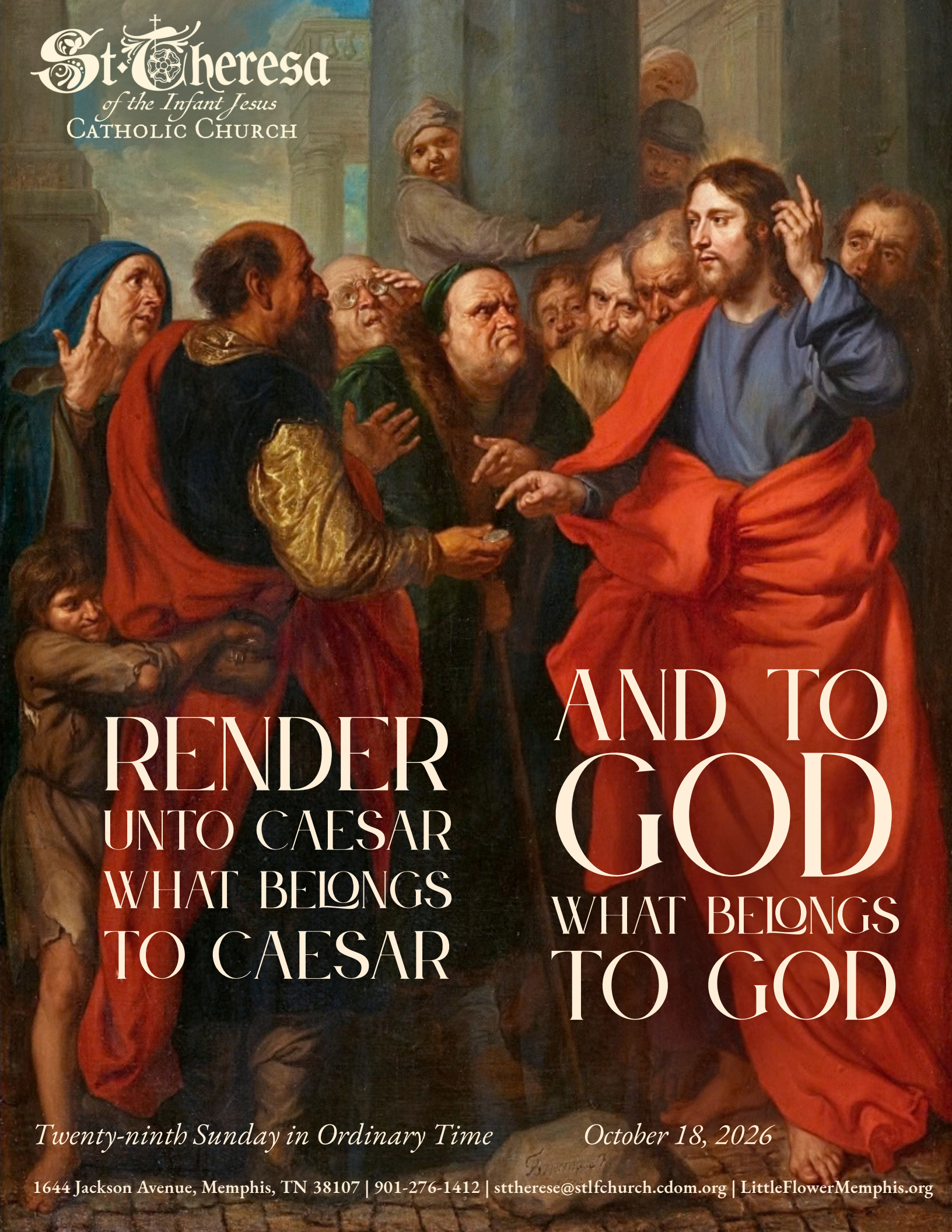




RENDER
UNTO CAESAR
WHAT BELONGS
TO CAESAR

AND TO
GOD
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TO GOD

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

4 PM †Mary June Fuller; Poor Souls;
†Virginia Huffine; Unborn Children; Lifsey's
50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:15 AM Matthew Conner
10:45 AM Pro Populo
1:45 PM Barrientos/Montalvo lineage

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:15 AM Charles & Charmiane Claxton
Wedding Anniversary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30 PM Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:15 AM Benefactors of S. Joseph Projects;
Poor Souls; †Charles Claxton, Sr.;
Holcomb Family; Leslie Barrious

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:15 AM Healing of Kathleen Carr

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:15 AM Janet Claxton

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:15 AM Martha Claxton
4 PM †Mary June Fuller; Poor Souls;
Holcomb Family; Unborn Children; Chuck
Claxton

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:15 AM Bernard & Krystyna Zawada
10:45 AM Pro Populo
1:45 PM Poor Souls

SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas
50th Anniversary of Tim & Fran Smith
Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament
Conversion of Ryan & Laurie Smith
St. Joseph's Projects Benefactors
†Gene Brady

