



*Whoever believes in Me
will do the works that
I do...for
I am going to the
Father*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 2

4 PM Poor Souls; Blessings for Laurie Lewandowski; Alessandro Schnur; †Leticia Villegas Delgado

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8:15 AM Sanctification of the Parish
10:45 AM Pro Populo
1:45 PM *combined with 10:45*

MONDAY, MAY 4

*8:15 AM Poor Souls

TUESDAY, MAY 5

*5:30 PM Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

*8:15 AM Poor Souls; Laurie Lewandowski; †Leticia Villegas Delgado; Ronald Reed

THURSDAY, MAY 7

*8:15 AM Priestly Vocation from LF

FRIDAY, MAY 8

8:15 AM Protection of Dominic Candebat

SATURDAY, MAY 9

8:15 AM Pope Leo XIV 1st Anniversary

4 PM Poor Souls; Alessandro Gaffuri

SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:15 AM Mothers' Spiritual Bouquet

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Conversion of Amanda Carballo

*No Masses, Adoration, Confessions, or

Rosary Monday, May 4 - Thursday,

May 7. Mass intentions will be fulfilled.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

INTENTIONS

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

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

Benefactors of the Parish

Families of the Parish

Conversion of Sinners

St. Joseph's Projects Benefactors

Pope Leo XIV's 1st Anniversary

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for

Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.

Amparo Estrada

Whit & Carolyn Bell

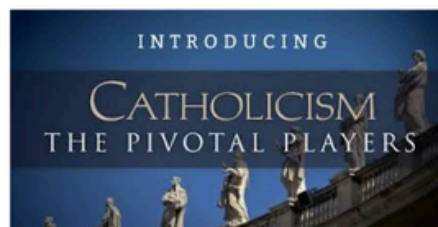
Caleb Knight

Jeanine Hilbert



SPEAKING OF FLOWERS...

We are looking for volunteers to help out in our parish gardens. Any time is appreciated to help tackle various spaces. No experience needed. Donations of fertilizer are also appreciated. Flowers from our gardens are used to adorn the sanctuary and the altars of the saints and help make our gardens an extended place of prayer for visitors.



Join us for a *new summer series of Adult Faith Formation classes* as we explore five influential Catholic figures (some to whom many of our parishioners have a special devotion), who shaped both Church and civilization. Each of these heroes of the faith personally demonstrates the dynamics of the Christian faith in their distinct times and places.

These stories capture both the great variety of personalities and vocations in the Catholic Church and the harmonies between them, all oriented to its ultimate purpose: to be salt and light for the nations. Elegantly done with beautiful cinematography, *The Pivotal Players* is a unique journey into the truth and beauty of Catholicism as exemplified in the concrete lives of some of its most fascinating figures. Join us on the following **Sundays, 9:30-10:30**, in the Adult Faith Formation room to learn more about these pivotal players.

May 17th - Venerable Fulton Sheen

May 24th - St. John Henry Newman

June 14th - St. Augustine

July 19th - St. Benedict

August 16th - Bartolomé de las Casas

Weekly Offerings (Sunday, April 19, 2026)

General: \$2,330.39

YTD: \$142,699.01

Building: \$342

YTD: \$18,904.78

St. Martin: \$80

YTD: \$31,359.24

St. Joseph's Projects

YTD: \$81,467.36

(restoring our church)

Second Collection today is for the Little Flower Society



BISHOP TALLEY to CELEBRATE

10:45 AM MASS on SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

La Misa de 1:45 PM será combinada con la Misa de las 10:45 AM en Santa Teresita por la visita del obispo.

(No habrá Misa en Santísimo Sacramento)

Our head Shepherd of the Diocese of Memphis will be making a pastoral visit on Sunday, May 17th! This day is also the anniversary of the canonization of our dear little Patroness. Come so that our Bishop can see our beautiful parish family and show him how we support him in prayer and in our love for the Lord!

MOTHERS' SPIRITUAL BOUQUET ENROLLMENTS DUE THIS WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH, BY 10 AM

Pick up and fill out a card from Our Lady's Altar to enroll a mom in your life in the Mother's Day Bouquet of Masses. Those enrolled will be remembered at all the Masses offered throughout the rest of the month of May.



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ALTAR FLOWERS IN HONOR OF MARY JOSEPH HAMMOND



THE SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE invites you to Save the Date for the consecration and reconsecration of its members after the Mass of Corpus Christi on **Thursday, June 4th.**

For the past two years, a core group of seven women have committed to pray a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for the intentions of our priest. Contact Char Claxton at lfsevensisters@icloud.com to learn more or to join. Praying for our shepherd is a wonderful way to spiritually help our Church!



OUR BLESSED LORD left the world without leaving any written message. His doctrine was Himself. Ideal and History were identified in Him. The truth that all other ethical teachers proclaimed, and the light that they gave to the world, was not in them, but outside them. Our Divine Lord, however, identified Divine Wisdom with Himself. It was the first time in history that it was ever done, and it has never been done since.

This identification of His Personality with Wisdom He broadened when He said: *I am the Way; I am Truth and Life; nobody can come to the Father, except through Me. If you had learned to recognize Me, you would have learned to recognize My Father, too.* (John 14:6-7) This is equivalent to saying that without the Way there is no going; without the Truth, there is no knowing; without the Life, there is no living. The Way becomes lovable, not when it is in abstract codes and commandments, but when it is Personal. As Plato once said, "The Father of the world is hard to discover, and when discovered cannot be communicated." Our Lord's answer to Plato would have been that the Father is hard to discover unless He is revealed through the Person of His Son.

-from Venerable Fulton J. Sheen's "Life of Christ"



Diego Velázquez, *The Coronation of the Virgin*, 1636

Join us TODAY, after the 10:45 AM Mass, for a procession to crown the image of Our Blessed Queen of Heaven and enjoy a family parish potluck honoring Our Heavenly Mother and all mothers!

MAY CROWNING

bring flowers of the fairest

During these forty days, Jesus frequently visits His disciples, weak men and sinners, as they are: can He, then, keep away from His Mother, now that He is so soon to ascend into Heaven and leave her for several long years here on earth? Our hearts forbid us to entertain the thought. We feel sure that He frequently visits her, and that, when not visibly present with her, she has Him in her soul, in a way more intimate and real and delicious than any other creature could have. No feast could have given expression to such a mystery, and yet the Holy Ghost, who guides the spirit of the Church, has gradually led the faithful to devote to the honoring of Mary in a special manner the entire Month of May, the whole of which comes, almost every year, under the glad season of Easter. No doubt, the loveliness of the May month would, some time or other, suggest the idea of consecrating it to the Holy Mother of God, but if we reflect on the divine and mysterious influence which guides the Church in all she does, we will recognise in this present instance a heavenly inspiration, which prompted the faithful to unite their own joy with that of Mary's, and spend this beautiful month, which is radiant with their own Easter joy, in commemorating the maternal delight experienced during that same period by the Immaculate Mother when on Earth.

from The Liturgical Year of Dom Prosper Gueranger

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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