



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The
Light

September 24th, 2023

XXV SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

XXV DOMINGO EN EL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO



Pastor

REV. MANUEL F. ALVAREZ

Parochial Vicar

REV. ANDREW J. TOMONTO

Priests in Residence

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REV. FRANCIS GNANASEGARAM
REV. STEPHEN SAAWUAN
REV. FIDELIS UKO

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DEACON JORGE ALVAREZ
DEACON ROBERTO FLEITAS
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*

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.



ST. JOSEPH PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

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

P. (305) 446-9950
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School Office Hours

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

Address

2701 Indian Mound Trail
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Contact

(305) 446-1738
www.stscg.org

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.

† Oliver James Taggart
† Nicolas Eduardo Celorio



Congratulations and God's blessings to our newly married couples.

† Luis Garcia
& Veronica Ibarra



Rest in Peace.
We pray for our recently deceased.

† Engracia Palma
† Dora Alvarez-Vazquez
† Mirta Gomez

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit cotlf.org/baptism for more information.
- Arreglos de bautizos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación. Visitar cotlf.org/baptism para mas información.

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

SEPTEMBER 17TH

Mass Attendance:	1,655
In-Church Collection:	\$10,334
Online Giving Offertory:	\$13,450
Drop-off & Mail-in Offering:	\$950
Children's Collection:	\$920
Devotional Candles:	\$1,002
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$554

**Combined in-person and online*

*Thank you for your generosity!
¡Gracias por su generosidad!*

Grand Total: \$27,211

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 24th

XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm Sat	Fr. Manny Alvarez' Birthday
7:30 am	+ Nicolas J. Cirillo
9:00 am	+ Rene y Mercedes Naranjo
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Belkis Milagros Del Castillo
5:30 pm	+ Cristina Maria Parlade

Monday, September 25th

Monday of Week XXV in Ordinary Time

6:15 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Fernandez & Soriano Families
8:00 am	+ Elisa Canosa
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Tuesday, September 26th

Tuesday of Week XXV in Ordinary Time / Memorial of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

6:15 am	+ Dinorah de las Mercedes Piña
8:00 am	Samantha Alicea's Birthday
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Wednesday, September 27th

Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:15 am	+ Vincent Friscia
8:00 am	Nini Lopez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Thursday, September 28th

Thursday of Week XXV in Ordinary Time / Memorial of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

6:15 am	Alejandro & Maria Arrabal's Anniversary
8:00 am	Jorge and Angie Santibañez' Wedding Anniversary
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Friday, September 29th

Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

6:15 am	+ Vincent Friscia
8:00 am	+ Emilia Beceña y Angel Gonzalez
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria

Saturday, September 30th

Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am	+ Renato Di Gregorio
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Sunday, October 1st

XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm Sat	+ Emma Hernandez
7:30 am	For the Holy Father's Intentions - For the Synod
9:00 am	+ Fernando Rey
10:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Ernie Rennella
5:30 pm	+ Martha Gotro

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

Sunday	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

SUNDAYS

1:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Days <i>Date Varies Monthly</i> — homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com
6:30 pm	COTLF Youth Group Izzy Rennella, IRennella@cotlf.org

MONDAYS

10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room AND Via Zoom) <i>Every other Monday</i> , Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
7:00 pm	Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus (Cafeteria) Maru de Castro, leo12mariposa@gmail.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 — <i>Resumes Sept 18th</i>
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	OCIA Classes (Cafeteria) <i>Classes begin on September 26th</i>
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House) Maria Lopez, 786-247-3872
7:30 pm	Talleres — Curso Matrimonial (Morras Conference Room) Eva y Francisco Guia, 305-984-5944 , evaguia11@gmail.com
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) www.cotlfreligioused.org
7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room) Marifer Ordoñez, mfordonez@earthlink.net
8:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conference Room)

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 Jovenes (Chapel Conference Room) Arminda Baez — 305-927-3191

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>



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends:

"Let them turn to the LORD to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving." (Isaiah 55:7)

Bringing people home to the Lord is at the core of what we do as a parish community. Last week, the gospel and my homily focused on forgiveness and lifting the burden that comes with holding a grudge. Once we are free from harboring resentment or hate in our hearts towards a brother or sister, then we are truly free to invite others to come home to the Church. But do they truly encounter a home here?

