



St. Theresa
of the Infant Jesus
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEEK
THE LORD
WHILE HE
MAY BE FOUND

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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 Poor Souls

*1:45 PM

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:15 AM Michael Lewandowski

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15 AM Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; †Bill Germann;

Poor Souls; †Joan Farino; †Jonas Carter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

10:45 AM Michael Lewandowski

*1:45 PM

**No habrá misa de 1:45 los Domingos del 20 y 27 de Septiembre. La misa estará combinada con la de las 10:45 en Santa Teresita.*

***No Weekday or Saturday Morning Mass, Rosary, Adoration, or Confessions September 21-30. All Mass intentions will be fulfilled.*

**** Pro Populo Intention is Pastor's Personal Obligation and will be fulfilled*

SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

Families of the Parish

Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament

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

Enrollments for

the

Little Flower

Novena of Masses

are due TODAY.

September 20, by
the end of the day.

Father will fulfill
these intentions in
Poland.



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).

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO** weekday or Saturday morning Masses, Rosary, Confessions, or Adoration from September 21st to September 30th. Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will be celebrated as scheduled, with 1:45 Mass combined with the 10:45.

Weekly Offerings (9/6/2026)

General: \$3,875.61	YTD: \$32,649.10
Building: \$300	YTD: \$4,669
St. Martin: \$325	YTD: \$5,377
St. Joseph's Projects (restoring our church)	YTD: \$39,317.30

Second Collection today is for
St. Joseph's Projects

JESUS recounted the parable of the owner of the vineyard who at different hours of the day hires labourers to work in it. And in the evening he gives them all the same wages, one denarius, provoking protests from those who began work early. That denarius clearly represents eternal life, a gift that God reserves for all. Indeed those who are considered the “last”, if they accept, become the “first”, whereas the “first” can risk becoming the “last”. The first message of this parable is inherent in the very fact that the landowner does not tolerate, as it were, unemployment: he wants everyone to be employed in his vineyard. Actually, being called is already the first reward: to be able to work in the Lord's vineyard, to put oneself at his service, to collaborate in his work, is in itself a priceless recompense that repays every effort. Yet only those who love the Lord and His Kingdom understand this: those who instead work only for the pay will never realize the value of this inestimable treasure.

It is St. Matthew who recounts this parable, an apostle and an evangelist, whose liturgical feast day we [will be] celebrating [tomorrow]. I like to emphasize that Matthew lived this experience in the first person (cf. Mt 9: 9). Indeed, before Jesus called him, he worked as a tax collector and was therefore seen as a public sinner, excluded from “the Lord's vineyard”. But everything changed when Jesus passed by his table, looked at him and said to him: “Follow Me”. Matthew rose and followed Him. From a publican he immediately became a disciple of Christ. From being “last” he found himself “first”, thanks to God's logic, which—for our good fortune!—is different from the logic of the world. “My thoughts are not your thoughts”, the Lord says, speaking through the mouth of Isaiah, “neither are your ways my ways” (Is 55: 8). St Paul also experienced the joy of feeling called by the Lord to work in His vineyard. And what a lot of work he accomplished! Yet, as he himself confessed, it was God's grace which worked in him, that grace which, from persecutor of the Church, transformed him into an Apostle to the Gentiles, to the point of saying: “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” However, he immediately added: “If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell” (Phil 1: 21-22). Paul clearly understood that working for the Lord is already a reward on this earth.

from the Angelus of Pope Benedict XVI, at Castel Gandolfo, Sunday, September 21, 2008

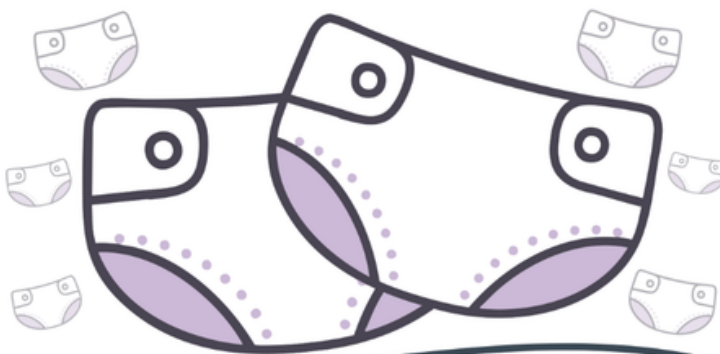


September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Offer the gift of Masses to your loved ones through our **MOTHER of SORROWS MASS GUILD**

Guild members will be remembered by name—living or deceased—with intentions at the Foot of the Cross with Our Mother of Sorrows every 3rd Saturday of the month. Enrollments can be made at any time throughout the year. 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), featuring the face of the Sorrowful Mother from our Pieta, can be sent out to those enrolled in the guild.

DOLLARS FOR DIAPERS

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Please reference Dollars for Diapers with your gift!

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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Living the Little
Way since 1930.*

Holy Souls Memorial

Requiescant In Pace
• Msgr. James Whitfield
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1873.



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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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