

*"You are my
beloved Son; with
you I am well
pleased."*



SUNDAY MASS
9:00 am, 11:30 am, & 8:00 pm
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 8:00 am



Our Mission

Driven by the missionary zeal of St. Thérèse,
the Lord anoints us to proclaim
to the poor and broken
the Good News
that Jesus calls us to abundant life in Him.

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday After 8:30 am Mass
Saturday 8:30 to 9:30 am, and 4:30 to 5:00 pm
(Or By Appointment.)

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

Saturday 8:30-9:30 am
Most Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 9:00-10:00 am

Additional Sacraments

Baptism & Anointing of the Sick—Contact the office for more information.
Marriage—Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Wednesdays 10:00 am-12:00 pm



This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am †Catherine Griffin
5:30 pm †Helen & John Finlay

Sunday, January 10

9:00 am †Gary Miller
11:30 am Intentions of Jenny Daley
8:00 pm The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Monday, January 11

8:30 am †David Dunnivant

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 am †Barbara Warnee

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 am †Brother Peter Martin

(cont.) & the intentions of Pat Gehred

Thursday, January 14

8:30 am †Steve Prince

Friday, January 15

8:30 am †Barbara Warner

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am †For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 pm †Helen & John Finlay

Sunday, January 17

9:00 am †Matthew Vu Phong Pham
11:30 am Intentions of Jenny Daley
8:00 pm The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little Flower

From Father Terry

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased." ...At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

The reading today ends with the words of the Father over the Lord Jesus. These words are huge and should be prayed about in depth for every one of us. That's why I included the next verse above. The first thing Jesus does is He goes to the desert (wilderness) to get away from everything and think about what the Father is doing in Him.

Have you ever let these words, spoken over you in your Baptism, to sink into the core of your being?

The words of the Gospel of Mark at Jesus' baptism also are the foundation for the beginning phrase of our parish's mission statement: ***driven by the missionary zeal of St. Thérèse.*** The Holy Spirit drives us into discovering the fullness of our identity and into our work for the Lord and His Church. The openness to the Holy Spirit is critical for living the Christian life. May our parish always be open to the new ways the Spirit will drive us forward as it drove the Lord Jesus and drove our patroness!

Continuing our reflections through the Parish Pastoral Plan, we delve into the second Core Value of the Parish Plan – Joyful Receptivity. The short phrases we want to live in our parish are: (1) Learning to hear God's voice; (2) Trusting that everything is grace; (3) Dreaming God-sized dreams. Again, I would like to expand upon these bullet points.

Learning to hear God's voice. We live in a society rife with noise and distractions, hindering our ability to hear God's voice or give attention to it. And the pressures of modern life, along with choices we make in utilizing our time, can create a lot of static that deafen us to God's voice. The prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 19 doesn't hear God's voice in a

strong and violent wind, an earthquake, or a fire, but in a gentle whisper. That is why being silent and listening in personal prayer is so vital. And that is why hearing the Word of God at Mass and reading and praying with Scripture can be so fruitful. All help us to hear distinguish God's voice from the dissonances of societal voices that vie for our attention and thus for our heart.

Trusting that everything is grace. Those words – everything is grace – from our patroness St. Thérèse, are so simple and so profound, as is the case of much of what she said. Grace doesn't mean easy, or perfect, or simple, or unchallenging. It means that everything is a blessing from God. If it is something we have prayed for, the blessing is obvious. If it is a misfortune, then the blessing is in the healing, peace, compassion, mercy, understanding, wisdom, discernment, etc. which God may be calling us to on the other side of the misfortune. Grace always calls us to a new place, something new and better, always into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Dreaming God-sized dreams. How often do we define ourselves by our limitations rather than our possibilities? Or "it is what it is" rather than "it will be what it can be"? In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." So why wouldn't we want to imagine peace for all? The eradication of poverty, hunger, discrimination, violence, war, and every other form of injustice? A culture of life and love in our homes, community, nation, and world? A God-sized dream imagines Little Flower as a family, not just a parish. A God-sized dream imagines us all as disciples of Jesus, not just ten, or twenty, or thirty, or forty percent of us.

St. Thérèse, the little flower, pray for us to live from our Christian identity in baptism!



Church Renovation Announcements:

Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday: 8:30am in the Parish Center

Weekday Adoration + Confession

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Adoration will be held from 9:00am to 10:00am and Confession from 9:00am to 9:30am in the Parish Center

Personal Prayer

The church is not available for private prayer at this time. You may ring the bell at the Parish Center (during regular business hours) to spend time at the "chapel" in the gym.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us!

Text of the Propers for the Baptism of the Lord

The Propers of the Mass include the Scriptural texts that change with the liturgical calendar. The Proper texts which will be chanted by a cantor are the Introit (when the priest processes to the altar), Offertory (when the altar is prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist), and Communion.

Introit: “You have loved justice and hated iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.” (Psalm 45:7)

Offertory: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord God is our light, alleluia, alleluia.” (Psalm 118:26-27)

Communion: “As for all of you who have been baptized in Christ, you have put on Christ, alleluia.” (Galatians 3:27)

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021

Sunday	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3); Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Monday	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a); 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

From the Director of Sacred Music & Liturgy

When does Christmas end? The answers - plural! - might surprise you. Depending on who you ask, the Christmas season ends:

- December 26: If retail were any indication, secular culture holds that Christmas begins just after Thanksgiving and ends at 12:00 AM on December 26, just in time for the stores to tear down Christmas displays and start putting out candy hearts for Valentine’s Day.
- January 1: All the major feasts of the Church year have an “octave,” a period of eight days during which each day’s Mass is celebrated as though it were the feast itself. January 1 is considered the “Octave day” of Christmas, and the intervening days are said to be “within the Octave of Christmas.”
- January 6: The “twelve days of Christmas” end with the commemoration of the Magi’s visit on the feast of Epiphany, celebrated each year on January 6.
- January 10: The liturgical season of Christmas (situated between Advent and Ordinary Time) begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, this year on January 10. Ordinary time begins again on January 11th and will last until the beginning of Lent.
- February 2: Traditionally, the season of Christmastide has always lasted forty days. This corresponds to the forty days of Lent and to the forty days between Easter and Ascension Thursday. The forty days after Christmas end on February 2 with the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as the Purification of Mary or Candlemas.

