



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



BULLETIN/BOLETIN

JULY 28TH
XVII SUNDAY IN O.T.

28 DE JULIO
XVII DOMINGO EN T.O.



Ask
and it will
be given
to you;
Seek
and you
will find;
Knock

and the door will be opened to you.

LUKE 11:9

PASTOR

REV. MANUEL F. ALVAREZ

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PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE PERMANENT DEACONS

REV. JUAN ESCAMEZ
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DEACON MIGUEL PARLADE

*Together, Worshipping the Lord, Forming Disciples, Serving in the Name of Jesus
Juntos, Adorando al Señor, Formando Discípulos, Sirviendo en Nombre de Jesús*

READINGS OF THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday/Domingo:	Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday/Lunes:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday/Martes:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday/Miercoles:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday/Jueves:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday/Viernes:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday/Sabado:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday/Domingo:	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 28th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	Cesar Guerrero
9:00 am †	Pura Lopez-Oña Centurion
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the COTLF Parish Family
12:30 pm †	Eduardo Rodriguez Arias
5:30 pm †	Zoila Vargas de Ortiz

Monday, July 29th

Memorial of St. Martha

6:15 am †	Veronica Misskelly
8:00 am	Sylvia & Roberto Palenzuela
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Tuesday, July 30th

Memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:15 am †	Fernando & Sylvia Reccio
8:00 am †	Patricia Diaz Perez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, July 31st

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

6:15 am †	Zoila Freixas
8:00 am	Miguel I. Santibáñez's Birthday
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Thursday, August 1st

Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:15 am	Alexa Villasmil's Health
8:00 am	Elizabeth Santibáñez's Birthday
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, August 2nd

Memorial of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

6:15 am	Garcia Family's Health
8:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Saturday, August 3rd

Saturday of Week XVII in Ordinary Time

8:00 am †	Omar Guerra
5:00 pm †	Cristina Parlade

Sunday, July 28th

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am	Anjit Sonny Banerjee
9:00 am	Intentions of John & Peter Murdock
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the COTLF Parish Family
12:30 pm	Robert Ibarra & Family
5:30 pm †	Gracia Bombino de Bruni



PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28th

2:00 pm Baptisms - C

Monday, July 29th

7:00 pm Bible Study - RPC
7:30 pm Emaús de Hombres - RPC

Tuesday, July 30th

7:00 pm Legion of Mary - LH
8:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group - RPC

Wednesday, July 31st

7:00 pm Talleres de Oración y Vida - RPC
7:30 pm Women's Emmaus - RPC
7:30 pm Grupo de Oración Carismático - CHP
7:30 pm Legion de Maria (Español) - LH

Thursday, August 1st

STS Main Office Opens
7:00 pm Cursillos - RPC

Friday, August 2nd

7:30 pm Grupo de Oración Carismático - RPC

Saturday, August 3rd

7:00 am First Saturday Devotion - C
8:30 am Confessions - C
9:00 am Clases de Preparacion Bautismal - RPC

Sunday, August 4th



Second Collection: Seminary Burse Fund

Next weekend's second collection is for the benefit of the Seminary Burse Fund in support of the seminarians from the Archdiocese of Miami.

These men - with God's grace - will be our priests in the future.

Please use the specially designated envelopes for your donation to this fund and place it in the offertory baskets. May God bless you abundantly!

2:00 pm Baptisms - C



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER FLORES

Have you ever heard of “coke machine praying”? Think about it. We put in the correct change, make our selection, and get what we want. Right? As Jesus tells us, “For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” So, we offer the coins of our wants and needs, our beliefs, and our good behavior. We tell God what we want and expect to get what we asked for.

All that works fine until it doesn't. Coke machines are great until they take your money and give you nothing or give you a Mountain Dew when you selected a Diet Coke! Look how we respond when that happens. We get mad. We push the button again and again. We hit or kick the machine. We tip it side to side. We did our part and expect it to do its. It's not so different with prayer. Some will get angry. Some will feel hurt or betrayed and lose faith. Some will even leave the church.

