



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The
Light

March 19th, 2023

IV SUNDAY OF LENT

IV DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



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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
5:30 pm	Español

Saturday

Time	Language
8:00 am	English
5:00 pm	English Vigil

Sunday

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English
12:30 pm	Español
5:30 pm	English

CONFESSIONS

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



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Visit 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

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

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



Welcome to the Catholic Church!
Congratulations to
Our Newly Baptized

† Amelia Faith Alonso
† Isabella Grace Alonso
† Benjamin Lee Baldwin
† Alexis Taylor Garcia
† Layla Grace Garcia
† Ryan Luis Garcia
† Sebastian Michael Reyes



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

† Juan Andres Canarte
& Ana Sophia March
† John Moreno
& Samantha Roque
† Michael Sabates
& Janelle Pereyra



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

† Georgina Seoane

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. Visit cotlf.org/weddings for more information.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación. Visitar cotlf.org/weddings para mas información.

SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 12TH

Mass Attendance:	1,337
In-Church Collection:	\$9,810
Online Giving Offertory:	\$12,684
Drop-off & Mail-in Offering:	\$1,190
Children's Collection:	\$513
Devotional Candles:	\$743
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$325

**Combined in-person and online*

*Thank you for your generosity!
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Grand Total: \$25,265

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 19th

IV Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Sat	+ Yolanda Zugasti & Dolores Pelaez
7:30 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
9:00 am	+ Jose I. Suarez
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Ines Rennella
5:30 pm	+ Antonio y Lydia Bauzá

Monday, March 20th

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15 am	+ Miriam Cook
8:00 am	+ Tomas Humberto Monteagudo
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Tuesday, March 21st

Tuesday of Week IV of Lent

6:15 am	+ Deceased members of the Monteagudo Espino Family
8:00 am	+ Lillian Seage
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, March 22nd

Wednesday of Week IV of Lent

6:15 am	+ Helena Camargo & Maria Elena Alvarez
8:00 am	+ Sara Victoria Rodriguez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Thursday, March 23rd

Thursday of Week IV of Lent / Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

6:15 am	+ Ethel Wagner
8:00 am	Migdalena Diaz' Health
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, March 24th

Friday of Week IV of Lent

6:15 am	For Peace in the World
8:00 am	+ Alejandro y Olga Danger
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Saturday, March 25th

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am	Ivonne Davila's Birthday
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Sunday, March 26th

V Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Sat	Intentions of the Murdock Family
7:30 am	+ Celestino & Justina Hernandez
9:00 am	Peter Murdock
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Allen Urra
5:30 pm	Intentions of Antonio Bauzá

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19TH, 2023

Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
Monday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

SUNDAYS

1:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Days (Comber Hall Parking Lot) <i>2nd Sunday, Monthly</i> – homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com
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MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room AND Via Zoom) Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
7:00 pm	Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus (Cafeteria) Maru de Castro, leo12mariposa@gmail.com
7:00 pm	Cristo en Cuba (Chapel Conference Room) Adriano Garcia, adrianogar@aol.com
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Group (Zoom) Julie Otero, JOtero@vistacolor.com
7:30 pm	Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conference Room) Marcia Iglesias, marcia@amprex.net
7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conference Room) Pedro D. Gonzalez, pdgv209@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

6:30 pm	Reaching for a Smile Rosary (St. Joseph Chapel) Maru de Castro, 305-335-4104
7:00 pm	RCIA Classes (Cafeteria)
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House) Maria Lopez, 786-247-3872
7:30 pm	Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Morras Conference Room) Ingrid Pilon, 305-282-4607
8:00 pm	English Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel Conference Room) Felipe Vizcarrondo, fevmd@bellsouth.net

WEDNESDAYS

4p & 6:30p	Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School) <i>Visit www.COTLFReligiousEd.org for full calendar</i>
7:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conference Room)
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room) Marifer Ordoñez, mfordonez@earthlink.net

THURSDAYS

6:00 pm	Young Adults Praise & Worship Holy Hour (St. Joseph Chapel)
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (STS Music Room) Luis Cuza, LCuza@cotlf.org
7:00 pm	Scouts (STS Cafeteria) St Theresa Pack 16, stspack16@gmail.com
7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room) Core Team, contact@littlefloweremmaus.org
7:30 pm	Talleres — Curso Matrimonial (Chapel Conference Room) Eva y Francisco Guia, 305-984-5944 , evaguaia11@gmail.com