What we hear in today's gospel is that it doesn't matter how late you came to the party. What matters is that you came to the party. Yet so many people feel left out when they come to Church. I notice this. Pope Francis notices this. I'll get back to the Holy Father later. In the gospel, Jesus tells a parable of people that are invited to work in his vineyard at different stages, yet all receive the same wage or the same blessings. Again, it doesn't matter when in your life you encounter the living Christ as you long as you have that life altering, eternal encounter. Yet many people go through life oblivious to this man called Jesus. This past week, the priests of the Archdiocese gathered for our annual convocation with the Archbishop, and one priest was telling us of something I've experience so often, that we walk down the streets with our roman collars on and people don't know who we are. They look upon us with curiosity, with confusion, and don't equate the collar with a follower or a priest of Jesus Christ. Yet we try to bring people back home to the Church so that they may experience the same blessings that we enjoy, for all of us are God's children and heirs to his kingdom.

Last week, I preached about forgiveness and the need to forgive. I am convinced that this is what people need to hear. They need to experience a forgiving God, and this is where Pope Francis comes in as I alluded earlier. Ten years ago, he was speaking to the Brazilian bishops and pondering on why people leave the Church or don't come to Church at all. He compared these people to the disciples of Emmaus who left Jerusalem despondent after the

death of Christ with no hope in the resurrection. They believed that Christ's mission was a failure. And maybe people think that about the Church. Pope Francis wonders: "Perhaps the Church appeared too weak, perhaps too distant from their needs, perhaps too poor to respond to their concerns, perhaps too cold, perhaps too caught up with itself, perhaps a prisoner of its own rigid formulas." The workers that started their labor early in the morning were rigid in their thinking and could not comprehend that the owner of the vineyard would give those who started working late the same wage. We need to change our way of thinking and start thinking as God does. Like the owner of the vineyard we need to go out and encounter people where they are. This is why the Holy Father concludes: "We need a Church unafraid of going forth into their night. We need a Church capable of meeting them on their way. We need a Church capable of entering into their conversation. We need a Church able to dialogue with those disciples who, having left Jerusalem behind, are wandering aimlessly, alone, with their own disappointment, disillusioned by a Christianity now considered barren, fruitless soil, incapable of generating meaning."

But the thing is that Christianity is not barren, nor fruitless soil, nor incapable of generating meaning. All of you are here for Mass this weekend because you want to be fed. You want to experience God's mercy and love and that is what you need to share with your brothers and sisters. The thing is: how do we do it? There is always a restlessness in your pastor's heart to seek out those who I don't see every Sunday at Mass. They're out there. Maybe they come a couple of times a year. Maybe they only come when there's a big event like a retreat. We are all invited into the Lord's vineyard. It does not matter what time we get there. The goal is getting there and staying there working for our Lord and with our brothers and sisters. It's up to us to bring them home. That is how we achieve salvation!

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos:

"Que vuelvan al Señor para hallar misericordia; a nuestro Dios, que es generoso en perdonar." (Isaías 55:7)

Llevando a las personas a casa con el Señor es el núcleo de lo que hacemos como comunidad parroquial. La semana pasada, el evangelio y mi homilía se centraron en el perdón y en levantar la carga que conlleva guardar rencor. Una vez que estamos libres de albergar resentimiento u odio en nuestros corazones hacia un hermano o hermana, entonces somos verdaderamente libres de invitar a otros a volver a casa a la Iglesia. Pero ¿realmente encuentran un hogar aquí?

Lo que escuchamos en el evangelio de hoy es que no importa cuán tarde hayamos llegado a la fiesta. Lo que importa es que vinimos a la fiesta. Sin embargo, muchas personas se sienten excluidas cuando vienen a la Iglesia. Me doy cuenta de esto. El Papa Francisco se da cuenta de esto. Volveré con el Santo Padre más tarde. En el evangelio, Jesús cuenta una parábola de personas que son invitadas a trabajar en su viña en diferentes etapas, pero todas reciben el mismo salario o las mismas bendiciones. Una vez más, no importa cuándo en tu vida te encuentres con el Cristo viviente mientras tengas ese encuentro eterno que altera la vida. Sin embargo, muchas personas pasan por la vida ajenas a este hombre llamado Jesús. La semana pasada, los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis se reunieron para nuestra convocatoria anual con el Arzobispo, y un sacerdote nos contó algo que he experimentado tan a menudo, que caminamos por las calles con nuestros collares romanos puestos y la gente no saben quiénes somos. Nos miran con curiosidad, con confusión, y no equiparan el collar con un seguidor o un sacerdote de Jesucristo. Sin embargo, tratamos de traer a las personas de regreso a la Iglesia para que puedan experimentar las mismas bendiciones que nosotros disfrutamos, porque todos somos hijos de Dios y herederos de su reino.