I've never had anyone come to me and say, “Why was my prayer answered? Why did I receive exactly what I asked for?” Rather, they want to know why they asked but did not receive, why they searched but did not find, why they knocked but the door never opened. We all do! It's happened to all of us, me included. It's not just my story. It's your story too. It's the story of everyone who has ever prayed. We've all lost our money at least once.

I also can't help but remember another man praying on a Thursday night. He prayed with words, sweat, and blood. “Please, please, please Father.” They crucified him the following afternoon. Ask. Search. Knock. I don't have a complete understanding of how prayer works but I know this. It is not about the coins. It is not a mechanical process. It is not a transaction. It is not the transmission of information to God.

It is however, about always praying with hope and persistence, believing that we always get something. Even if it's not exactly what we asked for. Because in the asking is the receiving and we never leave prayer worse off than when we began. Any time we pray wholeheartedly we get something. We are transformed. Saint Ignatius speaks of the effect of prayer – an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention, but we always get the Holy Spirit. I have never left prayer poorer than when I started. Knock and the door will be opened... in the knocking itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts will follow.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty of prayer is that sometimes we just want to offer our coins and push the button. We don't want God. We want something from God. We want God to change our circumstances.

While God can and sometimes does change circumstances, I am increasingly convinced that God, more often than not, changes us. God's gratuitous self-giving sustains, nourishes, strengthens, empowers, emboldens, and enables us to face the circumstances of life. We do so, sometimes with joy and gratitude, other times with pain and loss, but ALWAYS with GOD. On my better days I know this and that's enough. On those other days? I get down on my knees and cry out, “Lord, teach me to pray.”

So, we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, trusting that our prayers will be answered as only he can. This is one of the greatest faiths of all. Complete trust in our Father who art in Heaven.



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE FLORES

¿Alguna vez has oído hablar de "rezar como máquina de coca-cola"? Piénsalo. Ponemos el cambio correcto, hacemos nuestra selección y obtenemos lo que queremos. ¿Cierto? Como Jesús nos dice, "Porque quien pide, recibe; quien busca, encuentra, y al que toca, se le abre." Entonces, ofrecemos las monedas de nuestros deseos y necesidades, nuestras creencias y nuestro buen comportamiento. Le decimos a Dios lo que queremos y esperamos obtener lo que pedimos.

Todo eso funciona bien hasta que no funciona. ¡Las máquinas de Coca son geniales hasta que toman tu dinero y no te dan nada o te dan un Mountain Dew cuando seleccionas una Coca de Dieta! Mira cómo respondemos cuando eso sucede. Nos enojamos. Pulsamos el botón una y otra vez. Golpeamos o pateamos la máquina. Lo inclinamos de lado a lado. Hicimos nuestra parte y esperamos que la maquina haga su parte. No es tan diferente con la oración. Algunos se enojarán. Algunos se sentirán heridos o traicionados y perderán la fe. Algunos incluso dejarán la iglesia.

Nunca he tenido a nadie que viniera a mí y me dijera: "¿Por qué Dios contesto mi oración? ¿Por qué recibí exactamente lo que pedí?" Más bien, quieren saber por qué preguntaron, pero no recibieron, por qué buscaron, pero no encontraron, por qué golpearon, pero la puerta nunca se abrió. ¡Todos lo hacemos! Nos ha pasado a todos, yo incluido. No es solo mi historia. Es tu historia también. Es la historia de todos los que han orado. Todos hemos perdido nuestro cambio al menos una vez.

Tampoco puedo evitar recordar de un hombre que estaba orando el jueves por la noche. Oró con palabras, sudor y sangre. "Por favor, por favor, por favor, Padre". Lo crucificaron la tarde siguiente. Pedir. Buscar. Tocar. No tengo una comprensión completa de cómo funciona la oración, pero sé esto. No se trata de las monedas. No es un proceso mecánico. No es una transacción. No es la transmisión de información a Dios.

