

*God has ascended
with jubilee, and
the Lord with the sound
of a trumpet,
Alleluia!*

The Ascension of the Lord *May 17, 2026*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 16

4 PM Poor Souls; Alessandro Gaffuri

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:15 AM †Alma Jeter

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Philip Schur

MONDAY, MAY 18

8:15 AM Poor Souls

TUESDAY, MAY 19

5:30 PM Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:15 AM Jaden Folis; Poor Souls;

Benefactors of St. Joseph's Projects;

†Joseph Spain; Alessandro Gaffuri

THURSDAY, MAY 21

8:15 AM Conversion of Ripley Green

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:15 AM Poor Souls

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:15 AM Conversion of Linsey Moore

4 PM Poor Souls; †Amparo Ynzenga

SUNDAY, MAY 24

8:15 AM †Beverly Yohanek

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Matthew Schnur

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

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

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

Benefactors of the Parish

Families of the Parish

Bishop David Talley

St. Joseph's Projects Benefactors

†Alexandra Drozd - Czerkawski

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for

Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.

Amparo Estrada

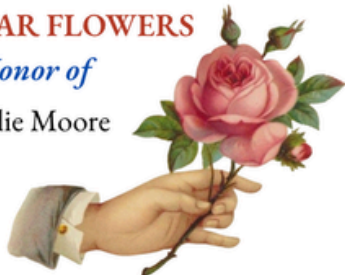
Whit & Carolyn Bell

Jeanine Hilbert

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of

Charlie Moore



THE CATHOLIC CARTOON BY JOSHUA MASTERSON



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

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



2026-2027 PRE REGISTRATION BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

St. Theresa Parish Religious Education (PRE) is now accepting applications for 2026-2027 classes for ages 6-18. Registration packets are available in the vestibule and the *deadline to register is August 3rd*. Classes will again take place between the 8:15 and 10:45 AM Sunday Masses. For a list of topics taught in each grade, please see the PRE bulletin board in the vestibule or the course description in the registration packet. The Diocesan requirement is two years of parish religious education before a child may receive a Sacrament. Whether your child is homeschooled, attends private, public, or Catholic school, *he or she must be registered for PRE in order to receive a Sacrament*. This is a great opportunity to help strengthen the faith of your children alongside their peers in the parish. Any questions, please email Laurie at Laurie.Lewandowski@stlfcchurch.cdom.org.

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 l7sevensisters@icloud.com to learn more or to join. Praying for our shepherd is a wonderful way to spiritually help our Church!

Weekly Offerings (Sunday, May 3, 2026)

General: \$3,569.52	YTD: \$148,612.44
Building: \$225	YTD: \$19,349.78
St. Martin: \$870	YTD: \$32,259.24
St. Joseph's Projects (restoring our church)	YTD: \$94,533.46

Second Collection today is for St. Joseph's Projects

LITTLE FLOWER SOCIETY

Today marks the 101st Anniversary of the Canonization of our dear little Patroness, St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, the "Little Flower", as she is known in English-speaking countries. While she is associated with roses and other delicate flowers, she was first and foremost a passionate lover of the Cross of Jesus. She became a sister to countless souls, encouraging them to embrace their daily crosses for love of Jesus and to bring others to Him.

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 spiritual talk from Father. Ladies are encouraged to join and partake of the spiritual fruits of fellowship among parishioners and devotion to our little patroness. It is for good reason that Pope St. Pius X called her "the greatest saint of modern times". Meetings resume in August



"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs."

