St. Theresa
of the Infant Jesus
Catholic Church

Where two or three are gathered together in My Name

there I am in the midst of them.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time — *September 6, 2026*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
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
*__MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7__
8:15 AM Poor Souls
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
5:30 PM Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
8:15 AM Sherrill French; Poor Souls; Benefactors of St. Joseph's Projects; ✝Bill Germann; Unborn Children
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:15 AM John & Elisa Schnur
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:15 AM Poor Souls
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
8:15 AM John & Elisa Schnur
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
**NO MASS* - *Intention will be fulfilled.*
The Office will be closed for Labor Day

SANCTUARY CANDLES

2 weeks: $20 & 1 week: $10
✝Juan Carlos Coss Vargas
Families of the Parish
Familia Murguia-Cemeño
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.
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

THERE will be a High Mass for the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross* on Monday, September 14th at 6 PM. We will also have our usual 8:15 AM Low Mass. On Tuesday, September 15th, High Mass will be at 6 PM for the start 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 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.

Speaking of Christmas…

Sign the Kids up for the Children's Choir! Ages 7-16. An opportunity 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 deadline to register is this Wednesday, September 9th. Classes start September 16th.*

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

emma.nwobilor@stlfchurch.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.

Weekly Offerings (8/23/2026)

General: $3,456.11	YTD: $26,505.33
Building: $602	YTD: $4,169
St. Martin: $105	YTD: $4,972
St. Joseph's Projects *(restoring our church)*	YTD: $31,569.20

Second Collection today is for the Holy Name Society

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.

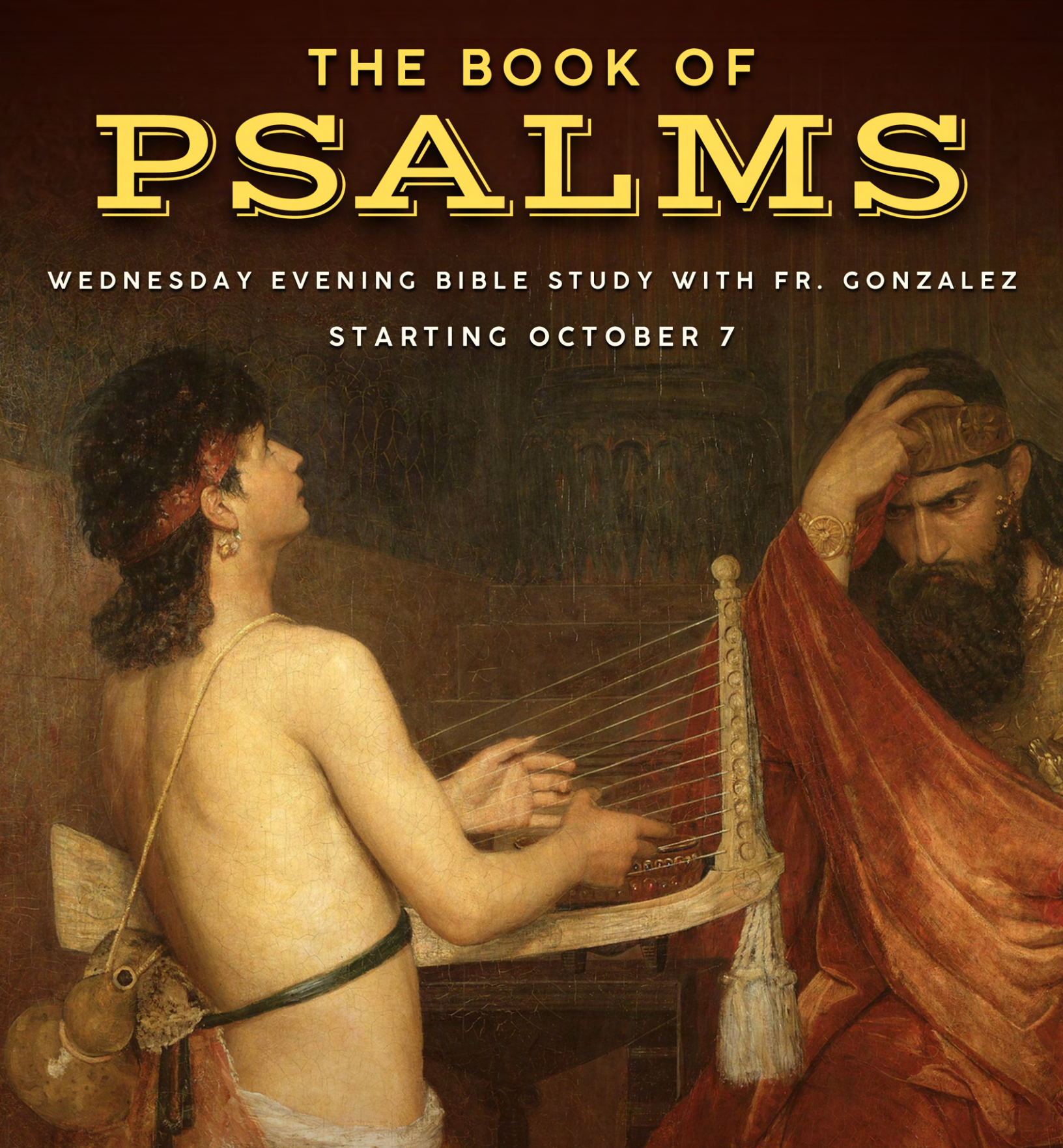
EACH PARISH FAMILY IS ASKED TO DONATE A DESSERT

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 EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. GONZALEZ

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.