Sin embargo, se trata de orar siempre con esperanza y persistencia, creyendo que siempre obtenemos algo. Incluso si no es exactamente lo que pedimos. Porque preguntar es recibir y nunca dejamos la oración peor que cuando empezamos. Cada vez que oramos con todo corazón obtenemos algo. Somos transformados. San Ignacio habla del efecto de la oración: un aumento de la fe, la esperanza y el amor. Puede que no obtengamos la intención específica, pero siempre obtenemos el Espíritu Santo. Nunca he dejado la oración más pobre que cuando comencé. Toca y la puerta se abrirá ... en el mismo toque se abre algo. Al preguntar y buscar obtenemos algo. El primer regalo de la oración es el amor de Dios. Otros regalos seguirán.

Quizás la mayor dificultad de la oración es que a veces solo queremos ofrecer nuestras monedas y presionar el botón. No queremos a Dios. Queremos algo de Dios. Queremos que Dios cambie nuestras circunstancias.

Si bien, Dios puede y, a veces, cambia las circunstancias, pero estoy cada vez más convencido de que Dios, en la mayoría de los casos, nos cambia a nosotros. La entrega gratuita de Dios sustenta, nutre, fortalece, nos anima y nos permite enfrentar las circunstancias de la vida. Lo hacemos, algunas veces con alegría y gratitud, otras veces con dolor y pérdida, pero SIEMPRE con DIOS. En mis mejores días sé esto y eso es suficiente. ¿En esos otros días? Me arrodillo y grito: "Señor, enséñame a orar".

Entonces, oramos por lo que necesitamos y luego dejamos la oración con Dios, confiando en que nuestras oraciones serán contestadas como solo él puede hacerlo. Esta es una de las más grandes creencias de todas. Confianza completa en nuestro Padre que estás en el Cielo.

TOGETHER | JUNTOS



HOLY LAND 2020 PILGRIMAGE

Join Father Flores on the Holy Land pilgrimage, from March 6th - 15th, 2020. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as you enjoy the best religion class you will ever take in your life! Holy Land pilgrimage trips fill up quickly, so act fast to reserve your spot!

Contact Irma Aguilar for more information, 305-446-9950, ext.314 or to place your deposit.

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IS YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION UP TO DATE?

Membership has its benefits and we want all of the good people of our community to be accounted for, supported, included, and known!

Registering as a new parishioner OR updating your family information has never been easier. Every COTLF family has the ability to access their parish registry record from the convenience of home or right from your smart devices. Simply create a “*My Own Church*” username and password and you’ll be able to review the information we have on file, provide updates if you’ve moved or changed your phone or email, find your envelope number, view your contribution history, and more. Gaining access to the “*My Own Church*” portal takes only a minute. Just click the “Registration” option in the menu of our parish website (www.COTLF.org). Once you are matched to an existing record, or have a new record created, you’ll be granted full access to update your family details and remain informed of all the good things happening at COTLF! As always, you are welcome to call or visit the parish office for any assistance with registering or updating your contact information, as well.



SUMMER FUN RUNS EVERY MONDAY!

Join us every Monday evening at 6:00pm
at the St. Therese Prayer Grotto
for the COTLF Summer Fun Runs!

A safe, simple-to-follow route will be provided.

All runners and walkers are invited.

Children are welcome with adult supervision. Families with strollers, join in!

No timing. No pressure. Just fun!

COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

- ♦ Luz Angela Gallo
- ♦ Robert Sanchez
- ♦ Cristina Sierra
- ♦ Jennifer Yudice
- ♦ Elisa and Enrique Massens
- ♦ Ofelia Sotomayor
- ♦ Gloria L.V. Keigans
- ♦ Crystal Martin
- ♦ Frances Shaheen

- ♦ Michele Luciano
- ♦ Dean Carr
- ♦ Ana Isabel Herrera
- ♦ Maria de Cardenas
- ♦ Juan Carbonell
- ♦ Manny Nuñez
- ♦ Elena Garcia
- ♦ Pedro M. Barreda
- ♦ Bob Needham

Need to add a name
to our parish prayer list?
Please contact
Jorge Santibáñez
at the Parish Office.



