

# St. THERESA

## LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH

*The first Catholic Church in Tennessee dedicated to St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, the Little Flower of Jesus. Living the Little Way since 1930*

*"In the Heart of the Church, I will be love."  
St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus*

### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday- 4:00 PM *English at Blessed Sacrament Chapel*  
Sunday- 8:15 AM *Latin*  
10:45 AM *English*  
1:45 PM *Spanish at Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

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

### CONFESSIONS

Monday -Friday- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday - 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
Saturday - 7:30 - 8:00 AM  
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM at *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*  
*Confessions are also available by appointment.*

### ADORATION & DEVOTIONS

#### *Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:*

Thursday - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
First Fridays - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

#### *Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:*

Monday - Friday - 3:00 PM  
Saturday - 3:00 PM at *Blessed Sacrament Chapel*  
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 3 months.

**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.



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# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEXAGESIMA



† **Mass Intentions at *Little Flower Church***  
Sunday, Feb. 23 – 8:15am Bishop David Talley  
Sunday, Feb. 23 – 10:45am Pro Populo  
Monday, Feb. 24 – 8:15am Healing of Xiomara Valldejuli  
Tuesday, Feb. 25 – 5:30pm Intentions of Fr. Gonzalez  
Wednesday, Feb. 26 - 8:15am Poor Souls; Bernita Henley; Trump Admin; Intention of Randall Terry; Healing of Xiomara Valldejuli  
  
Thursday, Feb. 27 – 8:15am Conversion of Daniel Carrasco  
Friday, Feb. 28 - 8:15am Healing of Xiomara Valldejuli  
Saturday, Mar. 1 – 8:15am In Reparation to the Imm. Heart  
Sunday, Mar. 2 – 8:15am Sanctification of L.F. Parish  
Sunday, Mar. 2 – 10:45am Pro Populo



**RETURN HIS LOVE:** Spend an hour with the Lord on Thursdays 5-7 p.m. with confessions and Eucharistic Vigil on the Thursday before First Friday and *ALL DAY* First Friday. Will you neglect this opportunity to return His love? Sign up sheets in vestibule.

**ADORACION:** Jueves 5-7 p.m. con confesiones y Vigilia Eucaristica el Jueves antes del Primer Viernes y **TODO EL DÍA** los Primeros Viernes de cada mes. Las hojas de inscripción estan en el vetibulo.

**Remember in Your Prayers**  
**Recuerde en Sus Oraciones:**

Xiomara Valldejuli,  
Mary Blanchard,  
Deborah Ottawa,  
Henry Olivi,  
Helen Johnson



Contact the office to add or resubmit prayer petitions.

**Sanctuary Candle Dedication**

The candles that burn before the Blessed Sacrament in red globes are weekly offerings to God for particular intentions. We have 2 week candles for \$20 and 1 week for \$10. Candle offering envelopes can be found in the votive candle stands.

**2 Week Candles / Veladoras de 2 Semanas**  
**Little Flower / Santa Teresita:**  
1. Special Intention of Susie Oakes  
2. Graces for a Fruitful Lent  
3. En Memoria de Juan Carlos Coss Vargas  
**Blessed Sacrament Chapel / Santisimo Sacramento:**  
1. In Reparation to the Blessed Sacrament



† **Mass Intentions at *Blessed Sacrament Chapel***  
Saturday, Feb. 22 – 4:00pm Poor Souls; Pres. Trump Admin. David & Gladys Benavides  
  
Sunday, Feb. 23 – 1:45pm Int. of Vazquez Guerrero Fam.  
Saturday, Mar. 1 – 4:00pm Poor Souls; Pres. Trump Admin.; Conversion of America; Healing of Xiomara Valldejuli  
  
Sunday, Mar. 2 – 1:45pm Healing of Xiomara Valldejuli

<b>Sunday Scripture Readings</b>	<b>Lecturas Bíblicas Dominicales</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - 1 Samuel 26: 2-23	1 <sup>ra</sup> - 1 Samuel 26, 2-23
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49	2 <sup>da</sup> - 1 Corintios 15, 45-49
Gospel - Luke 6: 27-38	Evangelio - Lucas 6, 27-38

