



# Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

*July 3rd*

XIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*3 de Julio*

XIV DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



*Pastor*

REV. MANUEL F. ALVAREZ

*Parochial Vicar*

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



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday - Friday

Time	Language
6:15 am	English
8:00 am	English — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:30 pm	Español — <i>Livestreamed</i>

### Saturday

Time	Language
8:00 am	English — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:00 pm	English Vigil

### Sunday

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English — <i>Livestreamed</i>
12:30 pm	Español — <i>Livestreamed</i>
5:30 pm	English

## CONFESSIONS

Priests are available to hear Confessions every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am.



## ST. JOSEPH PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Visit [www.cotlf.org/adoration](http://www.cotlf.org/adoration) for more details



## CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - REILLY PARISH CENTER

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

### Contact

P. (305) 446-9950  
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## SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### School Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:15 am - 3:15 pm

### Address

2701 Indian Mound Trail  
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Administered by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of LA - Sr. Rosalie, Principal

## SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome to the Catholic Church!  
Congratulations to  
Our Newly Baptized

- † Nico Raul Delgado
- † Micaela Lucia Fumero
- † Giuliana Rae Hernandez
- † Rospigliosi
- † Kairo Hermida
- † Ronald Carl Iacone, III
- † Konner Creed Meyer



Congratulations and  
God's Blessings to Those  
Joined in Holy Matrimony

- † Rohit Gupta  
& Fiorella Perez



Rest in Peace. We Pray for  
Those Who Have Entered Eternity

- † Yolanda Chediak

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Private on Saturdays or Group on Sundays at 2pm. Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance.
- Privados los sábados o en grupo los domingos a las 2pm. Arreglos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación.

## SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

*You may have noticed that collection totals have not been published in this space over the last several weeks.*

*As we finalize the hiring of our new Parish Finance Manager, the "Signs of our Stewardship" reports will be returning soon.*

*All collection totals for the month of June will soon be published together and weekly collection reports will resume afterwards.*



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

## WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

### Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Sat Vigil	For the Holy Father's Intention: The Elderly
7:30 am	Maria & Charles Friscia
9:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
10:30 am	<b>Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family</b>
12:30 pm	+ Jesus Rosales
5:30 pm	+ Lydia de Bauza and Antonio & Catalina Bauza

### Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday of Week XIV in Ordinary Time

8:00 am	For Peace in Our Country
12:00 pm	For Our Country's Freedom

### Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

6:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
8:00 am	+ Xochitl Hernandez Mendez
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Thursday of Week XIV in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	+ Andres Rangel
8:00 am	+ Francis H. Recio
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Friday of Week XIV in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	+ Anthony Reus
8:00 am	+ Maria Antonia Hernandez
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
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### Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Sat Vigil	+ Manuel De Jesus Lezcano
7:30 am	+ Giovanni Cuenca
9:00 am	+ Felix Rodriguez
10:30 am	<b>Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of the Parish Family</b>
12:30 pm	+ Elena Hernandez
5:30 pm	+ Solomon Guerrero

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

Sunday	Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-3,4-5,6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or Lk 10:1-9
Monday	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36,37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

### SUNDAYS

2:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Days (Comber Hall Parking Lot) <i>2nd Sunday, Monthly— Joe Lluhi, lluhij@aol.com</i>
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### MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room) Mercy Gonzalez, <a href="mailto:drmom92@gmail.com">drmom92@gmail.com</a>
7:00 pm	Cristo en Cuba (Chapel Conference Room) Adriano Garcia, <a href="mailto:adrianogar@aol.com">adrianogar@aol.com</a>
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Group (Zoom) Julie Otero, <a href="mailto:JOtero@vistacolor.com">JOtero@vistacolor.com</a>
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conference Room) Pedro D. Gonzalez, <a href="mailto:pdgv209@gmail.com">pdgv209@gmail.com</a>

### TUESDAYS

6:30 pm	Reaching for a Smile Rosary (St. Joseph Chapel) Maru de Castro, <a href="tel:305-335-4104">305-335-4104</a>
7:00 pm	Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Morras Conference Room) Nathalie, <a href="tel:305-496-6425">305-496-6425</a>
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House) Maria Lopez, <a href="tel:786-247-3872">786-247-3872</a>
8:00 pm	English Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel Conference Room) Felipe Vizcarrondo, <a href="mailto:fevmd@bellsouth.net">fevmd@bellsouth.net</a>

### WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Morras Conference Room)
7:30 pm	Oracion de Intercesion / Grupo Carismatico (Zoom) Maria Arrabal, <a href="mailto:uria.bernardo1996@att.net">uria.bernardo1996@att.net</a>
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus (Chapel Conference Room) Marifer Ordoñez, <a href="mailto:mfordonez@earthlink.net">mfordonez@earthlink.net</a>

