



*I will not leave  
you orphans;  
I will come  
to you*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 10, 2026*

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 9

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

MONDAY, MAY 11

8:15 AM Poor Souls

TUESDAY, MAY 12

\*5:30 PM Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

8:15 AM Xiomara Valldejuli; Poor Souls;

Benefactors of St. Joseph's Projects;

†Joseph Spain; Conversion of Aaron Folis

THURSDAY, MAY 14

8:15 AM Sanctification of Our Children

6 PM Pro Populo

FRIDAY, MAY 15

8:15 AM Poor Souls

SATURDAY, MAY 16

8:15 AM Conversion of Amberly Apling

4 PM Poor Souls; Alessandro Gaffuri

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:15 AM †Alma Jeter

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Philip Schur

\*No Mass, Confessions, or Rosary on

Tuesday, May 12.

## 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

Mothers of the Parish

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for

Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.

Amparo Estrada

Whit & Carolyn Bell

Jeanine Hilbert



"There's only a couple things I'd like blessed, Father..."

Father will be *Blessing Sacramentals* on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> after the 8:15 AM Mass. The next blessing is not until August, so come stocked!

### Weekly Offerings (Sunday, April 26, 2026)

General: \$2,343.91 YTD: \$145,042.92

Building: \$220 YTD: \$19,124.78

St. Martin: \$30 YTD: \$31,389.24

St. Joseph's Projects YTD: \$83,722.36

(restoring our church)

Second Collection today is for St. Martin Society



## BISHOP TALLEY to CELEBRATE

10:45 AM MASS on SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup>! 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!

## VESPERS & BLESSING OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

On Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have sung Vespers at 5 PM (the Vigil of the Ascension) and then Process to the East Side of the School Building to bless the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and Children. That area will be made into a garden over the next year, which will be dedicated next Spring in memory of someone and in honor of all who work in the apostolate of the sanctification of children.

Join us, *starting next week*, 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. *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 17<sup>th</sup> - Venerable Fulton Sheen

