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of the Infant Jesus
Catholic Church

# THE SOULS OF THE JUST ARE IN THE HAND OF GOD



*Solemnity of All Saints*

*November 1, 2026*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**
**4 PM** ✝Mary June Fuller; Poor Souls; Holcomb Family; ✝Joan Farino; ✝Martha Lockwood
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**
**8:15 AM** Timothy & Klarissa McNamara Wedding Anniversary
**10:45 AM** Pro Populo
**1:45 PM** Poor Souls
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**
**8:15 AM** All the Faithful Departed
**12 PM** All the Faithful Departed
**6 PM** All the Faithful Departed
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**
*__8:15 AM__ Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**
*~~**8:15 AM**~~ Benefactors of S. Joseph Projects; Poor Souls; ✝Regina Alonzo; ✝Patricia Rave; ✝Beverly Fazio
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**
*~~**8:15 AM**~~ Priestly Vocations from LF
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**
**8:15 AM** Holy Souls Memorial
**6 PM** Reparation to the Sacred Heart
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**
**8:15 AM** Reparation to the Immac. Heart
**4 PM** ✝Mary June Fuller; Poor Souls; Lifsey 50th Anniv.; ✝Drew Rainer; ✝Alex Rainer
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**
**8:15 AM** Poor Souls
**10:45 AM** Pro Populo
**1:45 PM** Poor Souls

***Mass on *Tuesday, Nov. 3 will be at 8:15 AM; No Mass Wednesday, Nov. 4 & Thursday, Nov. 5.* All intentions will be fulfilled. *No confessions or rosary Tuesday and Wednesday. Nov. 3 and 4.***
****This week is our Thursday Adoration Vigil and First Friday All-Day Adoration. Please be sure to make your commitments or find a replacement.**

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

***2 weeks: $20 & 1 week: $10***
✝Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Maria del Carmen Romeu Vasallo
Brad Toups

**Weekly Offerings** (10/18/2026)

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| General: $2,585.72 | YTD: $50,173.37 |
| Building: $242 | YTD: $6,588 |
| St. Martin: $55 | YTD: $7,994 |
| St. Joseph's Projects *(restoring our church)* | YTD: $62,058.40 |

***Second Collection today is for the Sacred Music Program***

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. Sign up at: littleflowermemphis.flocknote.com*



## INFANT KING STATUE

Sign up to take home the Pilgrim Infant King statue and pray for vocations! The sign-up sheet is located at the Altar of the Infant King beside the confessional.



## ST. MARTIN DE PORRES BLESSING OF PETS

**BENDICIÓN DE MASCOTAS**
**Saturday, November 7 at 11 AM**
*Please bring pets __on leashes__ to the church parking lot. They will receive a special blessing in honor of St. Martin de Porres.*

PURGATORY is where the love of God tempers the justice of God. The necessity of it is grounded upon the absolute purity of God. In the Book of the Apocalypse we read…"*There shall not enter into it anything defiled, or that worketh abomination, or maketh a lie, but they that are written in the book of the life of the Lamb.*" Justice demands that nothing unclean, but only the pure of heart shall stand before the face of a pure God. If there were no purgatory, then the justice of God would be too terrible for words, for who are they who would dare assert themselves pure enough and spotless enough to stand before the immaculate Lamb of God? The martyrs who sprinkled the sands of the Coliseum with their blood in testimony of their faith? Most certainly! The missionaries like Paul who spend themselves and are spent for the spread of the Gospel? Most assuredly! The cloistered saints who in the quiet calm of a voluntary Calvary become martyrs without recognition? Most truly! But these are glorious exceptions. How many millions there are who die with their souls stained with venial sin, who have known evil, and by their strong resolve have drawn from it only to carry with them the weakness of their past as a leaden weight.

