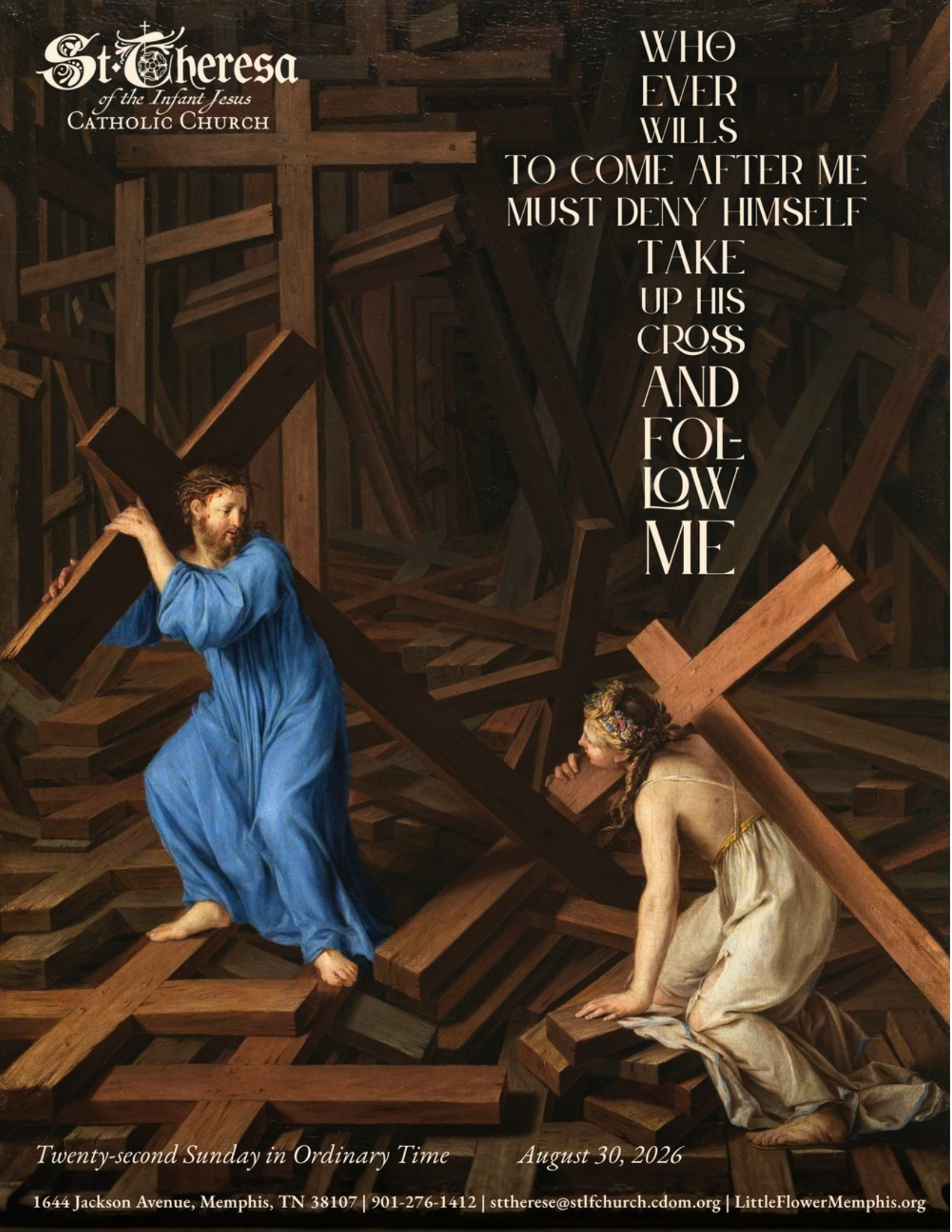


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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; †Bill Germann;
Poor Souls; †Joan Farino; Lifsey Anniver.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:15 AM Ronald & Beatriz McNamara

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Poor Souls

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

8:15 AM Brian & Laurie Lewandowski

Anniversary Blessings

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:30 PM Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:15 AM Intentions of Manuel Viera;

Poor Souls; Benefactors of St. Joseph's

Projects; †Kelly McHugh; Unborn

Children

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:15 AM Priestly Vocations from LF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:15 AM †Samuel Chrestensen

6 PM In Reparation to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:15 AM In Reparation to the

Immaculate Heart

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; †Bill Germann;

Poor Souls; †Joan Farino; Unborn

Children

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

Families of the Parish

Benefactors of the Parish

Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament

St. Joseph's Projects Benefactors

†Bill Germann

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Maria del Carmen Romeu Vasallo

Kitty Gordon

Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.

