

WHETHER WE
LIVE OR DIE
WE ARE
THE LORD'S

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; †Bill Germann;
Poor Souls; †Joan Farino; Unborn Children

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:15 AM Stanislaw Marczyk

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM †Piero Cenni

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:15 AM Fr. Gonzalez's Pastorship & LF

6 PM Oblates of the Holy Cross

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:15 AM †Eladio Gonzalez

6 PM Mother of Sorrows Guild

****WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

8:15 AM †Joan Farino; Poor Souls;
Benefactors of St. Joseph's Projects;
†Bill Germann; Unborn Children

****THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

8:15 AM Lifsey 50th Anniversary

****FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

8:15 AM Poor Souls

****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

8:15 AM Poor Souls

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; †Bill Germann;
Poor Souls; †Joan Farino; Charles Claxton, Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:15 AM †Marion Griffen

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Poor Souls

**Additional Low Mass on Tuesday at 8:15 AM*

***No Weekday or Saturday Morning
Mass, Rosary, Adoration, or
Confessions September 16-30. All Mass
intentions will be fulfilled.*

SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

Families of the Parish

Familia Murguia-Cemeño

Graces through Our Lady of Sorrows

St. Joseph's Projects Benefactors

†Bill Germann

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Maria del Carmen Romeu Vasallo

Kitty Gordon

Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.

Amparo Estrada

Jeanine Hilbert

Larry Colbert, Jr.

Gloria Dorian

Marie-Jo Hammond

*Enroll yourself or
a loved one in the
Little Flower
Novena of Masses.*

*Submit your
enrollments*

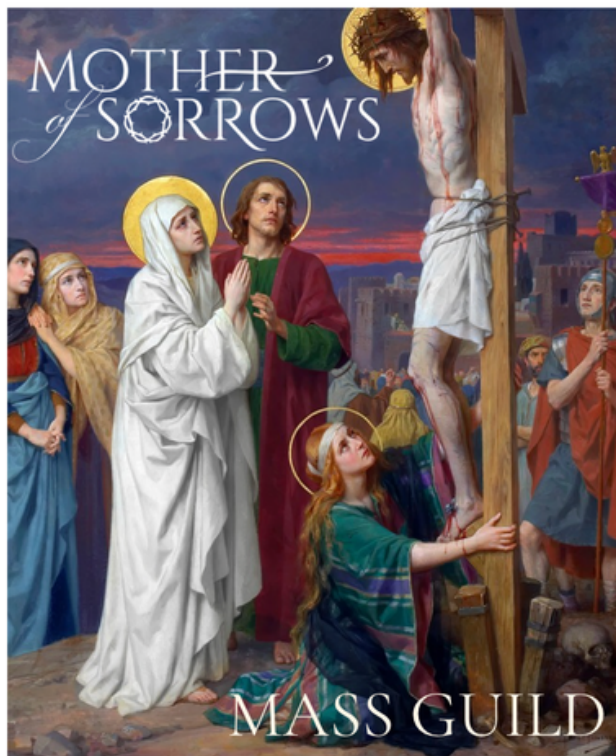
*online or to the
office by NEXT*

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 at LittleFlowerMemphis.org/novena (select *Little Flower Society* when donating).



We invite you to spiritually stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross through our Mother of Sorrows Mass Guild. As a Guild member, you will be remembered by name—living and deceased—with your intentions carried to Our Mother of Sorrows each month at Holy Mass. 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 for 7 years (a Mass every month for 7-years for \$300). Donations are made to the *St. Theresa Altar Society* and support the ongoing efforts to beautify our parish through artistic painting and restoration. A 5x7 card (above right), featuring the face of the Sorrowful Mother from the hand-painted Pieta, can be sent out to those enrolled in the guild. Samples (English or Spanish) are at Our Lady's Altar.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO** weekday or Saturday morning Masses, Rosary, Confessions, or Adoration from September 16th to September 30th. All Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will be celebrated as scheduled.

