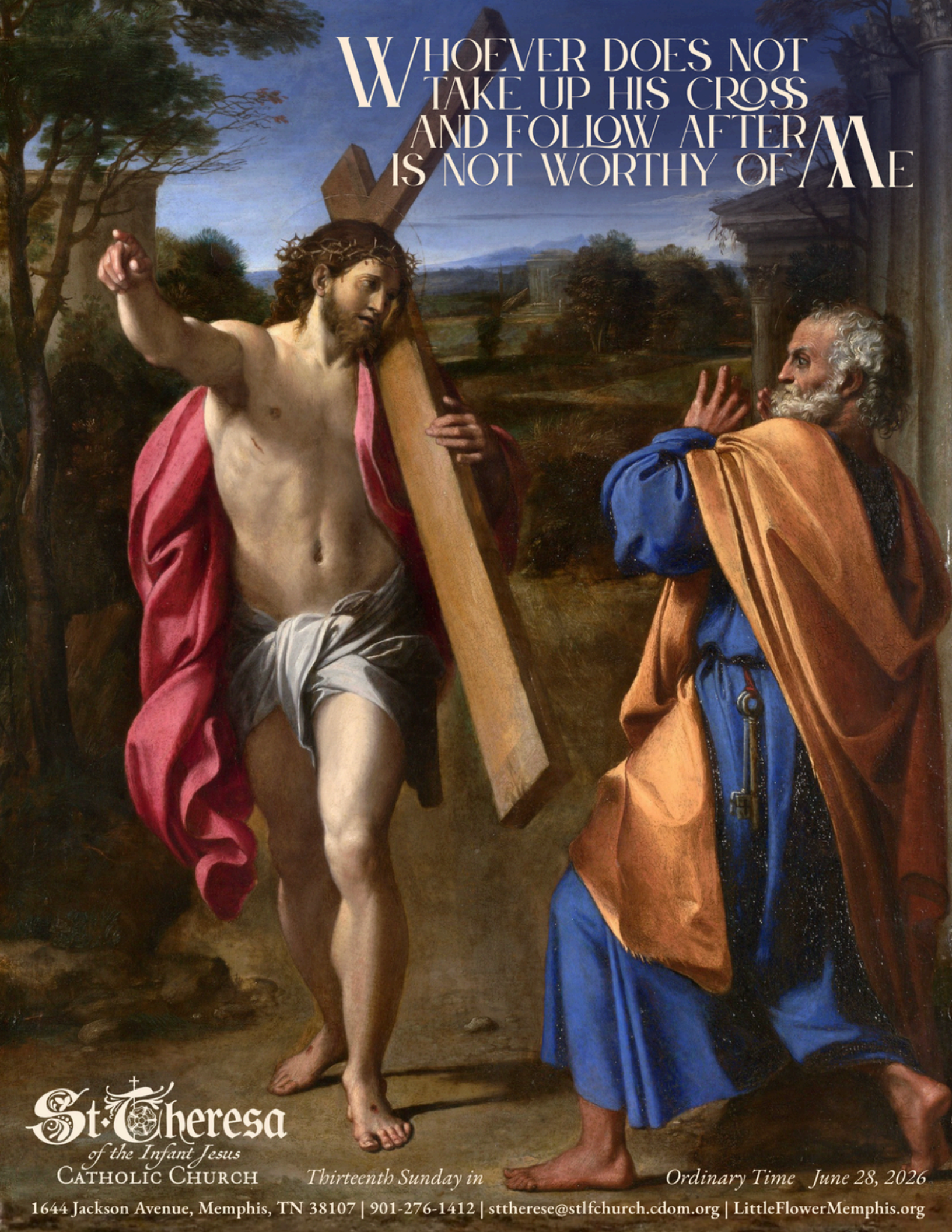




WHOEVER DOES NOT
TAKE UP HIS CROSS
AND FOLLOW AFTER
ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME

St. Theresa
of the Infant Jesus
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time June 28, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; †Juan Carlos Vargas; Poor Souls; †Edward Patrick Dunn; Lifsey's 50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:15 AM Caleb (Paul) Knight

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM †Rosa Helena Aldana de Suárez

MONDAY, JUNE 29

8:15 AM Caleb (Paul) Knight

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

5:30 PM †Fr. Russ Harbaugh

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

8:15 AM Lifsey 50th Anniversary; Poor Souls; Benefactors of St. Joseph's Projects; In Honor of St. Joseph; Conversion of Joe Hisaishi

THURSDAY, JULY 2

8:15 AM Priestly Vocations from LF

FRIDAY, JULY 3

8:15 AM Holy Souls Memorial

6 PM Reparation to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY, JULY 4

8:15 AM Reparation to the Immac. Heart

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; †Paul & Marie-Jo Hammond; Poor Souls; †Drew Rainer; In Honor of the Holy Spirit

SUNDAY, JULY 5

8:15 AM Sanctification of the Parish

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Poor Souls

SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

Miriam & Aaliyah

Families of the Parish

Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament

St. Joseph's Projects Benefactors

Benefactors of the Parish

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for

Bill Germann

Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.

