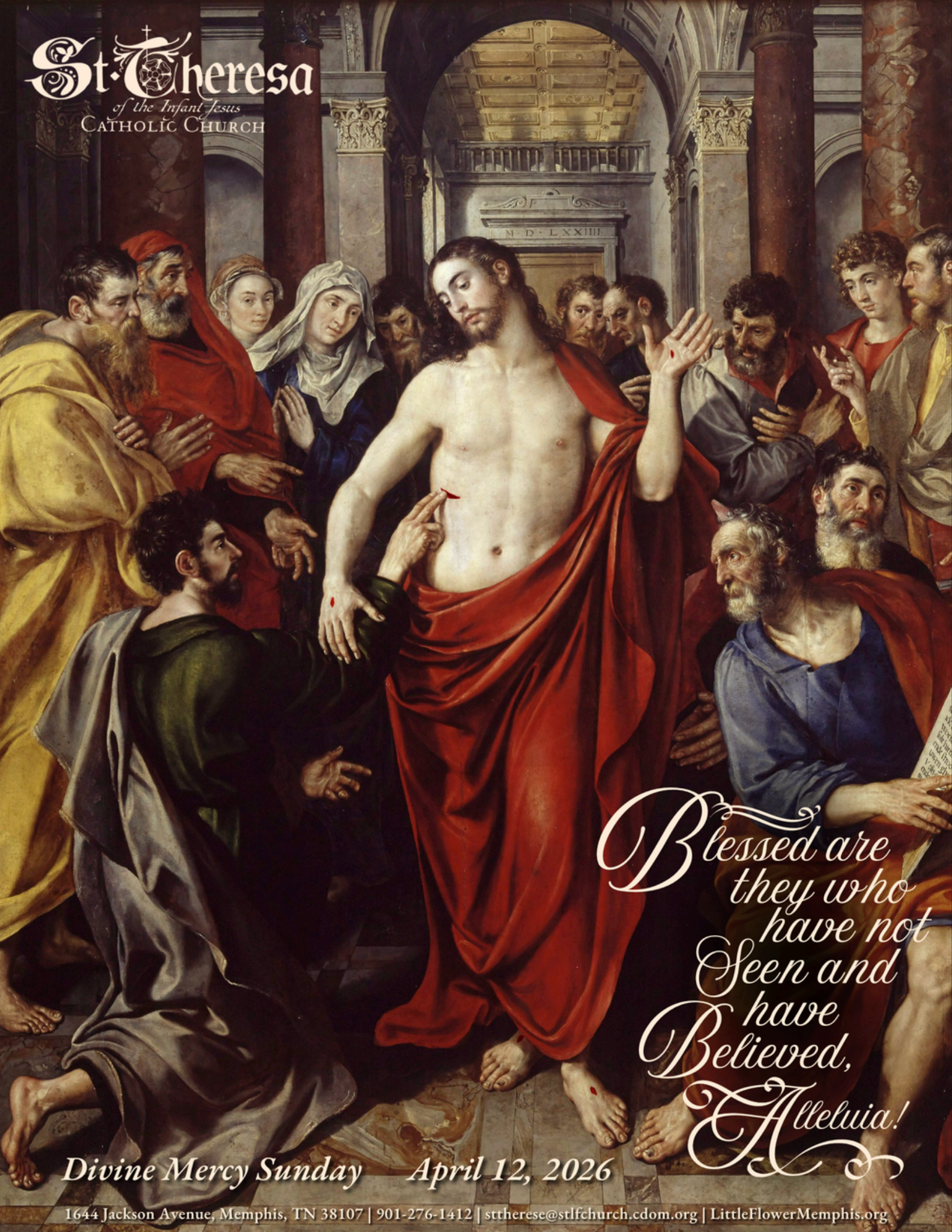


# St. Theresa

of the Infant Jesus  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Blessed are  
they who  
have not  
Seen and  
have  
Believed,  
Alleluia!*

*Divine Mercy Sunday April 12, 2026*

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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

MONDAY, APRIL 13

8:15 AM Poor Souls

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

5:30 PM Poor Souls

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:15 AM Poor Souls; †Leticia Villegas  
Delgado; †Joseph Spain; Benefactors of St.  
J.'s Projects; Conversion of Chuck Aber

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:15 AM Poor Souls

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8:15 AM Kathleen Carr

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:15 AM †Esperanza Llanes

4 PM Poor Souls; Anna Markic;

†Aida Aranda; Martha Lockwood

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:15 AM †Bill Drennan

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Vazquez Guerrero Family

## CANDLE INTENTIONS

*Sanctuary Candles burn always  
before the Blessed Sacrament*

*2 weeks: \$20 & 1 week: \$10*

†J. Guadalupe Longoria Samaniego

†Mary Yohanek & †Ricky Jeter

†Marcia del Rosario Frias Tova

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

Benefactors of the Parish

Families of the Parish

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please pray for:*

Amparo Estrada

Whit & Carolyn Bell

Caleb Knight



REGI-  
NA  
CAELI  
LAET-  
ARE  
ALLE-  
LUIA!