Abishai said to David: *“Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear, I will not need a second thrust!”*



David replied: *“Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the Lord’s anointed and remain unpunished?”*  
**1 Samuel 26: 8-9**

**Weekly Offerings** (*Sunday Feb. 9, 2025*) Fiscal Year 07/24 - 6/25  
**General:** \$6,927.00\* **YTD:** \$111,142.76  
**Building:** \$0\* **YTD:** \$16,185  
**St. Martin Offering:** \$0\* **YTD:** \$18,155.24

**ST. JOSEPH’S PROJECTS PHASE ONE COLLECTION:**  
Repairing our roof as we look forward to the 100 year anniversary of Little Flower parish. Campaign to Date Total as of this Fiscal Year: \$77,093.72\*  
*\*please note this week’s totals do not reflect online giving. These will be noted in upcoming counts. Thank you for your patience.*  
**Today’s 2nd Collection is for St. Martin de Porres Society**

*“Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor.”*  
*- German Proverb*

**Dedicación de la Vela del Santuario**

Las velas que arden antes del Santísimo Sacramento en globos rojos son ofrendas con intenciones particulares. Tenemos velas de 2 semanas por \$20 y de 1 semana por \$10. Los sobres de ofrenda se pueden encontrar donde están las veladoras.

**1 Week Candles / Veladoras de 1 Semana**  
**Little Flower / Santa Teresita:**  
1. Healing of Xiomara Valldejuli  
2. Conversion of the Enemies of the Church  
**Blessed Sacrament Chapel / Santisimo Sacramento:**  
1. Conversion of Violent Criminals  
2. Benefactors of the Parish



“ Why turn the other cheek? Because hate multiplies like a seed. If one preaches hate and violence to ten men in a row, and tells the first man to strike the second, and the second to strike the third, the hatred will envelop all ten. The only way to stop this hate is for one man (say the fifth in line), to turn his other cheek. Then the hatred ends. It is never passed on. Absorb violence for the sake of the Savior, Who will absorb sin and die for it. The Christian law is that the innocent shall suffer for the guilty.

Thus He would have us do away with adversaries, because when no resistance is offered, the adversary is conquered by a superior moral power; such love prevents the infection of the wound of hate. To endure for a year the bore who afflicts you for a week; to write a letter of kindness to the man who calls you dirty names; to offer gifts to the man who would steal from you; never to answer back with hatred the man who lies and says you are disloyal to your country or tells the worse lie, that you are against freedom—these are the hard things which Christ came to teach, and they no more suited His time than they do ours. They suit only the heroes, the great men, the saints, the holy men and women who will be the salt of the earth, the leaven in the mass, the elite among the mob, the kind who will transform the world. If certain people are not lovable, one puts love into them and they will become lovable. Why is anyone lovable—if it be not that God put His love into each of us? ”

- Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, from his book *Life of Christ*



Beginning **March 11 -March 19.** \$50 Donation to St. Theresa “St. Joseph’s Projects” to enroll a loved one in nine Masses seeking the intercession of St. Joseph. Donations may be made either by check (payable to St. Theresa Church and write *St. Joseph’s Projects* in the memo), in the collection with the filled-in slip (available by the statue of St. Joseph), or online via the link below (please select *St. Joseph Projects* when donating). **Enrollments must be received by March 6.**

Visit **LittleFlowerMemphis.org/novena** to enroll.

**Lent is just around the corner!** What will you offer to the Lord this Lent and how will you prepare your heart for the great Paschal Triduum? Be ready on Ash Wednesday. This is a period which can transform your relationship with Christ.

**Make your Lent fruitful!**



**LENTEN RICE BOWLS:**

Please be sure to take home a rice bowl for your Lenten Almsgiving. The alms received will be given to help the poorest of the poor in Memphis served by St. Teresa of Calcutta’s Missionaries of Charity.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**



**MARCH 5, 2025**

**6 a.m. - Misa en Español de Miércoles de Ceniza en *Santa Teresita***

**5 p.m. - English Mass at *Blessed Sacrament Chapel***

**7 p.m. - High Mass at *Little Flower***

*There will be distribution of Blessed Ashes at all Masses*





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