.*

**"Mary supposed Him to be the gardener..."**

**John 20:15**

We are looking for volunteers to help out in our parish gardens. No experience needed. Donations of fertilizer are also appreciated. Flowers in the gardens are also used to adorn the sanctuary and the altars of the saints.



*"The flowers have  
appeared in our land, the  
time of pruning is come;  
the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land..."*

# EASTER Flowers

*...The fig tree hath put  
forth her green figs; the  
vines in flower yield their  
sweet smell..."*

## IN MEMORY OF

The Favorite Family, The Simpson Family, Josephine "Babs" Brittain, Denise Nighman, Elizabeth Franceschini, Louis Franceschini, Kathy Deen Evans, Odeen H. Nash, Martha Mitchell, Willie Love, Daris Truly, Theodore Sparks, The Souls in Purgatory, Paul Escamilla, Luz Escamilla, Eliodoro Murguia, Severiano Barrera, Maria Landin, Soledad Magana, Joel Barragan, Juan Cermeno, Maria Hernandez, Edilma de Villalobos, Azael Villalobos, Tom Gorlitz, Roger Flint, Victor Mireles Contreras, Gabina Hernandez Segora, Santiago Montalvo Padron, Jose Maria Mireles Contreras, Agnes Cromer, Michael Motta, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brannon, Scott Southers, Matthew Southers, Jeannie Anderson, Herman & Evelyn Crowder, Louis Crowder, Verna Winston, Mai & Minh Vo, Betty Cochiolo, Marilyn Cartwright, Paul Hammond, Almas Benditas del Purgatorio, Benito Pierotti, Geneva Pierotti, Howard Pierotti, Jared Hamer, Michael Picarella, Filoteo Aguillon, Anna-Liza Aguillon, Alger Aguillon, Stephanie Aguillon, Gregorix Pinzion, Dominique Caicido, Daniela Camarena, Joan Scanlon, Denise Rawell, Betty Hudson, Ian Hudson, Jan Marczyk, Lino Vazquez, Ramona Vazquez, Lillian Capozzi, Bill Sauser, Jim & Marie Ryan, Jonas Carter

## IN HONOR OF

Familia Rodriguez, Gene Anderson, President Trump

*...Arise, my love, my beautiful one,  
and come."*

*- Song of Songs 2: 12-13*





*Dedicate your own*  
**LITTLE FLOWER**  
*at Little Flower Church*

*Sponsor a flower in honor or memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God and help support the Beauty of His House. These dedications can be given as First Communion, Confirmation, or wedding gifts.*

- Large Rose (1 remaining) - \$500*
- Medium Rose (23 remaining) - \$400*
- Small Rose (8 remaining) - \$300*
- Opened Lily (9 remaining) - \$300*
- Opening Rose and Lily (10 remaining) - \$200*
- Rose and Lily Bud (97 remaining) - \$100*
- Thorns (34 remaining) - \$50*

*Flowers were used by the Lord to remind us of God's blessing and tender care for souls (Lk. 12:27 & Mt. 6:28). The murals adorning our sanctuary and side altars were hand painted by local artists, adding to the beauty of our church and helping to remind all who enter of the Beauty of God in creation and His love for us. Flower sponsorships will allow us to continue with the painting and gilding of the sanctuary, a legacy for future generations to the Glory of God. All contributions will be commemorated by memorial plaques.*

*Please contact the Parish Office ([sttherese@stlfchurch.cdom.org](mailto:sttherese@stlfchurch.cdom.org)) to sponsor.*



**TERNITY IN HEAVEN** is the true Pasch: hence, our Pasch, here on earth, is the Feast of feasts, the Solemnity of solemnities. The human race was dead; it was the victim of that sentence, whereby it was condemned to be mere dust in the tomb; the gates of life were shut against it. But see the Son of God rises from His grave and takes possession of eternal life. Nor is He the only one that is to die no more, for, as the Apostle teaches us, He is the first-born from the dead.