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Maria del Carmen Romeu Vasallo
Kitty Gordon
Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.
Jeanine Hilbert
Brad Toups



a denarius from the time of Christ

FLOCKNOTES: If you have not signed up to receive our Flocknotes via email or text, you may be missing out on important updates and news at the Parish. Please be sure to sign up to receive these and other updates each week. Visit the link below to easily sign up today: littleflowermemphis.flocknote.com



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).

littleflowermemphis.org/MassGuild



Why do we have so many images of saints in our church? Catholics believe in the communion of saints—a spiritual connection linking the living on earth, souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. Just as Protestants have no problem asking living friends to pray for them, Catholics also ask saints in heaven to intercede with God on their behalf. In reality, those in heaven are more alive than we are, enjoying that beatific vision for which all mankind was originally destined to enjoy. Their will is now fixed on God, no longer able to fall out of grace through sin. We are not speaking to “dead idols”, but to our perfected brothers and sisters in Christ. Saints are ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives of faith, officially recognized by the Church to have practiced heroic virtue. Their statues and images act as physical reminders to encourage the living to imitate and practice Christian virtue and holiness. Statues and icons act as visual focal points during personal prayer and meditation, much like keeping a photograph of a loved one nearby reminds us of a shared relationship. They direct our gaze back to the divine when our mind can tend to wander into the mundane. The saints are that “cloud of witnesses”, cheering us on as we strive to live a virtuous life on earth, which will culminate in the unceasing worship of the Most Blessed Trinity in heaven.

BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS: Father will be blessing sacramentals for parishioners after the 8:15 AM Mass on Saturday, October 31st.

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 (10/4/2026)

General: \$2,459.11	YTD: \$43,561.53
Building: \$250	YTD: \$5,886
St. Martin: \$240	YTD: \$7,829
St. Joseph's Projects	YTD: \$52,279.40

(restoring our church)
Second Collection today is for St. Joseph's Projects



RENDER unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," was the response of Jesus when asked about paying taxes. His questioners, of course, were laying a trap for him. They wanted to force him to take sides in the highly-charged political debate about Roman rule in the land of Israel. Yet there was more at stake here: if Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, then surely he would oppose the Roman overlords. So the question was calculated to expose him either as a threat to the regime, or a fraud.

Jesus' answer deftly moves the argument to a higher plane, gently cautioning against both the politicization of religion and the deification of temporal power, along with the relentless pursuit of wealth. His audience needed to be reminded that the Messiah was not Caesar, and Caesar was not God. The kingdom that Jesus came to establish was of an altogether higher order. As he told Pontius Pilate, "My kingship is not of this world."...

It is in the Gospel that Christians find inspiration for their daily lives and their involvement in worldly affairs—be it in the Houses of Parliament or the Stock Exchange. Christians shouldn't shun the world; they should engage with it. But their involvement in politics and economics should transcend every form of ideology.

Christians fight poverty out of a recognition of the supreme dignity of every human being, created in God's image and destined for eternal life. Christians work for more equitable sharing of the earth's resources out of a belief that, as stewards of God's creation, we have a duty to care for the weakest and most vulnerable. Christians oppose greed and exploitation out of a conviction that generosity and selfless love, as taught and lived by Jesus of Nazareth, are the way that leads to fullness of life. Christian belief in the transcendent destiny of every human being gives urgency to the task of promoting peace and justice for all.

Because these goals are shared by so many, much fruitful cooperation is possible between Christians and others. Yet Christians render to Caesar only what belongs to Caesar, not what belongs to God. Christians have at times throughout history been unable to comply with demands made by Caesar. From the Emperor cult of ancient Rome to the totalitarian regimes of the last century, Caesar has tried to take the place of God. When Christians refuse to bow down before the false gods proposed today, it is not because of an antiquated world-view. Rather, it is because they are free from the constraints of ideology and inspired by such a noble vision of human destiny that they cannot collude with anything that undermines it...

from an article by Pope Benedict XVI in the Financial Times, December 2012



REQUIEM MASSES ON ALL SOULS DAY

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

✠ LOW MASSES : ✠

8 : 15 AM AND 12 NOON

HIGH REQUIEM MASS :

✠ 6PM ✠

All Souls envelopes are available at the Divine Mercy altar.

Envelopes are due no later than Sunday, November 1st.

A Plenary Indulgence may be gained for the Poor Souls in Purgatory each day from November 1-8 by visiting a cemetery and saying at least mental prayers for the dead. On November 2, you may gain an indulgence by visiting a church and reciting the Our Father and a Creed for the Poor Souls. November is dedicated to the Suffering Souls in Purgatory; the entire month may be an offering for them, offering both Indulgences and Masses for their relief.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord!

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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 - Msgr. Joseph Leppert
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 - Eladio Gonzalez
 - Esperanza Llanes
 - Allen & Armantine Keller
 - Neal Holcomb Family
 - Luigi & Maria A. Pierotti Family
 - Louis & Dolly Pierantoni



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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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