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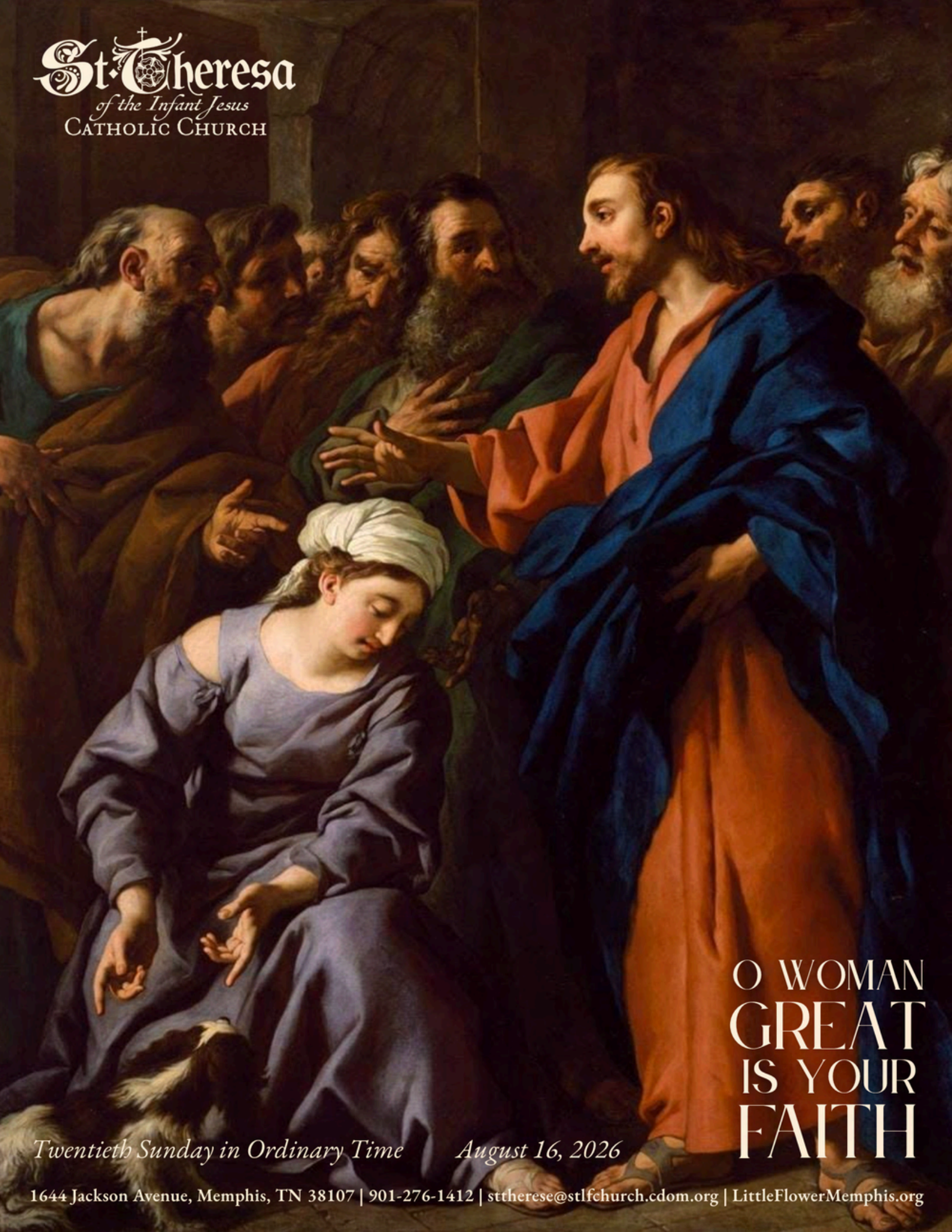
of the Infant Jesus
Catholic Church



O WOMAN GREAT IS YOUR FAITH

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *August 16, 2026*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
4 PM ✝Mary June Fuller; ✝Bill Germann; Poor Souls; ✝Margarita Rico; ✝Joan Farino
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
8:15 AM Poor Souls
10:45 AM Pro Populo
1:45 PM Poor Souls
MONDAY, AUGUST 17
8:15 AM Poor Souls
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
5:30 PM Intention of Young Kim
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
8:15 AM ✝Kathy Deen Evans; Poor Souls; Benefactors of St. Joseph's Projects; ✝Kelly McHugh; Most Fogotten Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
8:15 AM Bernard Zawada
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
8:15 AM Alexander Reed
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
8:15 AM Barrientos/Montalvo lineage
4 PM ✝Mary June Fuller; ✝Bill Germann; Poor Souls; ✝Joan Farino; Most Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
8:15 AM Barrientos/Montalvo lineage
10:45 AM Pro Populo
1:45 PM Poor Souls