La semana pasada, prediqué sobre el perdón y la necesidad de perdonar. Estoy convencido de que esto es lo que la gente necesita escuchar. Necesitan experimentar un Dios perdonador, y aquí es donde entra el Papa Francisco como mencioné anteriormente. Hace diez años, estaba hablando a los obispos brasileños y reflexionando sobre por qué las personas abandonan la Iglesia o no vienen a la Iglesia en absoluto. Comparó a

estas personas con los discípulos de Emaús que salieron de Jerusalén abatidos después de la muerte de Cristo sin esperanza en la resurrección. Creían que la misión de Cristo era un fracaso. Y tal vez la gente piense eso sobre la Iglesia. El Papa Francisco se pregunta: "Tal vez la Iglesia parecía demasiado débil, tal vez demasiado distante de sus necesidades, tal vez demasiado pobre para responder a sus preocupaciones, tal vez demasiado fría, tal vez demasiado atrapada en sí misma, tal vez prisionera de sus propias fórmulas rígidas". Los trabajadores que comenzaban su trabajo temprano en la mañana eran rígidos en su pensamiento y no podían comprender que el dueño de la viña daría a los que comenzaron a trabajar tarde el mismo salario. Necesitamos cambiar nuestra forma de pensar y comenzar a pensar como Dios lo hace. Al igual que el dueño del viñedo, necesitamos salir y encontrarnos con las personas donde están. Por eso el Santo Padre concluye: "Necesitamos una Iglesia que no tenga miedo de salir en su noche. Necesitamos una Iglesia capaz de encontrarlos en su camino. Necesitamos una Iglesia capaz de entrar en su conversación. Necesitamos una Iglesia capaz de dialogar con aquellos discípulos que, habiendo dejado atrás Jerusalén, vagan sin rumbo, solos, con su propia decepción, desilusionados por un cristianismo ahora considerado tierra estéril, infructuosa, incapaz de generar sentido".

Pero la cuestión es que el cristianismo no es estéril, ni suelo infructuoso, ni incapaz de generar sentido. Todos ustedes están aquí para la misa este fin de semana porque quieren ser alimentados. Quieren experimentar la misericordia y el amor de Dios y eso es lo que necesitas compartir con tus hermanos y hermanas. La cuestión es: ¿cómo lo hacemos? Siempre hay una inquietud en el corazón de su pastor para buscar a aquellos que no veo todos los domingos en la misa. Están ahí fuera. Tal vez vienen un par de veces al año. Tal vez solo vienen cuando hay un gran evento como un retiro. Todos estamos invitados a la viña del Señor. No importa a qué hora lleguemos allí. El objetivo es llegar allí y permanecer allí trabajando para nuestro Señor y con nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Depende de nosotros traerlos a casa. ¡Así es como alcanzamos la salvación!

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,



RETIRO DE CONVENIO MATRIMONIAL

29 septiembre – 1 de octubre, 2023

¿Sienten que la pandemia ha afectado su matrimonio?
¿Están buscando un fin de semana especial para compartir como pareja, para relajarse y para acercarse a Dios? ¿Un fin de semana para compartir ideas sobre cómo tener un matrimonio más feliz y una familia más armoniosa?

El Retiro de Convenio Matrimonial es un fin de semana de actividades, charlas y ejercicios destinados a fortalecer nuestra relación de pareja.

El retiro provee una oportunidad única para reflexionar sobre dónde estamos, hacia dónde vamos y pasar un buen rato con otras parejas en un ambiente divertido y relajado.

Lugar: Comber Hall • Valor: \$150

Para mayor información contactar a
Mariana Lorenzo • 305-505-8188
Marifer Odoñez • 305-608-3072



Inscríbese en nuestra aplicación digital:



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, August 20

6:30 P.M. at Comber Hall
1251 Palermo Avenue

Follow us on Instagram: @cotlfyg



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

Join us every Sunday for Mass at 5:30pm and then head over to Comber Hall at 6:30pm for some food, fellowship and fun!

For more information about the youth group and how to get involved, contact Izzy Rennella at IRennella@cotlf.org or follow the YG Instagram @COTLFYG

WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S GROUP

Walking with Purpose is a program that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee, and transforms their hearts. We are thrilled to announce that we will offer two Bible studies this season. Trust us. This may be your best YES ever.