In 2021, I pray that the Lord bless you, your guardian angels protect you, and Mary keep you safely under her mantle. And if you’re looking for an excuse to keep your Christmas decorations up for a few more weeks, now you have one.

Peace,
Daniel

SANCTIFYING THE HOME

Workshop for Women



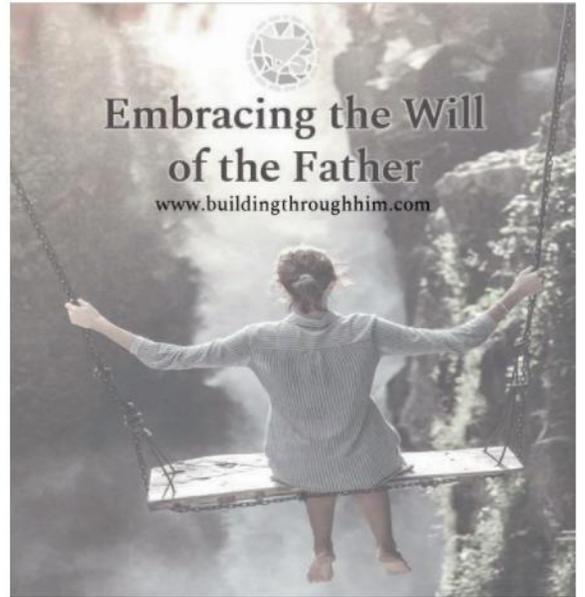
What if creating a more peaceful, prayerful and organized environment in your home were one of your goals for this new year? How can you align this personal goal with the call to make your home a space where you and your friends and family can encounter Christ? We invite all women to consider joining us for a 4 part workshop, Sanctifying the Home, beginning **this Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 8 pm.**

The workshop sessions will be led by Colleen Billing, a wife and mother of five, and the CEO of Peaceful Interiors: a business dedicated to helping women order and organize their lives, and to bring peace & beauty into their homes.

SIGN UP HERE!

www.littleflowerchurch.org/year-of-the-family

Questions?
Contact Abby Kyle
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Kingdom Builders

Date: January 21, 2021

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Location: St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Teaching: Embracing the Will of the Father

God designed us for order and rhythm. But this can be difficult when we are burdened by the chaos in the news, social media, work, or even within our own families. How do we keep our focus on Jesus and the Will of God in the midst of the commotion? Ladies, come join us to find the peace and joy our Heavenly Father desires for you. All Women Welcome.

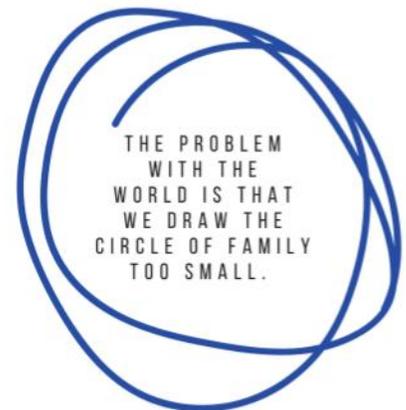
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Healing Prayer Corner:
Come, Holy Spirit

There is much in today's readings that would make genuine resolutions for this new year. In the First Reading from Isaiah, we hear that we're to be "a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness." In the Second Reading, Jesus "went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil." And in the Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims, "he will baptize you [us] with the Holy Spirit."

All this is for us, now. If we're to be a light for our community, we must shine brightly. That may be harder during this pandemic, but no less urgent. We must ask ourselves, "Am I a light shining brightly, or am I a flickering candle?" Perhaps more importantly, do I want to shine brightly, or do I want to be unseen, unheard? We, this writer included, need always a fresh infusion of the Holy Spirit. More truth, more energy, more boldness, all enwrapped with love.



January Food Pantry Dates

The Little Flower Food Pantry will be open on **Tuesdays, January 12th, 19th & 26th** from **1:30 pm to 3:15 pm**.

Details -

- 1 household per car
- Please bring photo ID & current piece of mail
- One visit per household per month



T.H.E. Prayer & Outreach Ministry

Our ministry (Teach, Heal, Evangelize) was formed to bring the transformative, loving Spirit of God to our parish community and beyond. Through lived teaching experiences based on Sacred Scripture, in union with the teachings of the Catholic Church and through exercising the healing gifts of the Holy Spirit as expressed in the Old and New Testaments, and evangelizing to a suffering world in need of the powerful touch of our loving God, T.H.E., invites all to our semi-weekly meetings held in Rooms 2 and 3 of the parish center, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Our Mission Statement: *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.”* Romans 12:2

Our next meetings will be held on January 13th & 27th, 2021. Masks and Social Distancing Required.

Thank you! Thank you!
Thank You!

We not only reached our Bishop’s Appeal goal but we have surpassed it! The goal was \$78,904 and we reached \$88,151 through collections and pledges. Thank you to everyone who donated and prayed for the success of the Bishop’s Appeal. The money collected above our goal will be used for the church renovations.



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- How did I put Christ in His rightful place at the center of my calendar, my life, my heart this past week?
- What intentional step will I take to love Him first this week?
- What goals will I set for this new year that will help me prioritize spending time with Jesus?



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