SANCTUARY CANDLES

2 weeks: $20 & 1 week: $10

✝Juan Carlos Coss Vargas
Conversion of Ryan and Laura Smith
✝Joan Farino
Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament
St. Joseph's Projects Benefactors
✝Bill Germann

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Kitty Gordon
Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.
Amparo Estrada
Whit & Carolyn Bell
Jeanine Hilbert
Larry Colbert, Jr.
Gloria Dorian
Marie-Jo Hammond

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15th, we invite you to spiritually stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross through our

MOTHER OF SORROWS MASS GUILD.

Your intentions will be lifted to the Altar and placed at the foot of the Cross through the intercession of the Queen of Martyrs. As a Guild member, you will be remembered *by name*—living and deceased—with your intentions carried to Our Mother of Sorrows each month. The first of these Masses will be held on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows at 6 PM and every 3rd Saturday of the month after that.

You may enroll yourself or a loved one for a year (12 Masses for a donation of $50), or perpetually (a Mass every month in perpetuity for $500). This is not like our seasonal novenas of nine Masses, but a Mass *every month* for the intentions of those in the Guild. Donations from the Guild go towards the ongoing efforts to beautify our parish through artistic painting and restoration efforts, making our parish a haven for beauty, devotion, and Catholic tradition.

I HAVE LOVED O LORD

THE BEAUTY OF YOUR HOUSE
-Psalm 26:8

Sponsor a hand-painted flower in honor or memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God and help support the continued work of beautifying the sanctuary of our Little Flower Church.
If you are interested in helping us complete the adornment of our sanctuary, please contact the office to sponsor a legacy of art and beauty for the House of God.
All contributions will be commemorated by memorial plaques.

Weekly Offerings (8/2/2026)

General: $2,518.65	YTD: $13,073.25
Building: $315	YTD: $1,797
St. Martin: $45	YTD: $2,593
St. Joseph's Projects *(restoring our church)*	YTD: $17,760.10

Second Collection today is for St. Joseph's Projects

ST. JOSEPH'S PROJECTS UPDATE

Since mid-February, we have been requesting and receiving commitments for Phase 2 of the St. Joseph Projects. Thank you to those who have committed and, especially, those who have made sacrificial commitments. Unfortunately, as of June 15th, we only have 67% Participation. If you have yet to commit, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We have completed the first part of phase two (installation of bells in the tower) and plan to start the second part (restoration of the windows) next Spring. We are not yet sure if the third part will be possible. Please participate! These projects help protect our patrimony and ensure that the House of the Lord is a beautiful and fitting temple for His glory.

100% PARTICIPATION IS THE GOAL, regardless of how much you can give.

Masses are regularly celebrated for the benefactors of St. Joseph's Projects.

BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS

Father will be blessing sacramentals after the 8:15 AM Mass on Saturday, August 29th. The next blessing after that will not be until October 31st.

JOIN THE ST. THERESA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir is an opportunity for kids to learn the basics of Gregorian chant, vocal technique, and music reading skills. No prior musical experience is needed, but basic reading skills are required.