- **Opening Your Heart**, our foundational study, is perfect for a woman new to WWP (with or without Bible study experience). We invite you to be amazed at how Scripture applies to your everyday life.
- **Keeping in Balance**, a WWP community favorite, is for women who have already experienced Opening Your Heart. Come on a journey through Old and New Testament wisdom as we discover Scripture's relevance to our current daily challenges.



STS Bible Studies Starting Soon!
Both study groups will meet Thursday mornings
Starts OCTOBER 5, 2023
Location: Comber Hall | Time: 7:45 am
Questions? STSWalkingWithPurpose@gmail.com

Signup Today:
<http://tinyurl.com/STSWWP>



walking with purpose

"THAT MAN IS YOU!"

TMIY is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

Discover:

- † The Scriptural vision of man and the overwhelming scientific evidence that supports this vision.
- † The four leadership roles that have been entrusted to men and the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles.
- † How and why Satan always attacks the union of man and woman.
- † The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
- † The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

COTLF's TMIY! Group meets on Tuesday mornings, at 7:45am in Comber Hall.

Scan the QR code to sign up now or contact Rob Lasz for more information, 305-934-7840.



SAINT FRANCIS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On **Wednesday, October 4th**, feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will once again host the annual ceremony for the blessing of animals.

It will take place at 6:00pm in the big yard behind the church sacristy, along Sevilla Avenue.

Each pet will be blessed with holy water and all families will receive a St. Francis holy card.



Bi-Annual Outdoor Candlelight Rosary

Join us on **Monday, October 9th** at 7:30pm for the Bi-Annual Outdoor Rosary at the Priest Rectory House Yard/Grotto.

As we soon begin the month of the Holy Rosary, let us entrust our parish, and our work throughout the ministerial year ahead, to our Lord through the intercession of our Blessed Mother.



ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - OCIA/RCIA

Have you been inspired to join the Catholic Church?

COTLF offers adults an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith through the Order 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 through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.*
- † *Catholic adults who were baptized Roman Catholic as infants and need to complete their Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.*

The 2023-2024 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults ("OCIA/RCIA") program meets on Tuesday evenings. Those who are interested in learning more may register now by visiting our Parish Website at www.cotlf.org/RCIA or by contacting Deacon Roberto Fleitas at RFleitas@cotlf.org



RESPECT LIFE BRUNCH

Save the Date
**OCTOBER
15**

CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

2711 INDIAN MOUND TRAIL, CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
Sunday, October 15, 2023 • Comber Hall 10:00am – 1:00pm

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SOUTH DADE PREGNANCY CENTER

**\$35 per Adult • \$15 per Child (ages 10-15)
Children under 10 eat free!**

**Ticket purchases & donations can be
made online at www.kofc3274.org**

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For more information: JC Toyos @ 305-525-6514 or cubasjc@bellsouth.net
or Jose Juara @ 305-815-1557 or jjuara@comcast.net

EJERCICIOS ESPIRITUALES DE SAN IGNACIO

Los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio de Loyola son una secuencia ordenada de meditaciones y contemplaciones -ejercicios- que surgen de la profunda experiencia espiritual que el santo vive a partir de su conversión; su objetivo es ayudar al que se ejercita en ellos a descubrir cuál es la voluntad de Dios para su vida. Los Ejercicios se remontan al Cuaderno de notas en el que Ignacio describe sus experiencias espirituales durante su visita a la ciudad de Manresa, donde—como lo escribe en su Autobiografía - “le trataba Dios de la misma manera que trata un maestro de escuela a un niño, enseñándole.”

Los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio se ofrecerán aquí en la parroquia comenzando el lunes, 18 de septiembre a las 7:30pm en la oficina parroquial, y continuando cada lunes hasta el Abril del 2024 (30 sesiones).

Para mayor información, favor de contactar a Marcia Iglesias, marcia@amprex.net



HOMELESS MINISTRY SERVICE DAY

Come volunteer with us on Sunday, September 24th, 2023 as we head to the Missionaries of Charity shelter to bring all items that were collected during this month's donation drive and provide a helping hand with various tasks around the facility including the feeding of hundreds of homeless men and women. We will have two shifts of volunteers for that day, space is very limited.

One shift will be from 8am-10am and a second shift from 10am -12pm.

Children must be 12 years and older to participate and accompanied by a parent/legal guardian at all times.