Amparo Estrada

Whit & Carolyn Bell

Jeanine Hilbert

Larry Colbert, Jr.

Gloria Dorian



Consider enthroning the Sacred Heart in your homes this week if you have not already done so!



REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR P.R.E.

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@stlfchurch.cdom.org



"These are the ones that are undefiled...they follow the Lamb wherever He goes."

Revelations 14:4

¡REGISTRE SUS HIJOS PARA RECIBIR LOS SACRAMENTOS!

El Programa de Educación Religiosa (PRE) de la Parroquia Santa Teresita ya está aceptando solicitudes para las clases del ciclo 2026-2027, dirigidas a jóvenes de 6 a 18 años. Los paquetes de inscripción están disponibles en el vestíbulo, y la fecha límite para inscribirse es el 3 de Agosto. Las clases se llevarán a cabo entre las Misas dominicales de las 8:15 a.m. y las 10:45 a.m. El requisito diocesano establece que los niños deben haber cursado dos años de educación religiosa parroquial antes de poder recibir un Sacramento. Independientemente de si su hijo recibe educación en casa o asiste a una escuela privada, pública o católica, es indispensable que esté inscrito en el programa PRE para poder recibir un Sacramento. Esta es una excelente oportunidad para ayudar a fortalecer la fe de sus hijos, compartiendo esta experiencia junto a sus compañeros de la parroquia.

JOIN US, on the following **Sundays, 9:30-10:30**, in the Adult Faith Formation room to learn more about these pivotal players in the history of Catholicism:

July 19th – St. Benedict

Aug. 16th – Bartolomé de las Casas



Bringing Christ to the Cuban people, helping rebuild the Church, and sowing hope

Our St. Martin Society (which helps provide for the needs of our parishioners and the broader community) is partnering with the Missionaries of the Community of St. Martin in Cuba to help provide medications for the relief of the people on the island, now undergoing immense struggles to meet basic needs. We are currently collecting the following medications for their pharmacy:

Omeprazol
Multivitamins
Prenatal
Vitamin C
Vitamin D
Vitamin E

Ibuprofen
Eye drops
Hydrogen Peroxide
Rubbing Alcohol
Band-aids
Bandaging

Antiseptics
Neosporin
Aloe Vera
Acetaminophen
Aspirin
Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory
Drugs (NSAIDs)

In Cuba, official pharmacies are almost empty. Medicines, when they can be found, circulate on the black market at prices far beyond the reach of most families. Faced with this dramatic reality, it is not uncommon for serious illnesses — including some cancers — to be treated with simple plants or a few aspirin tablets. In this context, the parish pharmacies of the Community of St. Martin on the island have become vital places for the local population. They survive solely thanks to donations sent from France and the United States, transported by volunteers and friends of the Mission during their trips. Each box of medicine that arrives represents a real treasure for the sick and their families. In Placetas (their main parish), the parish pharmacy now manages a database of over 3,000 patients. Since 2024, it has benefited from new stock management software, allowing for more rigorous tracking and organization. Thanks to these tools and to the generosity of donors, a more efficient and fair service can be offered — even though the needs remain enormous. You can help our joint efforts by providing to our parish St. Martin Society, or visiting their website and contributing directly.

To learn more, visit: missioncuba.org/en



a typical pharmacy in Cuba, with mostly bare shelves



The Community and lay volunteers outside their parish in Placetas, Cuba

Since 2006, the Community of Saint Martin, a community of priests and deacons who live their ministry in common (founded in 1976 in France), has been present in Cuba, responding to the call of the bishops. As the Community's first foundation outside Europe, their mission now extends over two centers, in the heart of the island, within the dioceses of Santa Clara and Cienfuegos. The Placetas Mission includes the three parishes of Placetas, Fomento, and Cabaiguán, while the Cienfuegos Mission serves the cathedral, the Saint Joseph Sanctuary in Paraíso, and the Castillo de Jagua.

In a country marked by economic exhaustion, mass emigration, daily instability, and the erosion of institutions, the Cuban Church suffers from a severe shortage of priests and deacons, as well as from a lack of human and material resources. Sent on mission, they choose to remain alongside those who stay — especially the poorest and most isolated. Their presence aims to be a discreet but real sign of God's faithfulness, strengthening hope where it seems to falter.

Cuba is not only a wounded country to be rebuilt, but also — and above all — a people to love, whom they have been accompanying for twenty years. Day by day, priests, religious sisters, volunteers, and lay faithful devote themselves to serving the young and the most vulnerable, with the humble means available to them. Drawing from the richness of parish life, numerous social, educational, and charitable projects have also emerged: religious education, tutoring, daycare centers, boarding facilities, soup kitchens, a pharmacy, a home for the elderly, and most importantly, a spiritual home where they can be nourished by the Sacraments and a rich liturgical life.

