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November 19th, 2023

XXXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

XXXIII DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



#### Pastor

REV. MANUEL F. ALVAREZ

### Parochial Vicar

REV. ANDREW J. TOMONTO

### Priests in Residence

REV. JUAN ESCAMEZ REV. FRANCIS GNANASEGARAM REV. STEPHEN SAAWUAN

REV. FIDELIS UKO

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Monday – Friday

Time Language 6:15 am English 8:00 am English 5:30 pm Español

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

#### Sundau

Time Language Enalish 7:30 am 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 - RETLLY 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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### SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Office Hours

Monday - Friday 7:15 am - 3:15 pm 2701 Indian Mound Trail

Contact

Coral Gables, FL 33134

(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 COUL



Welcome to the Catholic Church! Congratulations to our newly Baptized.

- Jason Tony Lozano
- Alexander Javier Sanchez
- Gabriella Sofia Diaz



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

- Carwin Martinez
- & Sharon Tirado Emilio Rodriguez
- & Estefania Lastre
- Paul Rico
- & Barbara Egizio



Rest in Peace. We pray for our recently deceased.

Carmen Cossio

### ACRAMENT 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

NOVEMBER 12TH

Mass Attendance:

In-Church Collection: \$10,565 Online Giving Offertory: \$12,756 Drop-off & Mail-in Offering:

Children's Collection: **Devotional Candles:** 

Poor Box/Charities\*:

\*Combined in-person and online

1,457

\$1,416

\$679 \$787

\$296

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

Grand Total: \$26,499

	ASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS		WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF
Sunday, Nov	ember 19 <sup>4</sup>		SUNDAYS
XXIII SUNDAY IN	ORDINARY TIME	1:30 pm	Homeless Ministry Service Days
5:00 pm Sat	+ Alberto & Virtudes Torre de Alba		Date Varies Monthly — homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com
':30 am	+ Carmen Ferreira	6:30 pm	COTLF Youth Group
:00 am	+ Pablo Gonzalez		Izzy Rennella, IRennella@cotlf.org
0:30 am	Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family		MONDAYS
2:30 pm	+ Isabel Beatriz Iglesias	10:00 am	Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room AND Via Zoom)
5:30 pm	+ Oscar Alvarez	10.00 4.11	Every other Monday, Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
Monday, No		7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study Group (Zoom)
	XXXXIII in Ordinary Time	7.00 pm	Julie Otero, JOtero@vistacolor.com
		7.00	_
5:15 am	Teresita Murdock	7:30 pm	Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conference Roon
3:00 am	+ Cristina Maria Parlade		Marcia Iglesias, marcia@amprex.net — Resumes Sept 18th
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria	7:30 pm	Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conference Room)
Tuesday, Nov			Juan Guillermo Garcia, jgarciat@msn.com, 786-474-0758
Memorial of the	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		TUESDAYS
5:15 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family	6:30 pm	Reaching for a Smile Rosary (St. Joseph Chapel)
3:00 am	Francesca Zepeda's Birthday		Maru de Castro, 305-335-4104
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria	7:00 pm	OCIA Classes (Cafeteria)
	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 pm	Classes begin on September 26th
	nt Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	7:00 nm	
5:15 am	+ Deceased Members of the Barbosa Family	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)
3:00 am	+ Lucia Fernandez de Devletian		Maria Lopez, <b>786-247-3872</b>
		7:30 pm	Talleres — Curso Matrimonial (Morras Conference Room)
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria		Eva y Francisco Guia, 305-984-5944, evaguia11@gmail.com
	vember 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 pm	English Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel Conference Room)
	ek XXXIII in Ordinary Time / Thanksgiving Day	_	Felipe Vizcarrondo, fevmd@bellsouth.net
3:00 am	+ Mercedes y Rene Naranjo		WEDNESDAYS
0:30 am	Misa Comunitaria	4p & 6:30p	Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)
Fuday, Nover	nber 24 <sup>th</sup>	1	www.cotlfreligioused.org
Memorial of Sair	nt Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	7:30 pm	Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room)
5:15 am	Melissa Anduiza's Birthday	7.00 pm	Marifer Ordoñez, mfordonez@earthlink.net
3:00 am	+ Felix Rodriguez	0.00 nm	
5:30 pm	Misa Comunitaria	8:00 pm	Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conference Room)
Saturday, No	guember, 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 pm	Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus (Cafeteria)
_	XII in O.T. / Memorial of Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr		Maru de Castro, leo12mariposa@gmail.com
3:00 am	+ Carlos Pombo		THURSDAYS
Sunday, Nov		6:00 pm	Young Adults Praise & Worship Holy Hour (St. Joseph Chapel)
	F Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (STS Music Room)
5:00 pm Sat	+ Fernando Estefani Hevia y Lourdes Estefani Cernuda		Luis Cuza, LCuza@cotlf.org
7:30 am	Marco Chialastri's Birthday	7:00 pm	Scouts (STS Cafeteria)
.SU alli	+ Mercedes Serrano Garcia		St Theresa Pack 16, stspack16@gmail.com
			or meresa rack ro, stspack rowgman.com
		7:30 pm	Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room)
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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### My Dear Friends:

Almost 20 years ago right before Thanksgiving, one of the kids in the youth group that I was leading in my first parish shared with me a homework assignment she had received in her religion class in Carrollton during her freshman year of high school. Her teacher asked the students to take out a piece of paper and write down 100 things that they were thankful for that Thanksgiving. The students looked at her perplexed because they thought that making a list of 100 things was too daunting, but here is the lesson behind the assignment: the Christian heart must always be a grateful heart. Whether it's thanking God for the gift of the Eucharist or thanking God for the simplicity of a light switch that illuminates a dark room, we must always be grateful for everything we have around us.

Every year since then, I have given this assignment to our 8th graders. With close to 90 students in 8th grade at St. Theresa, it does take me a while to read each of their lists, but every year I learn so much from our kids and the insights they have about our faith. As you can imagine, their lists can also be quite humorous, but more often than not, they are definitely inspirational.

As I write this column, I am still working my way through reading this years' lists from our students, so allow me to share some of the things St. Theresa's 8th graders have been thankful for in the last few years, and remember these were written by 13- and 14-year-olds:

- 1. People who recognize injustices and suffering and take action to rectify them.
- 2. Love: because without knowing love we would almost be living for nothing because without love we cannot know God.
- 3. That God sacrificed his only Son for me so I can have the opportunity to go to heaven and live a loving life on earth.

- 4. Knowing that disappointment and hardships never last
- 5. For the grace to go to this school
- 6. Friends who care about me enough to tell me when I am not doing the right things.
- 7. The cross- for holding Jesus up while he gave up his life for us.
- 8. The Carmelite Sisters: everyone thinks nuns are weird and scary but those are the people who don't know them. Those who know the sisters really know that they are one of the best people in our lives. These special women have impacted my life. Every day they strive to help me to grow closer to God and to always do His will. They are living saints sent down to teach me and all young kids that our faith is important.
- 9. Waking up every morning because I know that God has a plan for me.
- 10. I am grateful for the Eucharist because the Eucharist reminds us of Thanksgiving and how we need to be thankful for everything we have.

That last one is the very essence of the Eucharist because the Eucharist is quite literally thanksgiving. As Catholics, we don't have to wait until the fourth Thursday of November to gather around a table to give thanks because we do that every Sunday at Mass.

I pray you and your family have a beautiful Thanksgiving. I hope you can join us for Mass on Thursday morning before you gather with your family. This is such a beautiful holiday, and if there's one thing we can learn from our 8th graders is that every day should definitely be a Thanksgiving Day.

God bless you all,

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# DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

### Mis queridos amigos,

Hace casi 20 años, justo antes del Día de Acción de Gracias, uno de los niños del grupo de jóvenes que dirigía en mi primera parroquia compartió conmigo una tarea que había recibido en su clase de religión en Carrollton durante su primer año de escuela secundaria. Su maestra les pidió a los estudiantes que sacaran un pedazo de papel y escribieran 100 cosas por las que estaban agradecidos ese Día de Acción de Gracias. Los estudiantes la miraron confusos porque pensaron que hacer una lista de 100 cosas era demasiado desalentador, pero aquí está la lección detrás de la tarea: el corazón cristiano siempre debe ser un corazón agradecido. Ya sea agradeciendo a Dios por el don de la Eucaristía o agradeciendo a Dios por la simplicidad de un interruptor de luz que ilumina una habitación oscura, siempre debemos estar agradecidos por todo lo que tenemos a nuestro alrededor.