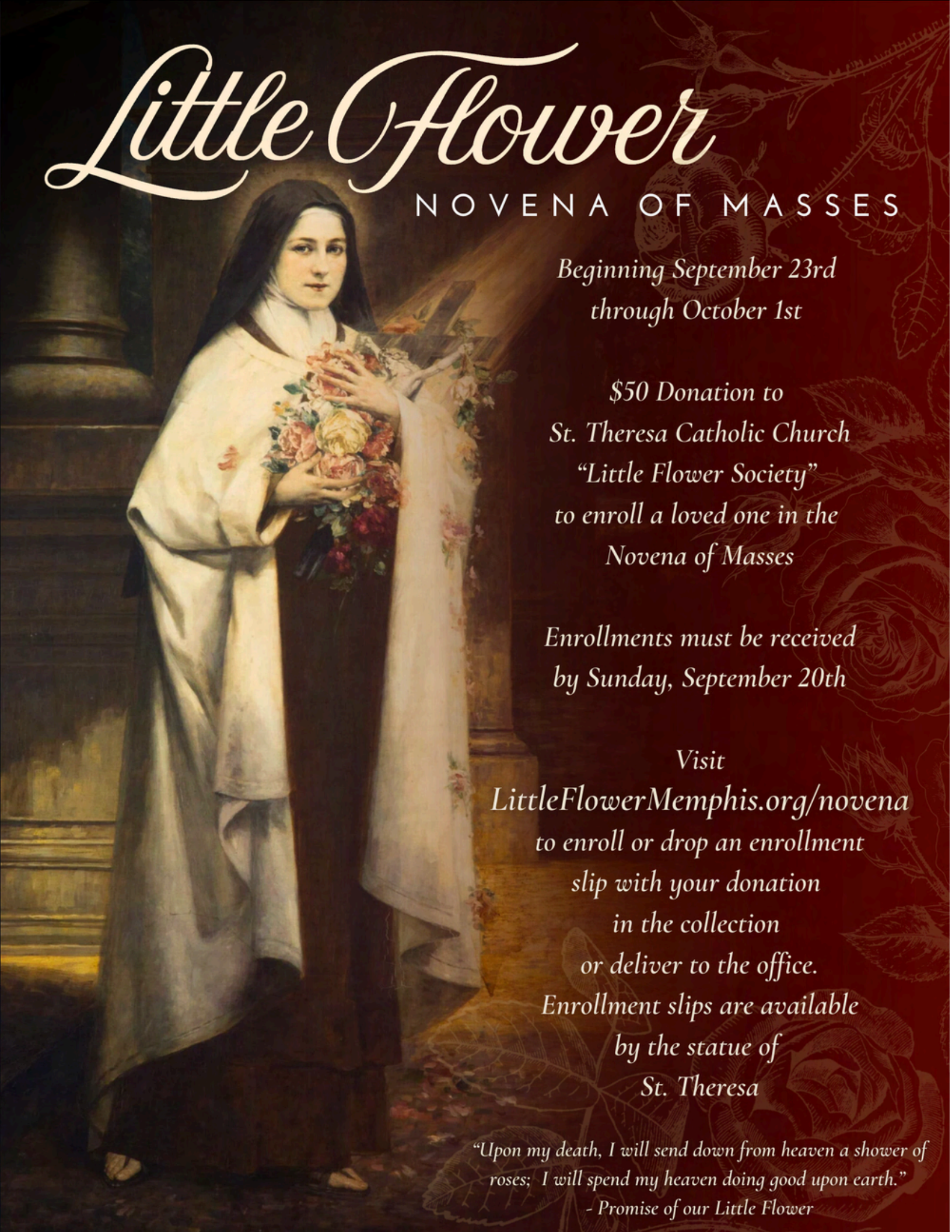
The Choir will have the opportunity to sing the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass at Blessed Sacrament.

Deadline to register is September 9th.

Classes start September 16th.

Ages 7-16

Registration fee $50 (capped at $100 per family of 2 or more children)



Little Flower

NOVENA OF MASSES

Beginning September 23rd
through October 1st

$50 Donation to
St. Theresa Catholic Church
"Little Flower Society"
to enroll a loved one in the
Novena of Masses

Enrollments must be received
by Sunday, September 20th

Visit
LittleFlowerMemphis.org/novena
to enroll or drop an enrollment
slip with your donation
in the collection
or deliver to the office.
Enrollment slips are available
by the statue of
St. Theresa

"Upon my death, I will send down from heaven a shower of roses; I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth."
- Promise of our Little Flower

WE HAVE HEARD about the great faith, patience, constancy, and humility of a woman. What those of devout mind find most to admire about her is the fact, that although as a gentile she was completely separated from the teachings of the divine thoughts, she was nevertheless not deprived of the virtues which those thoughts proclaim.

She had a great perfection of faith, since, imploring the Savior's benevolence, she said, *"Show me mercy, O Lord, son of David."* She named the Lord, *"son of David,"* so it is evident that she believed that he was true human being and true God...

This mother also had the characteristics of constancy and humility surpassing all others. When the Lord compared her to dogs, she did not desist from the earnestness of her entreaty, and did not draw back her mind from hoping for the favor of his benevolence. Having willingly embraced the indignity she had received, she not only did not deny that she was like dogs, but even continued with a comparison of herself to young dogs. With this prudent argument she confirmed the Lord's statement, but nevertheless she did not rest from the audacity of her request. She confirmed the Lord's statement in which he said to her, *"It is not good to take the children's bread and to give it to dogs,"* as she answered, *"Yes, Lord"* — that is: *"Truthfully, it is as you allege, that it is not good to take the salvation divinely intended for the people of Israel and to give it to gentiles."* But when she said, *"For even the young dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table,"* she very prudently demonstrated what great humility and what constancy she bore within her inmost heart. Being unworthy to be refreshed by the meal of the Lord's entire teaching, which the Jews had for their use, she nevertheless supposed that however small the grace imparted to her by the Lord might be, it could be sufficient for her salvation.