May 24<sup>th</sup> - St. John Henry Newman

June 14<sup>th</sup> - St. Augustine

July 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Benedict

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> - Bartolomé de las Casas

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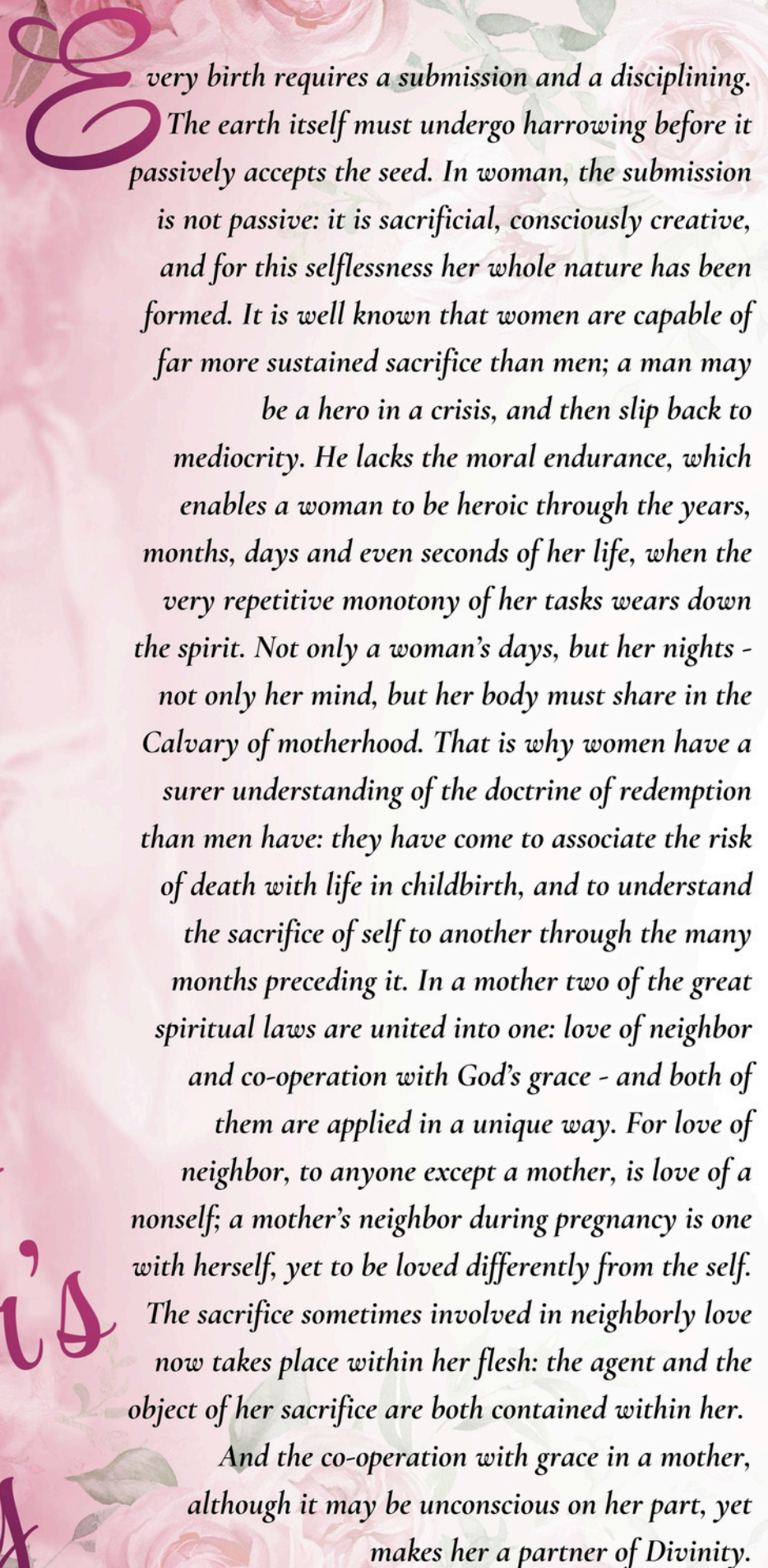
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## THE SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

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](mailto:lfsevensisters@icloud.com) to learn more or to join. Praying for our shepherd is a wonderful way to spiritually help our Church!



*Every birth requires a submission and a disciplining. The earth itself must undergo harrowing before it passively accepts the seed. In woman, the submission is not passive: it is sacrificial, consciously creative, and for this selflessness her whole nature has been formed. It is well known that women are capable of far more sustained sacrifice than men; a man may be a hero in a crisis, and then slip back to mediocrity. He lacks the moral endurance, which enables a woman to be heroic through the years, months, days and even seconds of her life, when the very repetitive monotony of her tasks wears down the spirit. Not only a woman's days, but her nights - not only her mind, but her body must share in the Calvary of motherhood. That is why women have a surer understanding of the doctrine of redemption than men have: they have come to associate the risk of death with life in childbirth, and to understand the sacrifice of self to another through the many months preceding it. In a mother two of the great spiritual laws are united into one: love of neighbor and co-operation with God's grace - and both of them are applied in a unique way. For love of neighbor, to anyone except a mother, is love of a nonself; a mother's neighbor during pregnancy is one with herself, yet to be loved differently from the self. The sacrifice sometimes involved in neighborly love now takes place within her flesh: the agent and the object of her sacrifice are both contained within her. And the co-operation with grace in a mother, although it may be unconscious on her part, yet makes her a partner of Divinity.*