Purgatory is also where the love of man tempers the injustice of man, for it enables hearts who are left behind to break the barriers of time and death, to convert unspoken words into prayers, unburned incense into sacrifice, unoffered flowers into alms, and undone acts of kindness into help for eternal life. Take away purgatory and how bitter would be our grief for our unkindnesses and how piercing our sorrow for our forgetfulness. Take away purgatory and how meaningless are our Memorial and Armistice days, when we venerate the memory of our dead. Take away purgatory and how empty are our wreaths, our bowed heads, our moments of silence. But, if there be a purgatory, then immediately the bowed head gives way to the bent knee, the moment of silence to a moment of prayer, and the fading wreath to the abiding offering of the sacrifice of that great hero of heroes, Christ. Purgatory then, enables us to atone for our ingratitude because, through our prayers, mortifications, and sacrifices, it makes it possible to bring joy and consolation to the ones we love.

*from Bl. Fulton Sheen's "Go to Heaven"*



*__Gain a Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls each day from November 1-8__ by praying for the dead at a cemetery. You may also receive one on All Souls Day by visiting a church and praying for the dead there. The entire month is dedicated to them, so partial indulgences (and other plenary indulgences granted by the Church, such as the Rosary prayed in a church) may be obtained for them each and every day. Conditions for receiving plenary indulgences:*

*A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:*

- *have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;*
- *have sacramentally confessed their sins;*
- *receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required);*
- *pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.*

# Mission CUBA

*Bringing Christ to the Cuban people, helping rebuild the Church, and sowing hope*

**Our St. Martin Society partnered with the Missionaries of the Community of St. Martin in Cuba to help provide medications. They were so grateful! We are currently having a food drive to collect canned goods for the missions in time for Christmas. Below is a list of some items they need:**

- Cooking oil
- Powdered milk
- White rice
- Sugar
- Spaghetti or other types of pasta
- Canned meat
- Canned fish (all varieties)
- Bags of beans
- Coffee
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Chocolates or candy for children

**The *comedores* or *soup kitchens* initiative of the Community of St. Martin arose from a simple observation: in the Cuban villages and neighborhoods, many elderly, sick, or lonely people find themselves without sufficient resources to feed themselves properly. The Mission therefore decided to organize, parish by parish, places where meals are prepared and distributed. Gradually, six *comedores* emerged, each adapted to local realities. Some operate several times a week, others only once, depending on available resources. Everywhere, however, the principle is the same: to carefully prepare food for those who have nothing.**

**Each week, approximately 250 meals are prepared and distributed: some are taken home by those receiving them, while others are delivered directly to the most isolated, who no longer have the strength to travel. These simple but nourishing meals not only help combat malnutrition, exacerbated by the economic crisis and chronic shortages, but also help rebuild a sense of community. Around these tables, volunteers offer their time, their smiles, and their listening ear: often, it is the only visit and the only moment of conviviality these elderly or sick people experience during the week. The comedores are made possible thanks to donations received and the commitment of parishioners. In a country where the State can no longer meet the basic needs of its population, they demonstrate the concrete face of a Church which, following Christ, chooses to serve the smallest and the poorest.**



Cuban elderly woman searches for food in a garbage container in Havana.

HOW is an island so rich in natural resources struggling for food? Due to the iron grip of the communist regime, Cuban people have been stripped of the rich resources of their homeland for export and tourism. Many of the foods you may find in restaurants in Havana are not found on the dinner tables of the Cuban people, including all kinds of fish and seafood, meats, and the once-abundant most-exported good: sugar. Milk is handed out only to those who have children, and that is up to whatever age the government decides. Every Cuban is rationed "basics" which they have to stand in line to receive a meager amount of. If it is not available, only those who have family outside of the island can afford to purchase items on the black market. The situation has deteriorated so much that this is now a danger, as many desperate to feed their own families will mix non-food ingredients into the contraband food they sell (such as mixing chalk into powdered milk) to increase the amount. The extremes others will go to make a few bucks put their neighbors at risk. Those who work receive such a small monthly wage that they have to decide between a day's worth of food or a pair of shoes.

The soup kitchens of the Mission of St. Martin are so important because they offer a reliable source of nourishment for those who have no outside help to meet their needs. Often the elderly are the most forgotten, left alone to starve if they have no strength to dig for scraps of food discarded by others. These efforts, like the pharmacies, help the Cuban people suffering under a brutal political and economic crisis.