### THURSDAYS

7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Reilly Conference Room) Luis Cuza, <a href="mailto:LCuza@cotlf.org">LCuza@cotlf.org</a>
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts (STS Cafeteria) St Theresa Pack 16, <a href="mailto:stspack16@gmail.com">stspack16@gmail.com</a>
7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Comber Hall Foyer) Core Team, <a href="mailto:contact@littlefloweremmaus.org">contact@littlefloweremmaus.org</a>

### FRIDAYS

7:00 pm	Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus (Zoom) Daisy Muik, <a href="mailto:dmuik48@yahoo.com">dmuik48@yahoo.com</a>
7:00 pm	Amor en Accion Monthly Meeting (STS Cafeteria) <i>1st Fridays, Monthly</i>
8:00 pm	English Marriage Covenant (Zoom) Janetsy Christensen, <a href="mailto:JanetsyC@bellsouth.net">JanetsyC@bellsouth.net</a>

### SATURDAYS

9:00 am	Baptism Preparation Classes (Zoom, See Schedule)
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## FROM FR. ANDREW'S DESK

### *My Dear Friends,*

To say that we are living in historic times would be a severe understatement. This week our nation turns 246 years old amid an environment that seems to be moving as quickly as ever. Independence Day celebrates our common American values. Again this year, we are struggling to grasp how to live those values when current events appear to undermine their very foundation. We have weathered much over the years, yet the key to our survival boils down to the simple truth we recognize as our national motto: "In God We Trust." That is where any celebration of Independence Day must begin. It's also how we as Catholics must confront the challenges of our times.

In the Book of Esther, the Persian king conspired to wipe out the Jewish people living in his kingdom. Esther, a Jewish woman in the Persian royal court, trusted in God and used her position of influence to save her people. Her stepfather Mordecai prayed this prayer as he awaited his fate, (Esther 4: 19-21) "O Lord God, almighty King, all things are in your power, and there is no one to oppose you in your will to save Israel. You made heaven and earth and every wonderful thing under the heavens. You are Lord of all, and there is no one who can resist you, Lord." That must be our prayer too!

The Lord is in charge of our country. He gave her to us 246 years ago and has been by our side through the ups and downs of those years. On the whole, we Americans, have been inspirational and aspirational, a beacon of freedom in a world of turmoil. The achievements are too numerous to count. But at times we have also been misguided and cruel. That is our human story. We remain grounded because we trust in God. When we lose sight of that as a society, we become rudderless. We become like a

directionless ship and the consequences are severe.

I imagine, if you're like me, you sit there and say, of course I trust in God, but what is going on? The divisions between us are only widening, there is worry about turmoil in the streets, and now there's another election? St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (4: 6-9) speaks directly to us this Independence Day. "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Our God is a God of Peace. He is a God of Justice. Our trust is in Him. Our part in all of this is to give thanks, to pray, and to petition God for His peace and justice in our country. And then, turn it into some definitive action, as described by Paul, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious... Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me."

Our nation needs our prayers, she needs our Catholic witness. She needs us to cling to God and to help be that rudder which guides the ship through stormy seas. Our society is far from perfect. It needs God's healing touch now and always. The Gospel of Jesus Christ will always point us away from injustice, violence, and division. Cherish what makes America beautiful, put aside what divides us, and now, more than ever, In God We Trust.

*God bless you all,*

*Fr. Andrew*





## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE ANDREW

*Mis Queridos Amigos,*

Decir que estamos viviendo tiempos históricos sería quedarse corto. Esta semana nuestra nación cumple 246 años en medio de un ambiente que parece estar moviéndose tan rápido como nunca. El Día de la Independencia celebra nuestros valores estadounidenses comunes. Una vez más este año, estamos luchando por comprender cómo vivir esos valores cuando los acontecimientos actuales parecen debilitar su propia base. Hemos resistido mucho a lo largo de los años, sin embargo, la clave de nuestra supervivencia se reduce a la simple verdad que reconocemos como nuestro lema nacional: "En Dios confiamos". Ahí es donde debe comenzar cualquier celebración del Día de la Independencia. También es la forma en que nosotros, como católicos, debemos enfrentar los desafíos de nuestros tiempos.

En el Libro de Ester, el rey persa conspiró para acabar con el pueblo judío que vivía en su reino. Ester, una mujer judía en la corte real persa, confió en Dios y usó su posición de influencia para salvar a su pueblo. Su padrastro Mardoqueo oró esta oración mientras esperaba su destino, (Ester 4: 17b-17d) "Señor, Señor, Rey que tienes poder sobre todas las cosas, porque todo está bajo tu dominio: no hay nadie que pueda oponerse a ti, si es tu voluntad salvar a Israel. Tu hiciste el cielo y la tierra y todas las maravillas que existen bajo el cielo: tú, Señor, eres Señor de todos y no hay nadie que pueda oponerse a ti." ¡Esa debe ser nuestra oración también!