WORSHIPPING THE LORD | ADORANDO AL SEÑOR

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us at 7:00am on Saturday, August 3rd for the monthly First Saturday Devotion in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary."



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Consider incorporating Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to your weekly or daily routine on your journey of faith!

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every morning, Monday thru Friday, from 9am to 12pm, in the Parish Office Chapel.

All are welcome to pray before the Real Presence.



THE MYSTICAL ROSE PRAESIDIUM OF THE LEGION OF MARY

English Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Reuniones en Español: Miercoles a las 7:30 pm

Mystical Rose Regia Legion House

129 Almeria Avenue ▪ Coral Gables, FL 33134

For more information, please contact

Laura Ramirez, 817-798-5648 or Maria Lopez, 786-247-3872,
or Gladys Maloff, 305-395-2347 or Flor Castor, 305-775-7824 (Español)



GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICO

El grupo de Oracion Carismático en Español invita a la comunidad a sus reuniones semanales de Alabanza en la oficina parroquial, todos los viernes de 7:30pm a 9:30pm.

Si desea mas información sobre el grupo, favor de llamar a Daisy Muik al (305) 498-0026.



FORMING DISCIPLES | FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

All Registration Forms, Information and Calendars for the 2019-2020 Catechetical Year are now available on the Parish Religious Ed Website:

www.COTLFReligiousEd.org

2019-2020 Classes will be offered:

Saturdays, 10-11:30am

Wednesdays, 4-5:30pm

Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm

Kinder through Grade 5

Grades 1 through 5

Grades 6 through High School

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP PASS ON OUR FAITH TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

The Office of Religious Education is always seeking out volunteers willing to serve as catechists or classroom assistants in our weekly Religious Ed classes.

If you feel called to help pass on our Catholic faith to the next generation, please consider joining our team of catechists!

Classes resume again in September and run through May.

For more information, please contact our DRE, Jorge Santibáñez



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic as a child but have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist? Do you know someone who still has not received their Sacraments of Initiation?

The Church of Little Flower offers you an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA) is the formation process to prepare adults and persons who have reached the age of reason, to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

RCIA meets every Tuesday from 7PM through 9PM at Reilly Parish Center starting on September 24, 2019. Applications are available in the front of the Church, the Parish Center or on our website. Applications may be e-mailed to Deacon Roberto F. Fleitas, Jr. at RFleitas@cotlf.org or delivered or mailed to Church of the Little Flower, 2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. Attention: Deacon Roberto F. Fleitas, Jr.

Talleres de Oración y Vida

APRENDER A ORAR PARA APRENDER A VIVIR

¿Esta en búsqueda de una relación mas intima con EL SENOR?
¡Inscríbase en los Talleres de Oración y Vida!

El Taller te llevara a través de las Escrituras y diversas formas de Oración a una relación mas Intima con el Señor, convirtiéndose Jesus en tu mejor amigo.

Los Talleres se darán en español y comenzaran el 14 de agosto a las 7:00pm en el salón de conferencia de la oficina parroquial.

Para mas información contactar a Eva y Francisco Guía:
305-984-5944 o evaguian@gmail.com



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Summer vacations are here! As you relax and unwind, we hope you continue your faith journey wherever you may be. Please remember that Little Flower remains open throughout the summer and we count on your financial support. If you are not yet signed up for Online Giving now is an excellent time. Simply go to www.COTLF.org and click on the Online Giving tab.

Signing up and using Online Giving is an Easy, Safe and Convenient way to continue your generous support of Little Flower even when you are away. Thank you!

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