Cada año desde entonces, he dado esta tarea a nuestros estudiantes de 8º grado. Con cerca de 90 estudiantes en 8º grado en Santa Teresa, me toma un tiempo leer cada una de sus listas, pero cada año aprendo mucho de nuestros hijos y de las ideas que tienen sobre nuestra fe. Como puedes imaginar, sus listas también pueden ser bastante humorísticas, pero la mayoría de las veces, definitivamente son inspiradoras.

Mientras escribo esta columna, todavía estoy leyendo las listas de nuestros estudiantes de este año, así que permítanme compartir algunas de las cosas por las que los estudiantes de 8º grado de Santa Teresa han estado agradecidos en los últimos años, y recuerden que fueron escritas por niños de 13 y 14 años:

- Personas que reconocen las injusticias y el sufrimiento y toman medidas para rectificarlos.
- Amor: porque sin conocer el amor casi estaríamos viviendo para nada, porque sin amor no podemos conocer a Dios.
- 3. Que Dios sacrificó a su único Hijo por mí para que yo pueda tener la oportunidad de ir al cielo y vivir una vida amorosa en la tierra.
- 4. Saber que la decepción y las dificultades nunca duran

- 5. Por la gracia de ir a esta escuela
- 6. Amigos que se preocupan por mí lo suficiente como para decirme cuando no estoy haciendo las cosas correctas.
- 7. La cruz, por sostener a Jesús mientras daba su vida por nosotros.
- 8. Las hermanas carmelitas: todo el mundo piensa que las monjas son raras y dan miedo, pero esas son las personas que no las conocen. Quienes conocen a las hermanas realmente saben que son una de las mejores personas en nuestras vidas. Estas mujeres especiales han impactado mi vida. Todos los días se esfuerzan por ayudarme a acercarme más a Dios y a hacer siempre Su voluntad. Son santos vivientes enviados para enseñarme a mí y a todos los niños pequeños que nuestra fe es importante.
- 9. Despertarme cada mañana porque sé que Dios tiene un plan para mí.
- 10. Estoy agradecido por la Eucaristía porque la Eucaristía nos recuerda la Acción de Gracias y cómo debemos estar agradecidos por todo lo que tenemos.

Esta última es la esencia misma de la Eucaristía, porque la Eucaristía es, literalmente, acción de gracias. Como católicos, no tenemos que esperar hasta el cuarto jueves de noviembre para reunirnos alrededor de una mesa para dar gracias, porque lo hacemos todos los domingos en la Misa.

Rezo para que usted y su familia tengan un hermoso Día de Acción de Gracias. Espero que puedan unirse a nosotros para la misa del jueves por la mañana antes de reunirse con su familia. Esta es una fiesta tan hermosa, y si hay algo que podemos aprender de nuestros alumnos de 8º grado es que todos los días definitivamente deberían ser un Día de Acción de Gracias.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,



# Building On Our Legacy

# Centennial Project Updates

Though there's not much to show for it publicly, lots of behind-the-scenes work related to the design, planning, and overall approval of the various elements of all the Centennial Projects is continuing.

Fundraising momentum continues to grow and it's been a great start since the campaign was publicly announced!

As we inch closer to the \$6 Million pledge mark now, it's time for a majority of our registered church and school families to make their firm commitments! Though we're continuing to receive some amazing and very enthusiastic verbal support for the campaign, we need actual pledges and donations in order to proceed with the execution of contracts.

# Did You Know?

Though we've announced the campaign as a 3-year pledge, you can actually maximize your charitable giving tax deductions over FOUR (4) YEARS by making your initial gift now, in 2023.

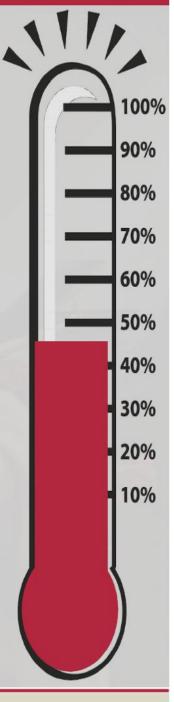
You'll then be able to spread out your remaining pledge balance payments through all of 2024, 2025, and up to October 2026!



# Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000 TOTAL PLEDGED: \$5,839,131 CURRENT PROGRESS: 44.92%

Scan the QR code to make your pledge or gift today!