Community service hours will be provided to students. If you are interested in attending, please email: homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com. Spots will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Follow us on Instagram: [@COTLFHomelessMinistry](https://www.instagram.com/COTLFHomelessMinistry)

Scan the QR Code to Join our E-mail List



feeding minds & healing hearts



as missionary disciples

■ SAVE THE DATES ■

In celebration of our 65th Anniversary,
the Archdiocese of Miami will be hosting the following special events:

Mass

65TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, October 7, 2023 • 5:30 p.m.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY

SOLEMN VESPERS

*Pontifical &
Archdiocesan Honors*

Sunday, October 22, 2023 • 5:00 p.m.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY

*Solemn
Vespers*

Gala



65TH ANNIVERSARY GALA & CONCERT

Saturday, November 11, 2023 • 6:30 p.m.

MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

Special Concert Performance
by the legendary musical group

EARTH WIND & FIRE

www.adomdevelopment.org/65gala

For more information contact
(305) 762-1051 or events@theadom.org

Music for the 5:30pm Sunday Mass with the Call

Visit www.cotlf.org/mass or scan the QR code



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.

The Road to 100!

As we prepare to soon celebrate the Centennial of our beloved parish church and school, it's important to first honor our past, recognizing the firm foundation upon which we stand today. The legacy of our founding parishioners is one we are deeply proud of and as a new year of ministry and service now gets underway, let's take a look back to how it all began!

Though the past 30 years have seen much less prominent repairs and renovations to our physical spaces as we care for near-100-year-old buildings, they have been marked by an interior renewal and the flourishing of the ministerial, spiritual, and sacramental life of the church and school. Though difficult to capture in photos and brief snippets, these faith formation and ministry initiatives have led to some notable projects that have been recently completed around our campus:



2015: A new St. Therese Prayer Garden/Grotto is completed with a hidden "easter egg" nod to the past.

As the original St. Joseph Prayer Garden had fallen into disrepair and become inaccessible and overgrown with weeds, plans were drawn up for a new outdoor prayer garden dedicated to St. Therese. The existing statue of St. Joseph from old garden was salvaged and placed on the rear side of the new prayer space as a nod to the school's founding under his patronage.

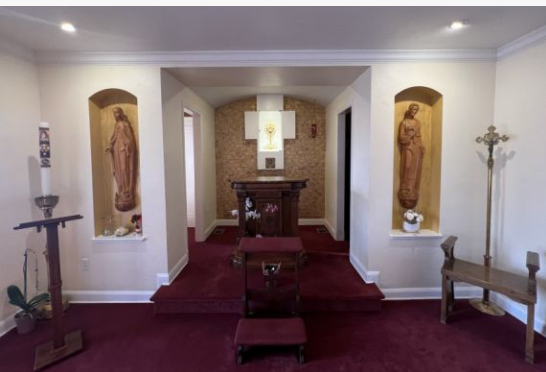


2019: St. Theresa School Alumni Plaza is completed.

As part of the school's celebration of 95 years of service, the area surrounding the statue of our Blessed Mother in the "blacktop" outdoor gathering space was re-imagined at the St. Theresa School Alumni Plaza, a place to gather and share memories, friendship, and community, featuring personalized bricks and benches honoring STS alums and alumni families.



2021: St. Joseph Adoration Chapel becomes available 24-7.



Inspired by the overwhelmingly positive response to the October 2021 special presentation on Blessed Carlo Acutis and Eucharistic Miracles from around the world, the parish moved up the timeline to make the Adoration Chapel available 24/7. With a new private entrance and automated controls, parishioners can — and do — spend time with our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, at all times of the day. The last 2-3 years have seen a major renewal in parish efforts to cultivate a love for the Eucharist and it is not uncommon to see the chapel lights turned on at 2:00am or 3:00am on a regular basis, as a steady stream of adorers passes by all day!

Fun Facts:

- Since the virtual Adoration Chapel Visitor Log went live in April 2021, over **2,000** individual entries have been submitted with special prayer requests and messages and notes of praise and thanksgiving.
- In 2022, COTLF celebrated **308** Baptisms, **178** First Communions, **164** Confirmations, and **114** weddings, highlighting the rich sacramental life of the parish. Additionally, almost **1,200** regularly scheduled Masses are celebrated each year, hundreds of hours of confessions are heard, and countless pre-scheduled or emergency sick calls are made to parishioner's homes or local hospitals for anointing of the sick.
- Last year, our beloved STS Musketeer was finally given a name: Louis! He is named in honor of St. Therese's father, St. Louis Martin. Louis also came to life at the 2023 Parish Fair, as the school was gifted a Musketeer mascot costume.





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