The Church would, therefore, have us consider ourselves as having already risen with our Jesus, and as having already taken possession of eternal life. The holy Fathers bid us look on these fifty days of Easter, as the image of our eternal happiness. They are days devoted exclusively to joy; every sort of sadness is forbidden; and the Church cannot speak to her divine Spouse without joining to her words that glorious cry of heaven, the *Alleluia*, wherewith, as the holy Liturgy says, the streets and squares of the heavenly Jerusalem resound without ceasing. We have been forbidden the use of this joyous word during the past nine weeks; it behooved us to die with Christ: but now that we have risen together with Him, from the tomb, and that we are resolved to die no more that death, which kills the soul, and called our Redeemer to die on the Cross, we have a right to our *Alleluia*.


The Providence of God, who has established harmony between the visible world and the supernatural work of grace, willed that the Resurrection of our Lord should take place at that particular season of the year, when even nature herself seems to rise from the grave. The meadows give forth their verdure, the trees resume their foliage, the birds fill the air with their songs, and the sun, the type of our triumphant Jesus, pours out his floods of light on our earth made new by lovely Spring. At Christmas, the sun had little power, and his stay with us was short; it harmonized with the humble birth of our Emmanuel, who came among us in the midst of night, and shrouded in swaddling clothes; but now, He is "as a giant that runs his way, and there is no one that can hide himself from his heat" (Psalm 18: 6-7). Speaking, in the Canticle, to the faithful soul, and inviting her to take her part in this new life which He is now imparting to every creature, our Lord Himself says:

*"Arise, my dove, and come! Winter is now past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers have appeared in our land. The voice of the turtledove is heard. The fig tree hath put forth her green figs. The vines, in flower, yield their sweet smell. Arise thou, and come!"*  
(Canticle of Canticles 2: 10-13).

- from "The Liturgical Year" of Dom Prosper Guéranger, OSB

### JOIN THE MEN'S OR WOMEN'S GROUPS OF THE PARISH!

The Holy Name Society meets on the 2nd Saturday of the Month after the 8:15 AM Mass (No meeting this April). We have devotions to the Holy Name of Jesus followed by breakfast and a talk from Father on Men's Spirituality. The Little Flower Society meets on the 4th Saturday of the Month after the 8:15 AM Mass. We have devotions to St. Theresa followed by breakfast and a talk from Father. Both are a great way to meet fellow parishioners!