El Señor está a cargo de nuestro país. Él nos la dio hace 246 años y ha estado a nuestro lado a través de los altibajos de esos años. En general, nosotros, los estadounidenses, hemos sido inspiradores y aspiracionales, un faro de libertad en un mundo de agitación. Los logros son demasiado numerosos para contarlos. Pero a veces también hemos estado equivocados y sido crueles. Esa es nuestra historia humana. Permanecemos

arraigados porque confiamos en Dios. Cuando perdemos de vista eso como sociedad, nos quedamos sin rumbo. Nos volvemos como un barco sin dirección y las consecuencias son severas.

Me imagino, si son como yo, se sientan allí y dicen, por supuesto que confío en Dios, pero ¿qué está pasando? Las divisiones entre nosotros solo se están ampliando, hay preocupación por la agitación en las calles, ¿y ahora hay otra elección? San Pablo en su carta a los Filipenses (4: 6-7) nos habla directamente sobre este Día de la Independencia. "No se aflijan por nada, sino preséntenselo todo a Dios en oración: pídanle, y denle gracias también. Así Dios les dará su paz, que es más grande de lo que el hombre puede entender: y esta paz cuidará sus corazones y sus pensamientos, porque ustedes están unidos a Cristo Jesús." Nuestro Dios es un Dios de Paz. Él es un Dios de Justicia. Nuestra confianza está en Él. Nuestra parte en todo esto es dar gracias, orar y pedir a Dios su paz y justicia en nuestro país. Y luego, convertirlo en una acción definitiva, como lo describe Pablo, "Todo lo que es verdadero, todo lo que es honorable, lo que es justo, lo que es puro, lo que es hermoso, lo que es misericordioso ... Sigamos haciendo lo que han aprendido, recibido, oído y visto en mí."

Nuestra nación necesita nuestras oraciones, ella necesita nuestro testimonio católico. Ella necesita que nos aferremos a Dios y que ayudemos a ser ese timón que guía el barco a través de mares tormentosos. Nuestra sociedad está lejos de ser perfecta. Necesita el toque sanador de Dios ahora y siempre. El Evangelio de Jesucristo siempre nos alejará de la injusticia, la violencia y la división. Aprencien lo que hace que Estados Unidos sea hermoso, dejen de lado lo que nos divide, y ahora, más que nunca, En Dios confiamos.

*Que Dios los bendiga a todos,*

*Padre Andrew*





## RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2022-2023 Catechetical Year is now open!

Classes are available for students in all grade levels from Kinder through High School.

Sacramental Prep for First Communion can begin as early as 1st Grade and for Confirmation as early as 7th Grade. Both Sacramental Prep programs require two consecutive Catechetical years of classes. Baptismal Prep classes are also available for those between the ages of 7 and 17 who have not yet been Baptized.

For more information, visit [www.COTLFReligiousEd.org](http://www.COTLFReligiousEd.org) or contact the Parish Office.



## ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - RCIA

COTLF offers adults an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

The program serves:

- † Unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholics.
- † Those baptized in another Christian Church who are seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church and the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
- † Baptized Catholic adults who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church and now seek the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

*The 2022-2023 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ("RCIA") program will begin on Tuesday, September 20th and meets every Tuesday from 7pm to 9pm, through April 18, 2023.*

To register for the program, please visit our Parish Website at [www.cotlf.org/RCIA](http://www.cotlf.org/RCIA) or contact Deacon Roberto Fleitas at [RFleitas@cotlf.org](mailto:RFleitas@cotlf.org)



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This coming Fall, we hope to launch a Troop of American Heritage Girls (AHG) here at COTLF. AHG was founded by a group of parents wanting a faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters in 1995.

The AHG Program is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. AHG girls across the nation and the globe participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement.

At this time, we are seeking parents/adults who would be willing to serve on our local AHG Troop Board. Those interested are asked to contact Jorge Santibáñez at the Parish Office: [JSantibanez@cotlf.org](mailto:JSantibanez@cotlf.org) or 305-446-9950, Ext 307.

*To learn more about American Heritage Girls, please visit [www.americanheritagegirls.org](http://www.americanheritagegirls.org)*



**PATHFINDER**  
Ages 5-6



**TENDERHEART**  
Ages 6-9



**EXPLORER**  
Ages 9-12



**PIONEER**  
Ages 12-14



**PATRIOT**  
Ages 14-18



# 4TH OF JULY SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE

*On Monday, July 4th there will be only two Masses scheduled:*

*8:00am in English and 12:00pm in Spanish.*

*The church will close immediately after the Noon Mass,  
but the adoration chapel will be accessible all day, as usual.*

*The Parish Office will also be closed in observance of the July 4th Holiday.*



## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS HIRING!