6 PM IN THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION ROOM

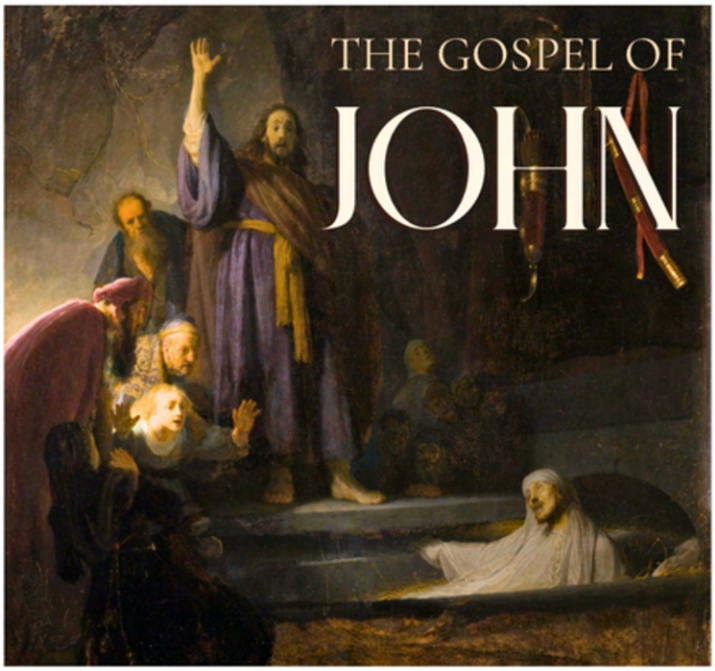
SAINT AUGUSTINE comments: "Whoever has offended you, in offending you, has inflicted a serious injury upon himself; and would you not care for a brother's injury?... You must forget the offence you have received but not the injury of one of your brethren" (*Discourse* 82, 7).

And what if my brother does not listen to me?... Jesus points to a gradual approach: first, speak to him again with two or three others, the better to help him realize what he has done; if, in spite of this, he still refuses to listen, it is necessary to tell the community; and if he refuses to listen even to the community, he must be made to perceive that he has cut himself off by separating himself from the communion of the Church.

All this demonstrates that we are responsible for each other in the journey of Christian life; each person, aware of his own limitations and shortcomings, is called to accept fraternal correction and to help others with this specific service.

Another fruit of love in the community is unanimous prayer. Jesus said: "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:19-20). Personal prayer is of course important, indeed indispensable, but the Lord guarantees his presence to the community — even if it is very small — which is united and in agreement, because this reflects the very reality of the Triune God, perfect communion of love. Origen says "we should practise this symphony" (*Commentary on the Gospel according to Matthew*, 14,1), in other words this harmony within the Christian community. We should practise both fraternal correction—which demands deep humility and simplicity of heart—and prayer so that it may rise to God from a community truly united in Christ.

from an Angelus of Pope Benedict XVI, Sunday, September 4th, 2011



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

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!

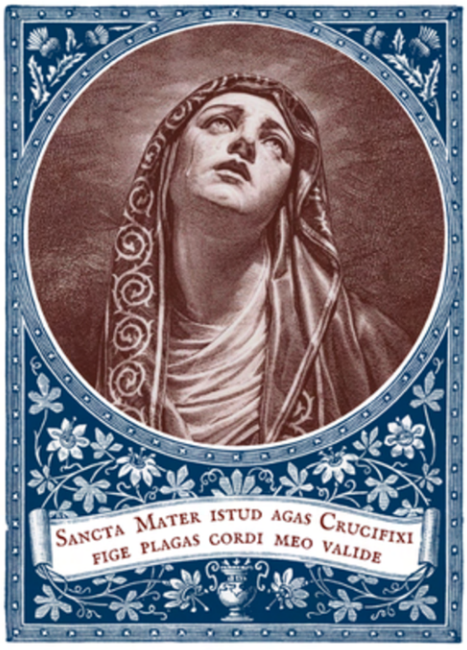
STARTS NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH!

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 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, making it a haven of beauty, devotion, and Catholic tradition. A 5x7 card *(right)*, 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.



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
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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.

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