

OBEDIENT  
TO THE POINT OF  
DEATH  
EVEN DEATH ON A  
CROSS

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27, 2026*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

\*\*MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

\*\*TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

\*\*WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:15 AM Little Flower Novena

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:15 AM Holy Souls Memorial

6 PM Reparation to the Sacred Heart

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:15 AM Reparation to the Immac. Heart

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; †Bill Germann;

Poor Souls; †Joan Farino; Unborn Children

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:15 AM Sanctification of LF Parish

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Priestly Vocations from LF Parish

*\*No habrá misa de 1:45 hoy 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 28-30. 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.

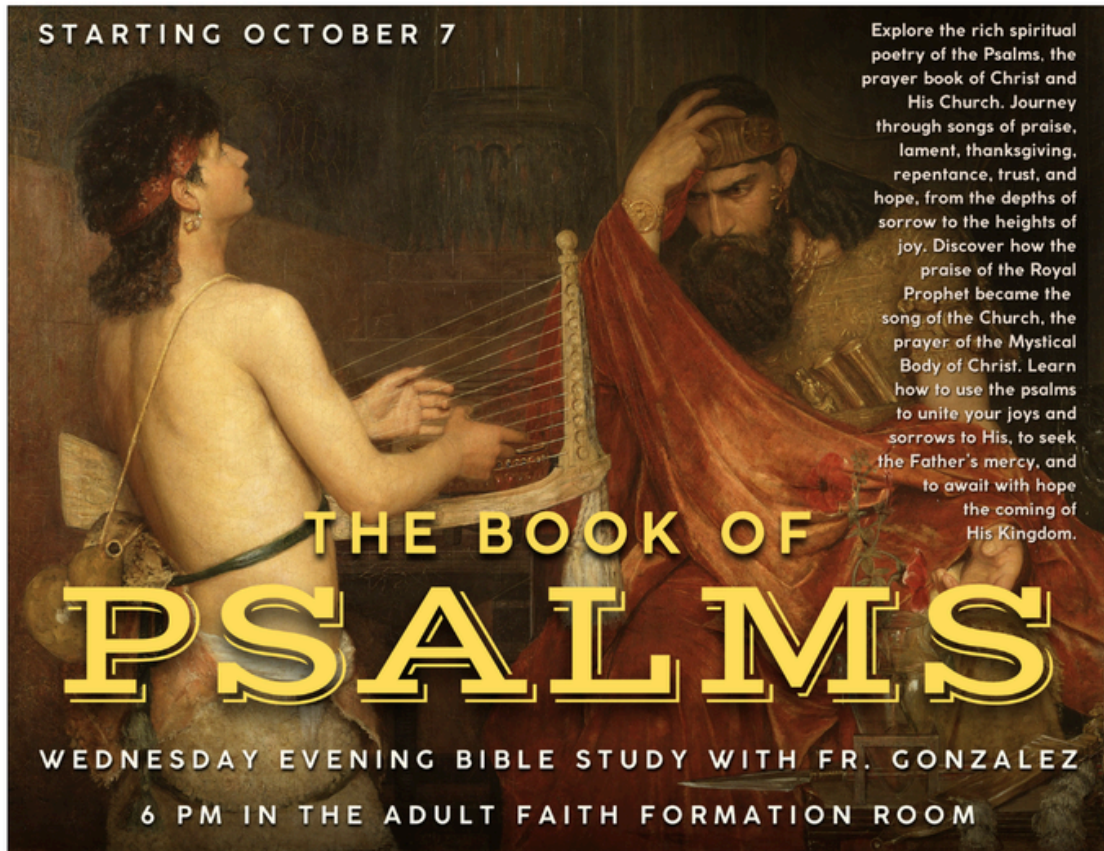
Amparo Estrada

Jeanine Hilbert

Larry Colbert, Jr.

Marie-Jo Hammond

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, the prayer of the Mystical Body of Christ. 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.

**THE BOOK OF PSALMS**

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GONZALEZ

6 PM IN THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION ROOM

DOLLARS  
FOR DIAPERS  
BIRTHRIGHT OF MEMPHIS



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL  
OF **FUNDING 100 PACKS**  
OF DIAPERS FOR BIRTHRIGHT  
BABIES BY OCTOBER 31ST

**A \$10 donation will provide a pack of  
50 diapers to a mom in need.**



Weekly Offerings (9/13/2026)

General: \$1,934.24 YTD: \$34,583.34

Building: \$410 YTD: \$5,079

St. Martin: \$927 YTD: \$6,304

St. Joseph's Projects YTD: \$40,177.30  
(restoring our church)

*Second Collection today is for the HVAC  
and Roof Loan Payments*

**FIRST FRIDAY:** This week is our Thursday  
Eucharistic Vigil and First Friday Adoration.  
Please make your commitments to the Lord or  
find a replacement if you are unable to come.  
There must be *no less than two adorers* at all  
times. *Venite Adoremus!*

**I**NASMUCH as the most general sin of mankind is pride or the exaltation of the ego, it was fitting that in atoning for that pride, Christ should practice obedience. He was not like one who is obedient for the sake of a reward, or in order to build up his character for the future; rather, being the Son, He already enjoyed the love of the Father to the full. It was out of this very fullness that there flowed a childlike surrender to His Father's will. He gave this as the reason for His surrender to the Cross. Within an hour or so before going into His Agony in the Garden, He would say: *The world must be convinced that I love the Father, and act only as the Father has commanded Me to act* (John 14:30-30).

The only acts of Christ's childhood which are recorded are acts of obedience—obedience to His Heavenly Father and to His earthly parents. The foundation of obedience to man, He taught, is obedience to God. The elders who serve not God find that the young serve them not. His whole life was submission. He submitted to John's baptism, though He did not need it; He submitted to the temple tax, though as the Son of the Father, He was exempt from it; and He bade His own followers to submit to Caesar. Calvary cast its shadow over Bethlehem; so now it darkened the obedient years at Nazareth. In being subject to creatures, though He was God, He prepared Himself for that final obedience—obedience to the humiliation of the Cross.

*from Blessed Fulton Sheen's "Life of Christ"*

Join the  
**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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.

## 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  
• Rolando Gonzalez  
• Eladio Gonzalez  
• Esperanza Llanes  
• Allen & Armantine Keller  
• Neal Holcomb Family  
• Luigi & Maria A. Pierotti Family  
• Louis & Dolly Pierantoni

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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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