Our Parochial School is seeking a dynamic and qualified teacher for **6th Grade Social Studies/Science** for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

This teacher will be required to plan, organize, and implement our curriculum program for 6th grade Social Studies and Science. Teacher will perform all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the Catholic mission, vision, and values of the Archdiocese of Miami and St. Theresa Catholic School. If interested, please send your resume to our Principal, Sister Rosalie, OCD at [principal@stscg.org](mailto:principal@stscg.org)

## ENCUENTROS JUVENILES YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

*"You are the Salt of the Earth. You are the Light of the World." -MT 5:13-16*

*Encuentros Juveniles invites all Young Adult Men and Women to an English retreat to encounter Christ.*

*Who: Young Adult Men and Women, Ages 18-25*

*When: July 22-24*

*Where: Madonna Retreat Center (3600 SW 32nd Blvd, West Park, FL 33023)*

*Questions? Contact us!*

*Website: [www.encuentrosjuveniles.com](http://www.encuentrosjuveniles.com) • Instagram: [@encjuveniles](https://www.instagram.com/encjuveniles) • Facebook: Encuentros Juveniles*



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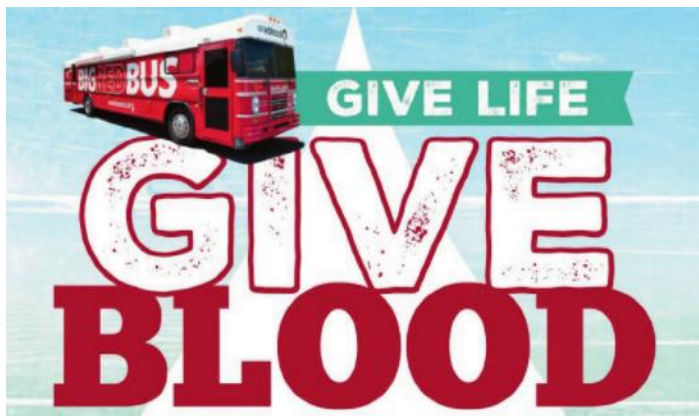
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## ***BLOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND***

*The OneBlood Blood Mobile will be here Sunday, July 3rd from 8:30am to 2:00pm.*

*Blood Donors receive:*

- \$20 eGift Card
- Limited Edition T-Shirt
- Wellness Checkup, including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, & cholesterol screening.



## ***COTLF HOMELESS MINISTRY UPDATE***

The next Homeless Ministry Service Day will take place next **Sunday, July 10th**. Only non-cooked, dry foods in cans and bags will be accepted.

The Miami Rescue Mission is most in need of the following items:

- Cans of Green beans, Baked beans, Collard greens, Kernel corn, Black beans
  - Bags of quick grits
  - Containers of quick oats
    - Frying oil
    - Salad oil
  - Bags of parboiled rice

Donations are collected behind Comber Hall at 2:30pm on the second Sunday of every month, to be delivered directly to the Miami Rescue Mission. All donations are welcomed.

For more information about our homeless ministry, please contact [cotlfhomelessministry@gmail.com](mailto:cotlfhomelessministry@gmail.com)



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# SAINT OF THE WEEK: MARIA GORETTI

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti. She was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write. When Maria made her First Communion not long before her death, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. “No, God does not wish it,” she cried out. “It is a sin. You would go to hell for it.” Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family), and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria’s mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter’s. Three years later, at Maria’s canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.

## REFLECTION:

Maria may have had trouble with catechism, but she had no trouble with faith. God’s will was holiness, decency, respect for one’s body, absolute obedience, total trust. In a complex world, her faith was simple: It is a privilege to be loved by God, and to love him—at any cost.

## PATRON SAINT OF:

Catholic Youth, Girls, Teenagers

*From: Franciscan Media, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/>*

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## COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ♦ Mercy Acosta            | ♦ Elena Garcia            | ♦ Gustavo Lobo             | ♦ Ryker Urbane Phelps      |
| ♦ Pat Ayala               | ♦ Kalea Garcia-Menocal    | ♦ Michele Luciano          | ♦ Porfirio Ponce           |
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"Et cum spiritu tuo."

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## Saint Junipero Serra

Saint Junipero Serra grew up in Spain, then became a missionary and traveled to the United States. He built missions and taught people about farming, cattle ranching, and Jesus. He became a saint in 2015.



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Solve the puzzle to learn what the disciples said when they entered a new house.

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