FRIDAYS

10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Morras Conference Room) <i>3rd Fridays, Monthly</i> , Katy Dunn, 305-443-5947
6:15 pm	American Heritage Girls (Cafeteria) <i>2nd and 4th Fridays, Monthly</i> , Holly Gomez, holly@gomezmiami.com
7:00 pm	Amor en Accion Monthly Meeting (Reilly Conference Room) <i>Last Fridays, Monthly</i>
8:00 pm	English Marriage Covenant (Zoom) Janetsy Christensen, JanetsyC@bellsouth.net

SATURDAYS

7:00 am	First Saturday Devotion Rosary (Church) <i>1st Saturday, Monthly</i> , Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
9:00 am	Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Conference Room) <i>1st Saturday (SPA), 2nd Saturday (ENG), Monthly</i>
10:00 am	Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School) <i>Visit www.COTLFReligiousEd.org for full calendar</i>



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14)

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

I've got a problem with people who proclaim a God who punishes us for our sins. This goes against the God that was revealed to us by Jesus Christ. This is the central question posed to Jesus in the gospel today: is a man blind because of his sins or those of his parents? The perception of God in the time of Jesus was that the Almighty punished us for our sins, but has this perception changed much over the last 2000 years? Many of us can still remember nuns with rulers (God bless them) and our grandmothers telling us that God would get back at us for misbehaving. We have to start changing this narrow perception of a punishing God to a God that forgives and whose love can and will transform the world. We are plagued with a sinful blindness that only Jesus can heal.

The poor blind man is innocently thrust into the middle of this debate over the consequences of sin, but it leads to yet another life-altering encounter with our Lord just like we saw with the Samaritan woman last week. In both cases, God has not punished either of them for any transgression, but both are blessed with a personal encounter with Jesus. They both come to a slow realization of who this man Jesus truly is. With the blind man, he goes from "the man called Jesus" to confessing that he must be a prophet to finally believing that Jesus is the Son of Man and worshipping him. It's also worth pointing out that there are references to Baptism throughout today's

readings: anointing in the first reading, the symbol of light in the second, and the washing away of the man's blindness at the Pool of Siloam in the gospel. This is important because our entire journey through the Lenten desert is towards the oasis of Easter waters where our catechumens will be reborn in Christ and where the rest of us will be refreshed and renewed.

Jesus stands ready to open all of our eyes this Lent. We are blinded by sin which sometimes leads us to the false impressions that we have of God especially if we look upon him as a vengeful God. We may feel that we don't deserve his mercy, but that's up to God and not us. He has made us worthy of his mercy. He wants us to rise up from the darkness of sin that leads to death and to walk in his marvelous light. That is why we need to see the world the way God sees it: not as a world filled with evil but a world filled with people capable of doing so much good. In the first reading, Samuel did not recognize whom God had chosen to be the future king of Israel because he was not seeing with the eyes of God. Samuel was looking at the physical appearances of David's brothers and not at the depth of David's heart. If we look at the world and ourselves with this new sight that Jesus gives us, we will see nothing but beauty even when we look in the mirror. Last week, Jesus promised us living waters and today he uses water to wash away this man's blindness. Our journey this Lent is towards the life-giving waters of Easter that will cleanse and open our eyes to be able to see the world through the eyes of God.

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PÁRROCO

Mis queridos amigos,

"Despiértate, tú que duermes; levántate de entre los muertos, y Cristo te alumbrará." (Efesios 5:14)

"No se trata de lo que el hombre ve; pues el hombre se fija en las apariencias, pero yo me fijo en el corazón." (1 Samuel 16:7)

Tengo un problema con las personas que proclaman a un Dios que nos castiga por nuestros pecados. Esto va en contra del Dios que nos fue revelado por Jesucristo. Esta es la pregunta central planteada a Jesús en el evangelio de hoy: ¿es ciego un hombre a causa de sus pecados o de los de sus padres? La percepción de Dios en el tiempo de Jesús era que el Todopoderoso nos castigaba por nuestros pecados, pero ¿ha cambiado mucho esta percepción en los últimos 2000 años? Muchos de nosotros todavía podemos recordar monjas con reglas (Dios las bendiga) y a nuestras abuelas diciéndonos que Dios se desquitaría de nosotros por portarnos mal. Tenemos que empezar a cambiar esta percepción limitada de un Dios castigador por un Dios que perdona y cuyo amor puede y transformará el mundo. Estamos plagados de una ceguera pecaminosa que sólo Jesús puede sanar.