In a country marked by economic exhaustion, mass emigration, daily instability, and the erosion of institutions, the Cuban Church suffers from a severe shortage of priests and deacons, as well as from a lack of human and material resources. Sent on mission, the Community of St. Martin chooses to remain alongside those who stay — especially the poorest and most isolated. Their presence aims to be a discreet but real sign of God's faithfulness, strengthening hope where it seems to falter.

Cuba is a true mission land, where Christ calls us to work within His Church, wounded by ideologies hostile to her mission: to form free men and women united with Him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Through Mission Cuba, the Gospel is lived in its radical simplicity: to bring Christ to the Cuban people, to help rebuild the Church, and to bear witness to hope. May Our Lady of Charity, Patroness of Cuba, pray for them!

## To learn more, visit: missioncuba.org/en










SAINTS have a sense of humor. I do not mean only canonized saints, but rather that great army of stanch and solid Christians to whom everything and every incident speaks a story of God's love. A saint can be defined as one who has a divine sense of humor, for a saint never takes this world seriously as the lasting city. To him the world is like a scaffolding up through which souls climb to the kingdom of heaven, and when the last soul shall have climbed up through it, then it shall be torn down and burned with a fervent fire, not because it is base, but simply because it has done its work—it has brought souls back again to God. A saint is one who looks out upon this world as a nursery to the Father's heavenly mansion and a steppingstone to the kingdom of heaven. A saint is one to whom everything in the world is a sacrament. In the strict sense of the term, there are only seven sacraments, but in the broad sense of the term everything in the world is a sacrament, for everything in the world can be used as a means of special sanctification. A saint is one who never complains about the particular duty of his state in life, for he knows full well that *"all the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."* Why, then, should he who plays the part of a king glory in his tinsel crown and tin sword, and believe that he is better than someone else who plays the part of a peasant, for when the curtain goes down they are all men? So, too, why should anyone, who in this world happens to enjoy either the accident of honor or wealth, believe he is better than someone else who may possess neither gold nor worldly learning? Why should he glory in his tinseled crown and tin sword, and believe that he is better than someone else who plays a less important role in the great drama of life? For when the curtain goes down on the last day, and we respond to the curtain call of judgment, we will not be asked what part we played, but how well we played the part that was assigned to us.

A saint, then, is one who has learned to spiritualize and sacramentalize and ennoble everything in the world, and make of it a prayer. No occupation is too base for such spiritualization, nor is any suffering too hard for ennobling. It is only those who have not this highly developed sense that let the opportunities of daily life pass by without either making of them a prayer, or drawing from them a divine lesson. Centuries ago, according to a story perhaps apocryphal, in the streets of Florence there stood a beautiful piece of Carrara marble that had been cut and hacked and ruined by some cheap artist. Other mediocre artists passed it by, and bemoaned that it should have been so ruined. One day Michelangelo passed it and asked that it be brought to his studio. He there applied to it his chisel, his genius, and his inspiration. He drew out of it the immortal statue of David. The lesson contained herein is that there is nothing so base or low that it cannot be reconquered, that there is no duty, however menial, that cannot be retrieved for sanctity, and that there is nothing that is cast down that cannot be lifted up.

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Traditional Prayers for the Dead include: *Psalm 130 (129) "Out of the Depths" (De Profundis); any of the prayers found in the missal for Nov. 2 or Masses for the Dead; and the most well-known one: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."*



## Holy Mass Schedule

**Saturday** 4 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 PM
**Holy Days** *See Bulletin or Call the Office for Times*

## Adoration & Devotions

***Adoration:*** **Thursday** 5 - 7 PM
**First Friday** 9 AM - 5:30 PM
***Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:***
**Monday-Friday** 3 PM
**Saturday** 3 PM at *Blessed Sacrament*
**Sunday** before 8:15 & 10:45 AM Masses

## 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 - 4 PM; **Thursday** 5:30 - 6:45 PM
**Saturday** 7:45 - 8 AM; 3:30 - 3:45 PM at *Blessed Sacrament*
**Sunday** 10 - 10:30 AM

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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.

Little Flower Vanco: for online donations and gifts

### Holy Souls Memorial

*Requiescant In Pace*

- Msgr. James Whitfield
- Msgr. Joseph Leppert
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