*Divine Mercy  
Sunday*  
TODAY AT 3 PM

Celebrate the close of the Easter Octave in  
the Presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
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 22, 2026)

General: \$3,058.72

YTD: \$132,457.81

Building: \$312

YTD: \$17,772.78

St. Martin: \$630

YTD: \$30,834.24

St. Joseph's Projects

YTD: \$74,668.56

*(restoring our church)*

Second Collection today is for the Seminarian Fund



*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.

"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.



# MAY CROWNING

*bring flowers of the fairest*

*Join us for a procession after the 10:45 a.m. Mass to crown the image of Our Blessed Mother. Bring a flower from home to offer the Queen of the May. After the crowning, we will have our annual parish potluck lunch honoring Our Lady and all mothers.*

*Dishes may be brought to Leppert Hall from 10:15-10:35 a.m. Beer and wine will be available for a donation. Each family, please bring a dish to share. Gentlemen are highly encouraged to cook for the ladies.*

*Sunday*  
**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

*at Little Flower*

# CORONACIÓN MARIANA

*Acompáñenos en  
procesión después de la  
Misa de las 10:45 a.m.  
para coronar la imagen  
de Nuestra Santísima  
Madre, seguida de un  
almuerzo parroquial en  
honor a Nuestra Señora y  
a todas las madres.  
Traiga una flor de casa  
para ofrecérsela a la  
Reina del Cielo.*

*Domingo*  
**3 de MAYO**  
*en Santa Teresita*

*No habrá misa en  
Español a las 1:45 p.m.,  
será combinada con la  
misa de las 10:45 a.m.  
en Santa Teresita.  
Pueden traer platos al  
Salón de 10:15 a 10:35  
a.m. Se ofrecerá cerveza  
y vino a cambio de una  
donación. Por favor,  
cada familia traiga un  
plato para compartir.  
Hombres si pueden,  
cocinen para las  
madres en su día.*

**T**HOMAS was a circumspect and prudent man, and one that was slow to believe what he had heard; he was worthy to be taken as a model by those Christians who reason and sit in judgement upon matters of faith. And yet, listen to the reproach made him by Jesus. It is merciful, and withal so severe! Jesus has so far condescended to the weakness of His disciple as to accept the condition on which alone he declares that he will believe: now that the disciple stands trembling before his risen Lord, and exclaims, in the earnestness of faith, "My Lord and my God!" Oh! See how Jesus chides him! This stubbornness, this incredulity, deserves a punishment: the punishment is, to have these words said to him: "Thomas! Thou hast believed, because thou hast seen!"...How like this is to our modern rationalistic Catholic! He believes, but it is because his reason almost forces him to believe; he believes with his mind, rather than from his heart. His Faith is a scientific deduction, and not a generous longing after God and supernatural truth. Hence how cold and powerless is this Faith!...afraid of believing too much!