El pobre ciego es empujado inocentemente en medio de este debate sobre las consecuencias del pecado, pero conduce a otro encuentro que altera la vida con nuestro Señor, tal como vimos con la mujer samaritana la semana pasada. En ambos casos, Dios no ha castigado a ninguno de ellos por ninguna transgresión, pero ambos son bendecidos con un encuentro personal con Jesús. Ambos llegan a una comprensión lenta de quién es realmente este hombre Jesús. Con el ciego, pasa de "el hombre llamado Jesús" a confesar que debe ser un profeta por creer finalmente que Jesús es el Hijo del Hombre y adorarlo. También vale la pena señalar que hay referencias al Bautismo a lo largo de las lecturas de hoy: la unción en la primera

lectura, el símbolo de la luz en la segunda, y el lavado de la ceguera del hombre en el estanque de Siloé en el evangelio. Esto es importante porque todo nuestro recorrido a través del desierto cuaresmal es hacia el oasis de las aguas de Pascua donde nuestros catecúmenos renacerán en Cristo y donde el resto de nosotros seremos refrescados y renovados.

Jesús está listo para abrir todos nuestros ojos esta Cuaresma. Estamos cegados por el pecado, que a veces nos lleva a las falsas impresiones que tenemos de Dios, especialmente si lo vemos como un Dios vengativo. Podemos sentir que no merecemos su misericordia, pero eso depende de Dios y no de nosotros. Él nos ha hecho dignos de su misericordia. Él quiere que salgamos de la oscuridad del pecado que conduce a la muerte y que caminemos en su maravillosa luz. Es por eso por lo que necesitamos ver el mundo como Dios lo ve: no como un mundo lleno de maldad, sino como un mundo lleno de personas capaces de hacer tanto bien. En la primera lectura, Samuel no reconoció a quién Dios había escogido para ser el futuro rey de Israel porque no lo estaba viendo con los ojos de Dios. Samuel estaba mirando las apariencias físicas de los hermanos de David y no en la profundidad del corazón de David. Si miramos al mundo y a nosotros mismos con esta nueva visión que Jesús nos da, no veremos nada más que belleza incluso cuando nos miremos en el espejo. La semana pasada, Jesús nos prometió aguas vivas y hoy usa agua para lavar la ceguera de este hombre. Nuestro recorrido esta Cuaresma es hacia las aguas vivificantes de la Pascua que limpiarán y abrirán nuestros ojos para poder ver el mundo a través de los ojos de Dios.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

Solemnity of Saint Joseph—Monday, March 20

The Catholic Church honors the life of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19 every year. It is one of the few jubilant solemnities during the season of Lent and is a time of great rejoicing. However, this feast of St. Joseph will never supersede a Sunday of Lent. If March 19 happens to fall on a Sunday, as it does this year, it will always be moved to the following Monday, March 20. The reason behind this is because the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter rank higher than all solemnities.

From www.aleteia.org, "What Happens When St. Joseph's Day Falls on a Sunday"



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PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2023

7:00pm—8:30pm in the church / en la iglesia

MONDAY, MARCH 27

From the Prodigal Son to the Forgiving Father

Fr. Manny Alvarez

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Holy Week Liturgy and Tradition:
To the Empty Tomb Through Calvary

Fr. Andrew Tomonto

MIÉRCOLES, 29 DE MARZO

"Cuaresma, una invitación al encuentro con el corazón de Jesús"

Padre Raimundo Costa, Movimiento de Schoenstatt de Miami



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



Friday, March 31st from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Knights of Columbus Hall
270 Catalonia Ave, Coral Gables

\$25 Fish Platter (Grilled or Fried)

\$20 Macaroni & Cheese Platter

\$5 each for Wine, Beer, or Dessert

Movie and popcorn for children starts at 7:30pm

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COTLF 2023 Update

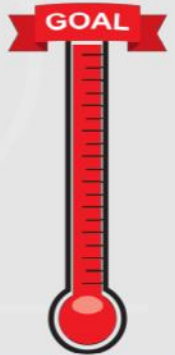
As of March 14th

Goal: \$323,583

Amount Pledged: \$309,322

Percent of Goal Pledged:
95.59%

Amount Remaining: \$14,261



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Vacation Bible School (VBS) Summer Camp will be blasting off at COTLF from June 19 — June 30, 2023.

Kids will launch on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world.