*- from Ven. Fulton Sheen's "Way to Happiness"*

*To all our beautiful Mothers:*

*Happy,  
Mother's  
Day*



# Mothers' Spiritual Bouquet

## IN HONOR OF

Evangelina Padilla, Paulina Barrera, Edilma del Carmen Villalobos, Gwen Leger, Maryam Doyle, Amanda Steven, Hannah Hyde, Grandma K, Caitlin Foster, Geraldine Marple, Veronica Isinger, Christina Marple, Angela Marple, Emma Marple, Danae Marple, Christy Isinger, Marie Isinger, Sarah Isinger, Chantal Isinger, Mary Jane Klein, Carmen Markham, Clara Martin, Amparo Estrada, Jessica Montes, Gale Moris, Leticia Estrada, Bernadette Estrada, Irma Hernández, Lilia Vasallo Pérez, Xiomara Valdejuli, Maria de los Angeles Noa Ramirez, Gisela Ruiz Alonso, Jennifer Hendrix, Mary Ann Swain, Berta Alicia Villalba Ochoa, Frances Ginski, Carolyn Spain, Jean Barnes, Lisa Spain, Morgan Black, Brianna Bonicelli, Gabrielle Dooley, Meghan Neal, Son's Birth Mother, Grandmothers & Aunts of Sheila Miller, Patty Jenkins, Susan Wilkes, Danuta Mittmann, Helen Folis, Monika Folis, Leticia Estrada, Carolyn Bell, Pat Lewandowski, Maryann Morrison, Dolores McPherson, Dianne Beauregard, Sandra Arroyos, Blanca Vazquez, Irma Hernandez, Zahori Estrada, Helen Yohanek, Shannon Shearin, Sara Nardo, Valerie Warner, Laurie Butler, Florence Bley, Inga Neel, Olivia Cabigao, Veronica Graunke, Katie Sauser, Ruth G. Sauser, Emily McCutchen, Adrien Alsobrook, Kim Sevier, Susan Smith, Maxima Segundo de Jesus, Barbara Kimball, Sandy Babula, Agustina Cruz, Anjelica Cruz, Gosefina Cruz, Magdalena Cruz, Luisa Rodriguez, Betina Paredes, Araceli Galvan, Alicia Arellano, Ana Laura Ramirez, Maria Elena Martinez Colmenero, Maria del Rosario Frias, Rosa Orduña, Maria Juarez, Ana Maria Ramos, Norma Ramos, Lupita Perez, Mayra Briones, Brenda Sanchez, Tomasa Alvarez, Violeta Moreno, Alondra Garcia, Brenda Daffett, Paulina Barrera Landin, Elena Paredes, Laurie Lewandowski, Mothers of the Gonzalez/Llanes & Romeu/Vasallo Family, Krystyna Marczyk, Bozena Marczyk, Danuta Zawada, Teresa Wasilkowska, Krystyna Zawada, Barbara Wesson, Sarh Trace, Anna Poole, Emily Poppelreiter, Lisa Trace, Rose Poppelreiter, Jeannie O'Toole, Judy Beauregard Wager, Brandy Oltremari, Carla Russell, Katherine Demere, Renata Czerkawski, Beatrix Czerkawski, Anabel Gonzalez, Manuela Gonzalez, Magdalena Espinoza, Maria Guadalupe Espinoza, Norma Pedrogo, Christina Miranda, Mayra Lizbeth Espinoza, Cynthia Johnson, Linda Bond, Imelda Maldonado, Emese Blount, Adrienne Dyer, Mary Pat Van Epps