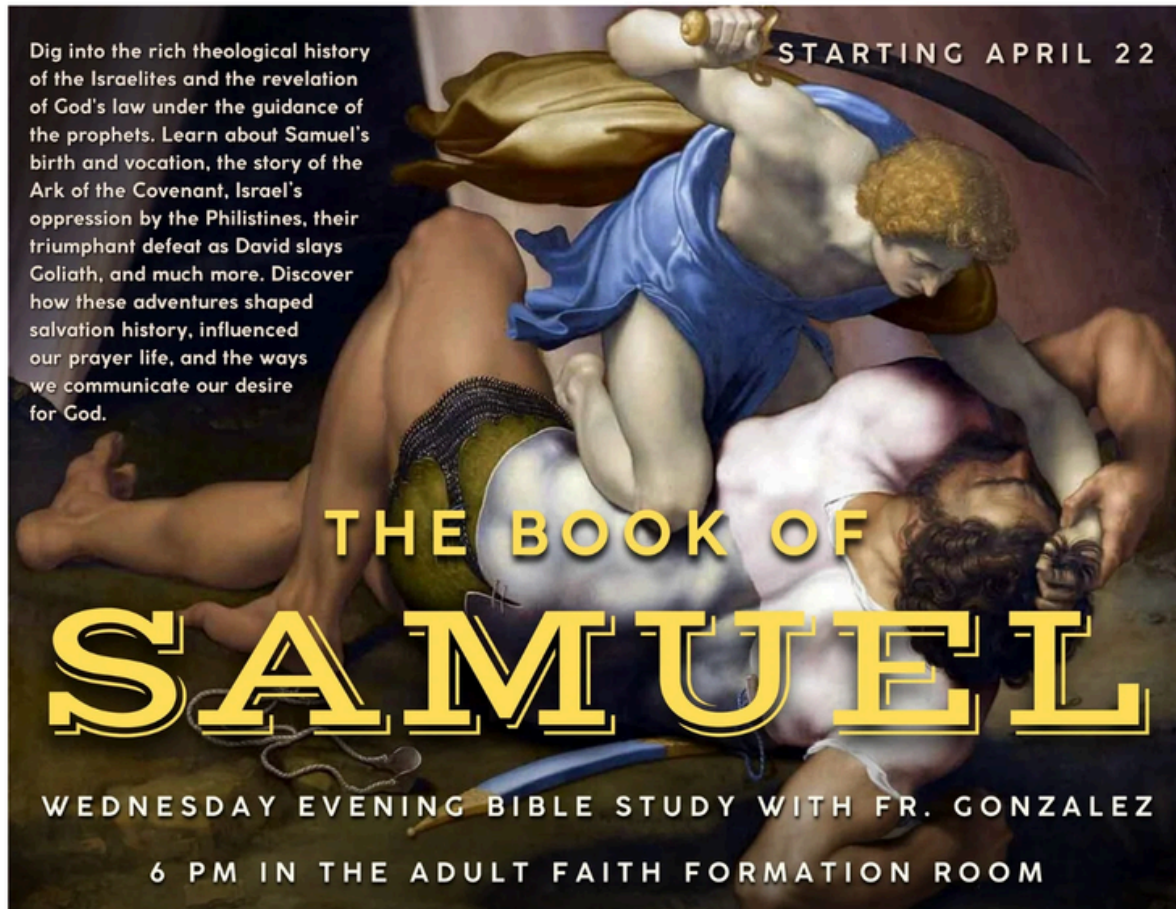
Unlike the generous unstinted Faith of the saints, it is satisfied with fragments of truth, with what the Scripture terms diminished truths. It seems ashamed of itself. It speaks in a whisper, lest it should be criticized; and when it does venture to make itself heard, it adopts a phraseology which may take off the sound of the divine. As to those miracles which it wishes had never taken place, and which it would have advised God not to work, they are a forbidden subject. The very mention of a miracle, particularly if it have happened in our own times, puts it into a state of nervousness. The lives of the saints, their heroic virtues, their sublime sacrifices—it has a repugnance to the whole thing! It talks gravely about those who are not of the true religion being unjustly dealt with by the Church in Catholic countries; it asserts that the same liberty ought to be granted to error as to truth; it has very serious doubts whether the world has been a great loser by the secularization of society. Now it was for the instruction of persons of this class that our Lord spoke those words to Thomas: "Blessed are they who have not seen, and have believed." Thomas sinned in not having the readiness of mind to believe.

Like him, we also are in danger of sinning, unless our Faith have a certain expansiveness, which makes us see everything with the eye of Faith, and gives our Faith that progress which God recompenses with a superabundance of light and joy. Yes, having once become members of the Church, it is our duty to look upon all things from a supernatural point of view. There is no danger of going too far, for we have the teachings of an infallible authority to guide us. "The just man liveth by Faith" (Romans 1:17). Faith is his daily bread. His mere natural life becomes transformed for good and all, if only he be faithful to his Baptism.

-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. 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 shaped salvation history, influenced our prayer life, and the ways we communicate our desire for God.

STARTING APRIL 22

# THE BOOK OF SAMUEL

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GONZALEZ

6 PM IN THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION ROOM

## 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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### **Holy Souls Memorial**

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- Msgr. James Whitfield
- Msgr. Joseph Leppert
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- Rolando Gonzalez
- Eladio Gonzalez
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