Weekly Offerings (8/30/2026)

General: \$2,268.16 YTD: \$28,773.49

Building: \$200 YTD: \$4,369

St. Martin: \$80 YTD: \$5,052

St. Joseph's Projects YTD: \$33,688.20

(restoring our church)

Second Collection today is for the St. Martin Society

High Mass for the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
TOMORROW, September 14th at
6 PM (8:15 AM Low Mass).

On Tuesday, September 15th,
High Mass at 6 PM for the
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
and the beginning of the
Mother of Sorrows Mass Guild.

A Low Mass will
also be celebrated
at 8:15 AM.
The blessing of
the Seven
Sorrows Shrine
will be after Mass.



LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are again taking artwork submissions for our annual parish Christmas Cards. The proceeds from the sale of these cards benefit the *St. Martin Society* for those most in need during the holiday season. For questions or to submit, contact the office. The theme is Christmas at Little Flower. Be creative!



THE MARTYRDOM OF THE VIRGIN is set forth both in the prophecy of Simeon and in the actual event of Our Lord's Passion. The holy old man said of the Infant Jesus: *He has been set as a sign which shall be contradicted.* He went on to say to Mary: *And thy own heart a sword shall pierce.*

Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart. For only by passing through your heart could the sword enter the flesh of your Son. Indeed, after your Jesus—who belongs to everyone, but is especially yours—gave up His life, the cruel spear, which was not withheld from His lifeless body, tore open His side. Clearly it did not touch His soul and could not harm Him, but it did pierce your heart. For surely His soul was no longer there, but yours could not be torn away. Thus the violence of sorrow has cut through your heart, and we rightly call you more than a martyr, since the effect of compassion in you has gone beyond the endurance of physical suffering.

Or were those words, *Woman, behold your Son*, not more than a word to you, truly piercing your heart, cutting through to the division between soul and spirit? What an exchange! John is given to you in place of Jesus, the servant in place of the Lord, the disciple in place of the Master; the son of Zebedee replaces the Son of God, a mere man replaces God Himself. How could these words not pierce your most loving heart, when the mere remembrance of them breaks ours, hearts of iron and stone though they are!

Do not be surprised, brothers, that Mary is said to be a martyr in spirit. Let him be surprised who does not remember the words of Paul, that one of the greatest crimes of the Gentiles was that they were without love. That was far from the heart of Mary; let it be far from her servants. Perhaps someone will say: *"Had she not known before that He would die?"* Undoubtedly. *"Did she not expect Him to rise again at once?"* Surely. *"And still she grieved over her crucified Son?"* Intensely.

Who are you, and what is the source of your wisdom that you are more surprised at the Compassion of Mary than at the Passion of Mary's Son? For if He could die in body, could she not die with Him in spirit? He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since His.

from a sermon of St. Bernard of Clairvaux on the Sunday within the Octave of the Assumption

COME TO LEPPERT HALL
OCTOBER 11, 2026

LITTLE FLOWER FUNDRAISER FEAST

RAVIOLI & SPAGHETTI SUNDAY DINNER

DINNERS SERVED 10 AM TO 1 PM

\$18 PER DINNER
\$60 PER FAMILY (PARENTS & CHILDREN)
\$20 PER TAKE-OUT DINNER

INCLUDES RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTI, ITALIAN SPINACH, GARLIC BREAD, DRINK, AND DESSERT. BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE FOR CASH DONATION.

EACH PARISH FAMILY IS ASKED TO DONATE A DESSERT

DESSERTS CAN BE BROUGHT TO LEPPERT HALL ON SATURDAY, OCT. 10, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 2 PM, AND SUNDAY, OCT. 11, BEFORE EACH MASS. DONATIONS OF WINE AND BEER CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

THE BOOK OF
PSALMS

WEDNESDAY
BIBLE STUDY
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STARTING OCTOBER 7

Explore the rich spiritual poetry of the Psalms, the prayer book of Christ and His Church. Journey through songs of praise, lament, thanksgiving, repentance, trust, and hope, from the depths of sorrow to the heights of joy. Discover how the praise of the Royal Prophet became the song of the Church. Learn how to use the psalms to unite your joys and sorrows to His, to seek the Father's mercy, and to await with hope the coming of His Kingdom. Classes are at 6 PM in the Adult Faith Formation Room.

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

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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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