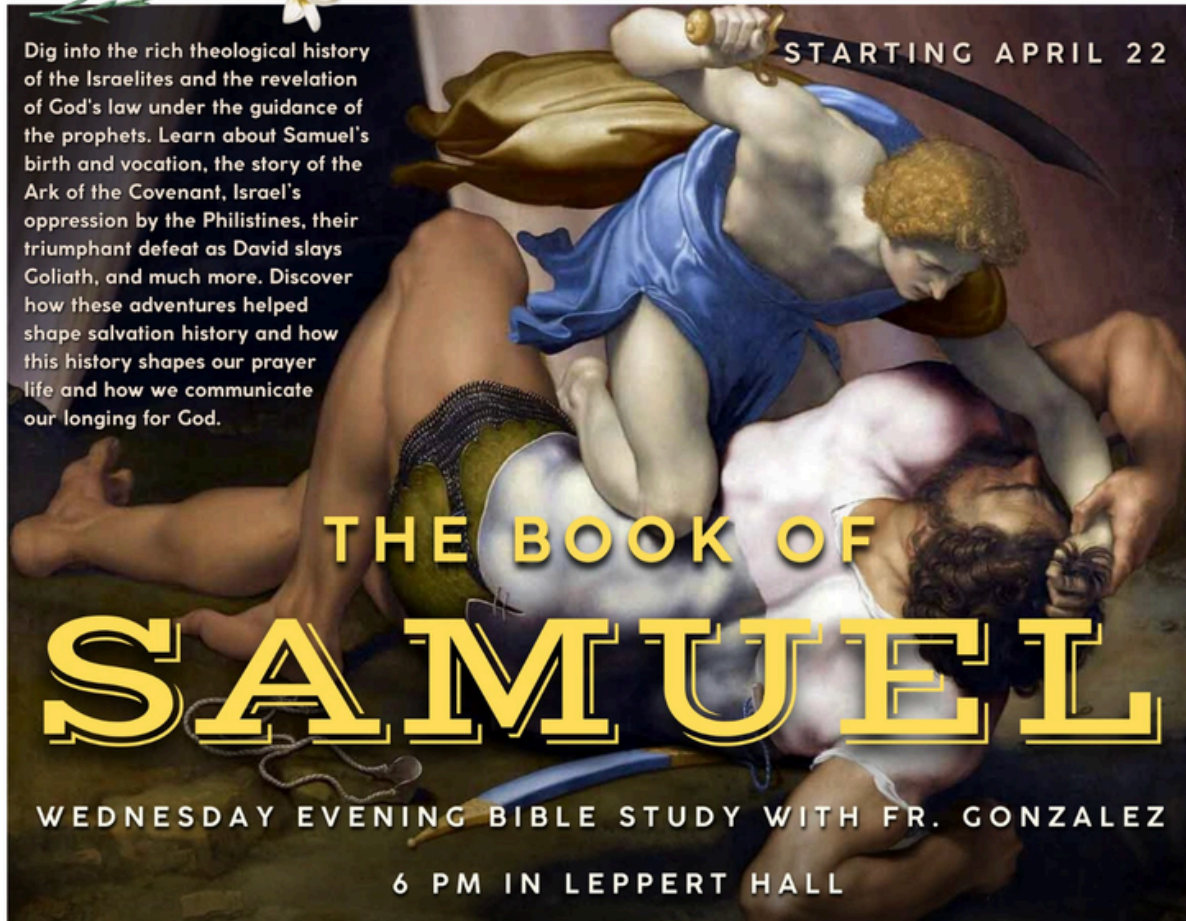
Dig into the rich theological history of the Israelites and the revelation of God's law under the guidance of the prophets. Learn about Samuel's birth and vocation, the story of the Ark of the Covenant, Israel's oppression by the Philistines, their triumphant defeat as David slays Goliath, and much more. Discover how these adventures helped shape salvation history and how this history shapes our prayer life and how we communicate our longing for God.

STARTING APRIL 22

# THE BOOK OF SAMUEL

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GONZALEZ

6 PM IN LEPPERT HALL



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday- 4:00 PM *English* at *Blessed Sacrament*  
Sunday- 8:15 AM; 10:45 AM;  
1:45 PM *Spanish* at *Blessed Sacrament*  
Monday & Wednesday-Saturday- 8:15 AM  
Tuesday- 5:30 PM  
First Friday- 8:15 AM & 6:00 PM  
Holy Days- *See Bulletin or Call the Office for Times*

## ADORATION & DEVOTIONS

### *Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:*

Thursday - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
First Fridays - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### *Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:*

Monday - Friday - 3:00 PM  
Saturday - 3:00 PM at *Blessed Sacrament*  
Sunday - Rosary before 8:15 & 10:45 Masses

### *Little Flower Novena:*

Thursday after Mass & after evening Benediction

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** - *Parents of children to be baptized must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and complete a baptism course*

**Marriages** - *Couples must contact Pastor 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.*

**Sick Calls** - *Anytime. Please let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs a home visit.*

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** - *please contact the DRE for information on becoming Catholic.*

## CONFESSIONS

Monday -Friday- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday - 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
Saturday - 7:45 - 8:00 AM  
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM at *Blessed Sacrament*  
Sunday - 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

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**Office Hours:** Open 3 days a week: Monday,  
Wednesday & Thursday from 9AM - 3PM

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### **Holy Souls Memorial**

*Requiescant In Pace*

- Msgr. James Whitfield
- Msgr. Joseph Leppert
- Deceased Priests, Parishioners, Alumni, and Benefactors of our Parishes
- Rolando Gonzalez
- Eladio Gonzalez
- Esperanza Llanes
- Allen & Armantine Keller
- Neal Holcomb Family
- Luigi & Maria A. Pierotti Family
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