from a sermon on the Canaanite Woman by St. Bede the Venerable

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTMAS CARDS

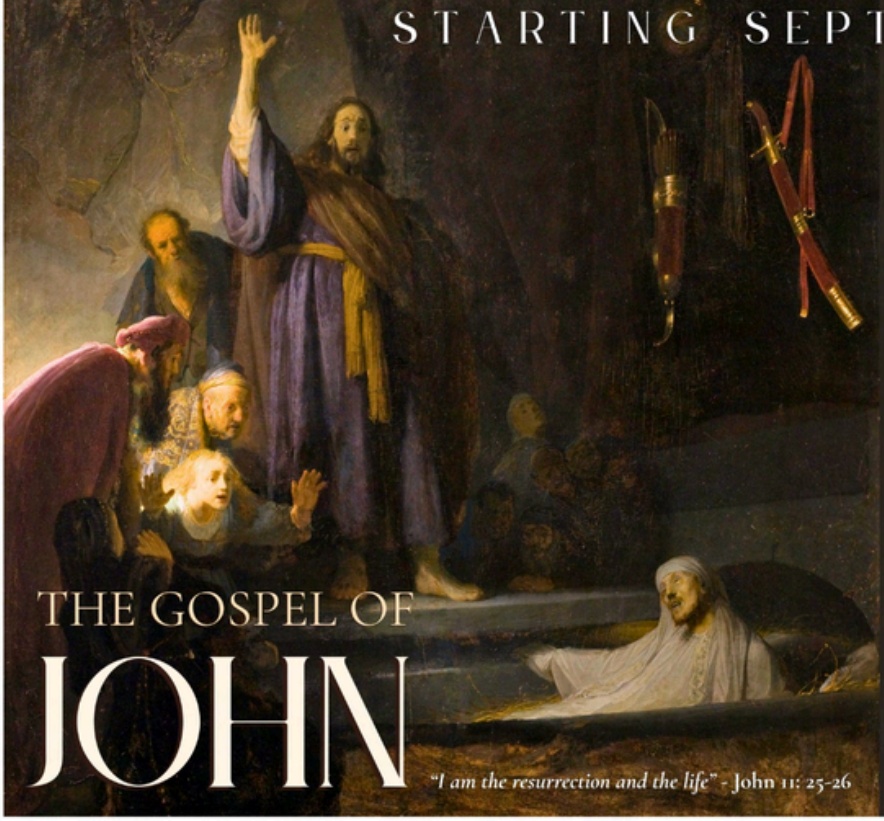
We are again taking submissions for our annual parish Christmas Card. The proceeds from the sale of these cards benefit the St. Martin Society for those most in need during the holiday season. We are looking for work that is focused on the Nativity of the Lord with a *Little Flower* flair. The setting may be our parish church, our patron saints may be featured, etc. We would love your creative ideas.

The last two years have featured the talents of some adult parishioners, but we also welcome the creativity of the kids of the parish, especially those who are artistically gifted (the artwork should be recognizably Christmas, something that can be sent out in the mail to family, friends, or acquaintances). Submissions may be emailed to the office. Compositions should fit on a standard card layout.

We would love to sell them at our Annual Parish Fundraiser Potluck in October, so submissions sent in by the end of September will be considered first. Selections will be made by a local artist. *Get your art supplies ready!*

A NEW SUNDAY ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

STARTING SEPTEMBER 13



JOIN US Sundays beginning Sept 13 in the Adult Faith Formation room from 9:30-10:30 AM for a brand new Scripture Study with Dr. John Bergsma

Dive into the most profound of the Gospels with Dr. Bergsma as he unpacks the rich symbolism and deep theology of St. John the Evangelist. From the Word made flesh to the "I Am" sayings, John's Gospel reveals Jesus' divinity and draws us into the mystery of His love. This course will help you see familiar passages with fresh eyes and enter more fully into the life-giving relationship Christ offers to His disciples.

A complete schedule of this 8-part series will be handed out at the first class. No materials necessary. Just bring your Bible!

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

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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Holy Souls Memorial

Requiescant In Pace

- Msgr. James Whitfield
- Msgr. Joseph Leppert
- Deceased Priests, Parishioners, Alumni, and Benefactors of our Parishes
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- Eladio Gonzalez
- Esperanza Llanes
- Allen & Armantine Keller
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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.

*Ads help pay for your parish bulletin while helping your business grow! Please consider patronizing our partners. Contact the parish office to place an ad: **sttherese@stlfchurch.cdom.org***

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