Amparo Estrada

Whit & Carolyn Bell

Jeanine Hilbert

Larry Colbert, Jr.

Gloria Dorian

Marie-Jo Hammond



Enroll yourself or a loved one in the Little Flower Novena of Masses. St. Theresa promised solemnly, "Upon my death, I will send down from heaven a shower of roses; I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth." She has kept her promise, quickly known as a miracle worker and a great intercessor. May she intercede for our loved ones and us, continuing to shower roses of graces upon us, through the power of the Holy Face of Jesus. [Submit your enrollments online or to the office by Sunday, September 20th.](#) Please fill in all the required fields on the sign up sheets or online and kindly send in your donation of \$50 or more either by check (payable to St. Theresa Church and write Little Flower Society in the memo), in the collection with the filled-in slip (available by the statue of St. Theresa), or online via the link below (please select Little Flower Society when donating).

LittleFlowerMemphis.org/novena

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. Submissions may be emailed to the office. Compositions should fit on a standard card.

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.

This week is our Thursday Night Eucharistic Vigil and First Friday All-Day Adoration! Please be sure to keep your commitments to the Lord or find a replacement if you are unable to make it. VENITE ADOREMUS!

Weekly Offerings (8/16/2026)

General: \$3,130.30	YTD: \$23,049.22
Building: \$325	YTD: \$3,567
St. Martin: \$375	YTD: \$4,867
St. Joseph's Projects	YTD: \$25,949.20

(restoring our church)

No Second Collection today



Speaking of Christmas...

Sign the Kids up for the Children's Choir! Ages 7-16.

The deadline to register is September 9th.
Classes start September 16th.

Scan the QR code to learn more. Email Emma, our Director of Sacred Music, for questions.



emma.nwobilor@stlfcchurch.cdom.org

ST. JOSEPH'S PROJECTS

Thank you to those who have committed and, especially, those who have made sacrificial commitments to the second phase of our St. Joseph's Projects. We are now up to **72% Participation**. If you have yet to commit, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We plan to start the second part of this phase (restoration of the water-damaged windows) next Spring. We are not yet sure if the third part (ceiling repair) will be possible. *Please participate!* These projects help protect our patrimony and ensure that the House of the Lord is a 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.



SOME OF YOUR PAIN will never go away. It will become your hidden cross, known to you and God alone. This is the cross of Jesus. As Christians, we bear our crosses because we love God and we long to live in the holiness and light of His Son. We are not gluttons for punishment. Our lives are not some kind of spiritual endurance test designed to see how much punishment and humiliation we can take from the world until we collapse in despair. But we do accept the responsibility to radiate the love of Jesus to the world. And part of that responsibility calls us to accept whatever it is that comes our way with a loving detachment...

Don't confuse self-imposed crosses and contrived martyrdom with humility. Both, I'm sorry to say, are functions of pride. When we let people bully us or beat up on us, we allow them to hurt someone God loves very much—namely, us. But that's not where it ends. Because if you facilitate another person's sin, you enable him to damage his own soul, and this was not your point at all. Humility is not wearing a "kick me" sign; it is simply putting God first. It is keeping a perspective on the events of daily life and opting for the holy choice in the present moment, no matter what the circumstances.

Excerpts from Mother Angelica's Answers, Not Promises



MOTHER of SORROWS

MASS GUILD

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). Donations are made to the *St. Theresa Altar Society* and support the ongoing efforts to beautify our parish through artistic painting and restoration, making it a haven of beauty, devotion, and Catholic tradition. A 5x7 card (left), featuring the face of the Sorrowful Mother from the hand-painted Pieta, can be sent out to those enrolled in the guild. Samples of these cards (*English or Spanish*) are at Our Lady's Altar.

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!

THE GOSPEL OF
JOHN

"I am the resurrection and the life" - John 11: 25-26

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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- Eladio Gonzalez
- Esperanza Llanes
- Allen & Armatine Keller
- Neal Holcomb Family
- Luigi & Maria A. Pierotti Family
- Louis & Dolly Pierantoni

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Anonymous,
The Christian Soul accepts the Cross,
c. 1630.



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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!

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