# THANKSGIVING DAY SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd. We will celebrate a special Mass schedule for Thanksgiving Day:

8:00 am — English

10:30am - Bilingual

Before you gather around your dinner table as a family, come and gather around the Altar as a parish! Let us give thanks to God for His abundant blessings in our lives and here at COTLF.



# HOMELESS MINISTRY SERVICE DAY

Come volunteer with us this weekend, Sunday, November 19th, 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.

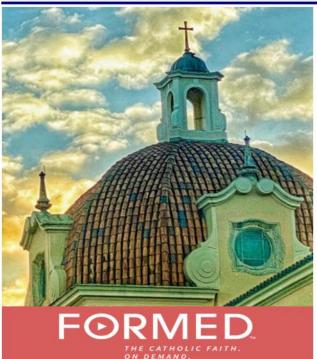
Children must be 12 years and older to participate and accompanied by a parent/legal guardian at all times.

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



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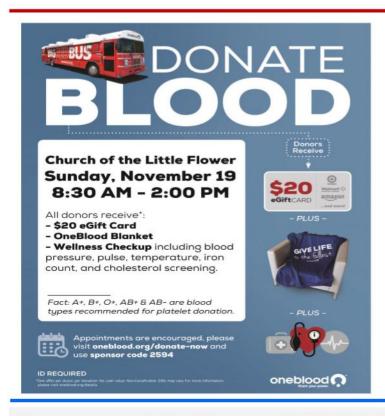
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## ANNUAL NATIVITY SCENE BLESSING

Join us on Monday, November 27th at 7:00pm on the front lawn of the church/Comber Hall for the annual blessing of our outdoor nativity scene, which stands as a beautiful reminder to always keep Christ at the center of Christmas. A light social reception will follow immediately afterwards in the foyer of Comber Hall with cookies and hot chocolate for all kids, "from 1 to 92!"





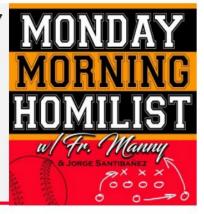


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Join Fr Manny and Jorge Santibáñez every Monday Morning as they dive deeper into the readings and preaching of the previous Sunday, and then stick around as they have some fun talking life and sports on the official COTLF Parish Podcast, *Monday Morning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

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





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# YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY BREAK

The High School Youth Group will not be meeting this weekend (November 19) or next weekend (November 26) as we celebrate and enjoy a brief Thanksgiving holiday break.

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

Follow the YG Instagram @COTLFYG



### PARISH FATR IS BACK DECEMBER 1-3

The COTLF-STS Parish Fair will be back on campus before you know it! Join the family fun Friday, December 1st—Sunday, December 3rd, 2023.

This year's Fair will once again feature exhilarating rides for kids of all ages, delicious food stations lining the blacktop dining plaza, the always popular Beer & Wine Garden, special visits from Mrs. Clause, Santa Claus, and some of our other special friends, the annual Fair Raffle with prizes that continue getting bigger and better, and new for 2023, a Christmas Marketplace featuring some of our parish and community vendors!

Fair Sponsorships, Food Tickets, Ride Bracelets, VIP Parking and more are now on sale.

Visit www.parishfair.org to learn more and block off Fair Weekend, Dec 1-3, in your calendars now!

### COTLF TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE

Pray for Vocations in a special way through the Vocations Chalice program.

- Sign Up to be added as a Vocation Chalice family
  - Take the Chalice home for a week
  - Put it in a place of honor in your home
- Pray for Vocations! (Prayers are included to help you out.
  - Talk about Vocations with your family
- Return to Mass the following week to pass the Chalice on to the next family

Contact Fr. Andrew to learn more or to be added to the schedule!





### 2024 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2024 Mass Intentions book is now open!

To set aside a Mass Intention, please contact Ariadna Schanz at the Parish Office, 305-446-9950, Ext 300 or aschanz@cotlf.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 <a href="www.cotlf.org/Adoration">www.cotlf.org/Adoration</a> 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.



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Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

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The person who reads the Lectionary during Mass is called the Lector.

# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was a princess. She spent the royal money to buy bread for the poor. Some people were mad because she was giving away bread.

When they came to yell at her, she opened her coat to show them that she didn't have any bread—it had turned into a bouquet of flowers!





Gospel

Jesus told a parable in today's Gospel. A man gave talents (money) to a servant. The servant hid the money because he didn't want to lose it. He should have used the money, just like we should use our gifts!



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