Through all these initiatives, they live and bear witness to the Gospel: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." The mission is fragile — particularly in material terms. Power cuts, shortages, inflation, disorientation, and lack of prospects for the youth are daily realities. And yet, joy remains, and faith is passed on. In the midst of difficulties, the Church — though suffering — continues to serve, deeply rooted in hope.

Cuba is a true mission land, where Christ calls us to work within His Church, wounded by ideologies hostile to her mission: to form free men and women united with Him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through Mission Cuba, the Gospel is lived in its radical simplicity: to bring Christ to the Cuban people, to help rebuild the Church, and to bear witness to hope. May Our Lady of Charity, Patroness of Cuba, pray for them!



THE CROSS was the reason of His coming; now He made it the earmark of His followers. He did not make Christianity easy; for He implied not only must there be a voluntary renouncement of everything that hindered likeness with Him, but also there must be the suffering, shame, and death of the Cross. They did not have to blaze a trail of sacrifice themselves, but merely to follow His tracks zealously as the Man of Sorrow. No disciple is called to the task that is untried. He had taken the Cross first. Only those who were willing to be crucified with Him could be saved by the merits of His death and only those who bore a Cross could ever really understand Him.

There was no question of whether or not men would have sacrifice in their lives; it was only a question of which they would sacrifice, the higher or the lower life! If the physical, natural, and biological life was saved for pleasure, then the higher life of the spirit would be lost, but if the higher life of the spirit was chosen for salvation, then the lower or physical life had to be submitted to the Cross and self-discipline. There might be some natural virtues without a Cross, but there would never be a growth in virtue without it.

Cross-bearing, He then explained, was based on exchange. Exchange implies something that one can get along without, and something one cannot get along without. A man can get along without a dime, but he cannot get along without the bread which the dime will buy; so he exchanges one for the other. Sacrifice does not mean “giving-up” something, as if there were a loss; rather it is an exchange: an exchange of lower values for higher joys. But nothing in all the world is worth a soul.

from Ven. Fulton Sheen's "Life of Christ"



**OUR EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION VIGIL AND
FIRST FRIDAY ALL-DAY
ADORATION RESUME THIS
WEEK.**

Please be sure to fulfill your commitment or find a replacement if you are unable to make it.

If you have not signed up, now is a wonderful opportunity, as July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Offer the monthly sacrifice of an hour to the Lord! *He is never outdone in generosity,*



*May the Heart of Jesus
protect and defend us.*

*May our leaders
willingly be converted
to accept His love,
mercy, and reign.*

*Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus, Thy Kingdom
Come!*

Father will be blessing the Patriots Garden beneath the flagpole after morning Mass on Saturday, July 4th.

*Please offer prayers for our country as
we celebrate 250 Years of Independence.*

— DOMINE, QUO VADIS? —

The filial devotedness of the Christians of Rome took alarm, and they implored St. Peter to elude the danger [of persecution] for a while by instant flight. Although he would have much preferred to suffer, says St. Ambrose (*Contra Auxent.*), St. Peter set out along the Appian Way. Just as he reached the Capuan gate, Christ suddenly appeared to him as if about to enter the city. “Lord, whither goest Thou (Domine, quo vadis)?” cried out the Apostle. “To Rome,” Christ replied, “there to be crucified again.” The Disciple understood his Master; he at once retraced his steps, having now no thought but to await his hour of martyrdom. This Gospel-like scene expresses the sequel of Our Lord’s designs upon the venerable old man. With a view to founding the Christian Church in unity, He had extended to his Disciple his own prophetic name of the rock or stone—Petrus; now he was about to make him His participator even unto the cross itself. Rome, having replaced Jerusalem, must likewise have her Calvary. *from “The Liturgical Year” of Dom Prosper Guéranger*

Tomorrow, Monday, June 29th, is the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, through whom we received the beginnings of right religion.



Pray for the unity of the Church throughout the world, that through their intercession, schisms, heresies, and divisions within the Church may cease.

Weekly Offerings

Due to bulletins being printed in advance while our publications designer is away, we will resume our summary of collections on July 19th with our end-of-fiscal-year totals.

Second Collection today is for HVAC/Roof Loan Payments

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 - 5:30 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.

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

Blessed Sacrament - 2564 Hale Avenue, Memphis, TN 38112

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CONFESSIONS

Monday -Friday- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday - 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 6:45 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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CHILDREN ARE A GIFT

We are blessed to have this gift at our Parish! Children are also a RESPONSIBILITY. If your little one gets rowdy or disruptive, please be a responsible parent so others can pray and commune with the Lord undisturbed. Thank you for being considerate.

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- Msgr. James Whitfield
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- Rolando Gonzalez
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