## IN MEMORY OF

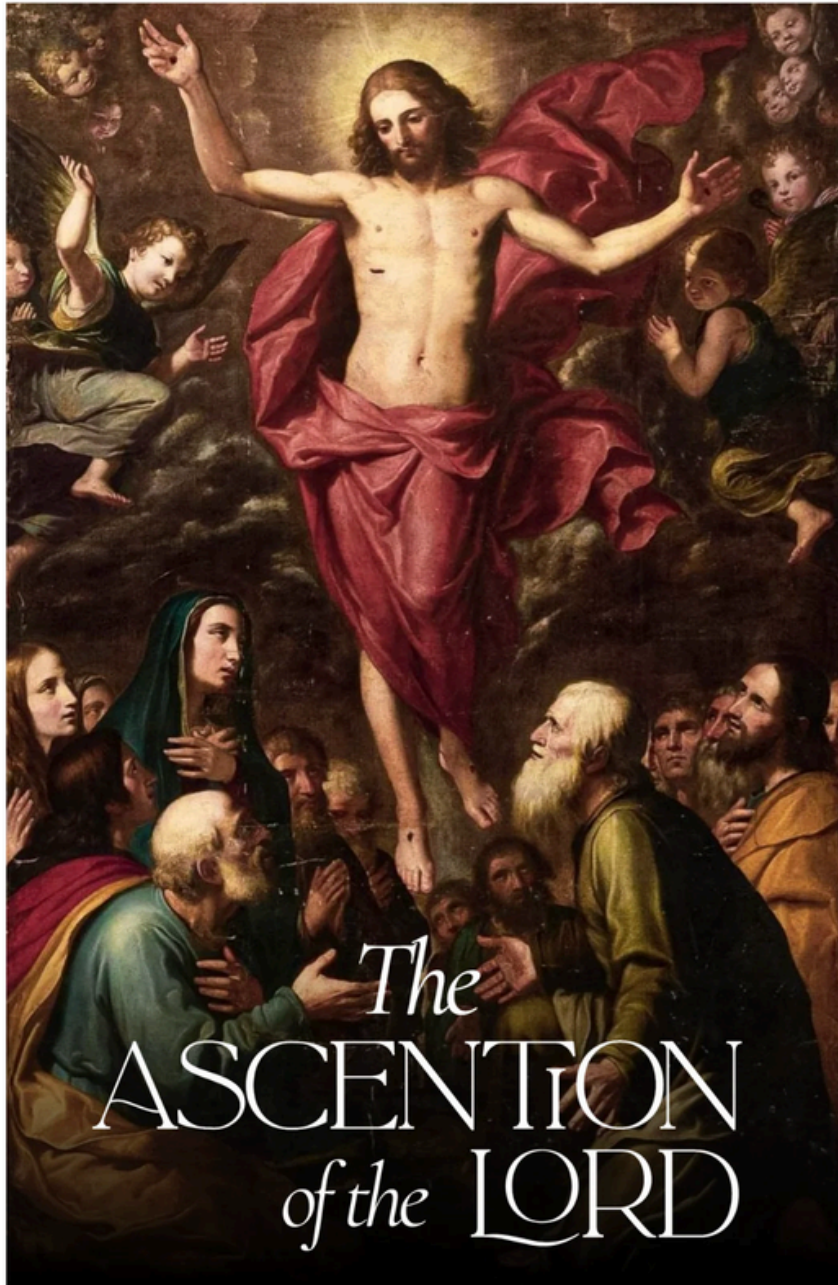
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**BEDIENCE** was described as the necessary condition of receiving the Spirit: *If you have any love for Me, you must keep the commandments which I give you; and then I will ask the Father, and He will give you another to befriend you.* (John 14:15, 16) The Spirit came to Christ in the Jordan after His thirty years of obedience to His Heavenly Father and to His foster father Joseph and His mother. His second act of obedience was accepting the command of the Father to bear the Cross in response to the Divine “must.” It was only after obedience that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles. As He sent His Spirit because of His obedience to His Father, so His believers would receive the Spirit through obedience to Him. God dwelt in the temple of Jerusalem because they obeyed His instruction in building it. In the last two chapters of Exodus, eighteen times the expression had been made that all was done as the Lord had commanded. So now as Our Blessed Lord prepared to make human bodies the temples of His Holy Spirit, He too laid down the same condition that they obey His commandments.

*-from Venerable Fulton J. Sheen’s “Life of Christ”*



*This Thursday, May 14, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. We will have a High Mass at 6 PM. If you will only be attending the 8:15 AM Mass on Sunday, May 17, this Thursday is then a Holy Day of Obligation, as it is only transferred to Sunday in the new calendar.*



### MINOR ROGATION DAYS

*The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the Ascension (May 11, 12, and 13<sup>th</sup>) are the Minor Rogation Days. All are invited and encouraged to offer special prayers on these days for God’s blessing on our gardens, crops, and animals, good weather, and protection from war and pestilence. The prayers of the Church and the elements are always interconnected, and the Church instituted these special days of prayer in her wisdom and maternal solicitude for the well-being of her children.*



## 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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- Msgr. Joseph Leppert
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