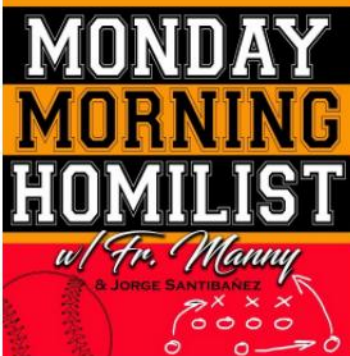
VBS: Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

VBS Camper Registration, open to incoming Kinder through 6th Graders, will open on a first-come, first-served basis this **Wednesday, March 22nd**.

We are limited to 125 camper spots, so register early, as we are once again anticipating a quick sell-out!

The VBS Junior Volunteer application is now open to incoming 7th Graders — High School students! 75 total junior volunteer spots are available and selections will be made via the application process.

Visit www.cotlf.org/VBS to learn more and sign up!



LISTEN TO MMH, THE COTLF PARISH PODCAST!

Join Fr Manny and Jorge Santibañez every Monday Morning as they dive deeper into the readings and preaching of the previous Sunday, and then stick around as they discuss sports and life on the official COTLF Parish Podcast, *Monday Morning Homilist*.

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Check your favorite Podcast service for new episodes around 11am every Monday!

Fr. Manny is also posting a daily Lenten reflection every morning during Lent.

COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

As the number of names being added to our Parish Prayer List has continued to grow, we've moved the list online, under the Perpetual Adoration page of our parish website. Please visit www.cotlf.org/Adoration to view those added to the list and please pray for them during your next visit to the Adoration Chapel.

To add or remove the name of a parishioner, relative, or friend to our Parish Prayer List please contact us at the Parish Office.



HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule with the exception of:

10:30am Mass moved to 10:45am

Overflow seating available in Comber Hall for 10:45a and 12:30p Masses.

Holy Wednesday, April 5th

Evening Lenten Confessions beginning at 7:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 6th

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual), 8:00pm

Altar of Repose in Comber Hall will remain open until Midnight

Good Friday, April 7th

Office Closed Today / Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land

Stations of the Cross (English), 12:00pm

Liturgy of the Passion (English), 3:00pm

Vía Crucis (Español), 7:00pm

Liturgia de la Pasión (Español), 8:00pm

Procesión Anual / Annual Procession, 9:15pm

Holy Saturday, April 8th

No Confessions

Church will be open for silent prayer, 8:00am to 12:00pm

The Great Easter Vigil (Bilingual), 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule with the exception of:

10:30am Mass moved to 10:45am

Overflow seating available in Comber Hall for 10:45a and 12:30p Masses.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th

Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3:00pm

Saint Joseph

Saint Joseph was Jesus' dad on earth. He worked as a carpenter and helped raise Jesus. When God gave Joseph a message, he listened!

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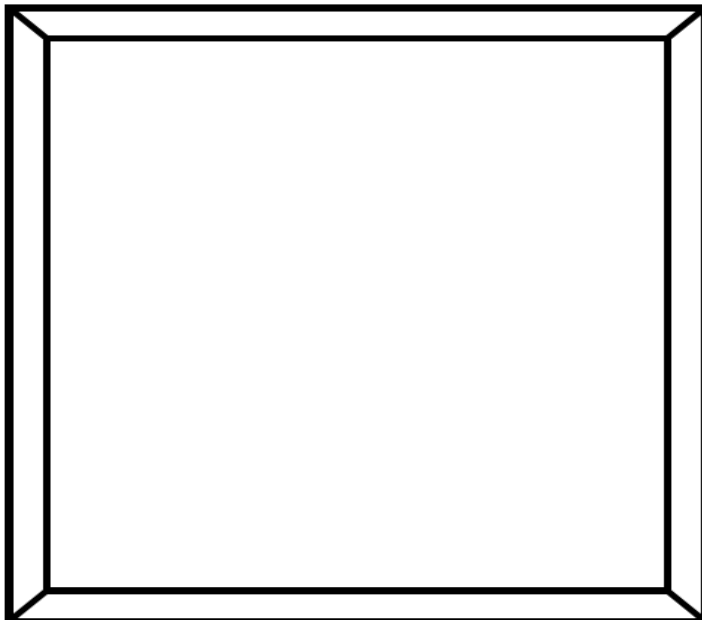
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

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Are you saying extra prayers for Lent? Lent is a time to get closer to God. Prayer will help you get closer to Him.



Joseph is the patron saint of families. Draw your family in the frame.

















MIRACLE



Gospel



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