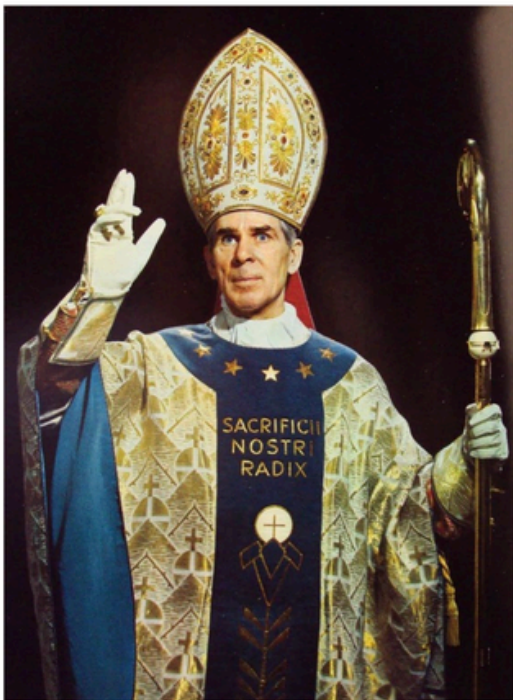
Matt. 19:14



ASCENSION upon the earth, instead of an Ascension into heaven, would have confined men's thoughts of Him to the earth. But the Ascension would cause men's minds and hearts to ascend above the earth. In relation to Himself, it was fitting that the human nature which He took as the instrument for teaching, and governing, and sanctifying, should partake of glory as it shared in shame. It was very hard to believe that He, Who was the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, was the beloved Son in Whom the Father was well pleased. It was difficult to believe that He, Who did not come down from a Cross, could ascend into heaven, or that the momentary glory that shone about Him on the Mount of the Transfiguration was a permanent possession. The Ascension put all such doubts away by introducing His human nature into intimate and eternal communion with God...

While in heaven, He would be not only an Advocate of men with the Father but He would also send the Holy Spirit as man's Advocate with Him. The Christ at the right hand of the Father would represent humanity before the Father's throne; the Holy Spirit abiding with the faithful would represent in them the Christ Who went to the Father. In the Ascension, Christ took our necessities to the Father; thanks to the Spirit, Christ the Redeemer would be brought into the hearts of all who would believe in Him.

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



JOIN US, **TODAY (9:30 AM)** for our first session of *The Pivotal Players*, a unique journey into the truth and beauty of Catholicism as exemplified in the concrete lives of some of its most fascinating figures. **TODAY, we will cover the soon-to-be-Blessed Fulton Sheen!** Learn about the humble roots of this beloved American prelate and what made him such a magnet for conversions and a leader in evangelization and the propagation of our Catholic faith.

Join us on the following **Sundays, 9:30-10:30**, in the Adult Faith Formation room to learn more about these other pivotal players.

May 24th - St. John Henry Newman

June 14th - St. Augustine

July 19th - St. Benedict

Aug. 16th - Bartolomé de las Casas



AMONG the ritual acts that belong to the whole assembly, *silence* occupies a place of absolute importance. Many times it is expressly prescribed in the rubrics. The entire Eucharistic celebration is immersed in the silence which precedes its beginning and which marks every moment of its ritual unfolding. In fact, it is present in the penitential act, after the invitation "Let us pray," in the Liturgy of the Word (before the readings, between the readings and after the homily), in the Eucharistic prayer, after communion. Such silence is not an inner haven in which to hide oneself in some sort of intimate isolation, as if leaving the ritual form behind as a distraction. That kind of silence would contradict the essence itself of the celebration. Liturgical silence is something much more grand: it is a symbol of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit who animates the entire action of the celebration. For this reason it constitutes a point of arrival within a liturgical sequence. Precisely because it is a symbol of the Spirit, it has the power to express the Spirit's multifaceted action. In this way, going over again the moments I just mentioned, silence moves to sorrow for sin and the desire for conversion. It awakens a readiness to hear the Word and awakens prayer. It disposes us to adore the Body and Blood of Christ. It suggests to each one, in the intimacy of communion, what the Spirit would effect in our lives to conform us to the Bread broken. For all these reasons we are called to enact with extreme care the symbolic gesture of silence. Through it the Spirit gives us shape, gives us form.

-from the Apostolic Letter "Desiderio Desideravi" of the Holy Father Francis

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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