

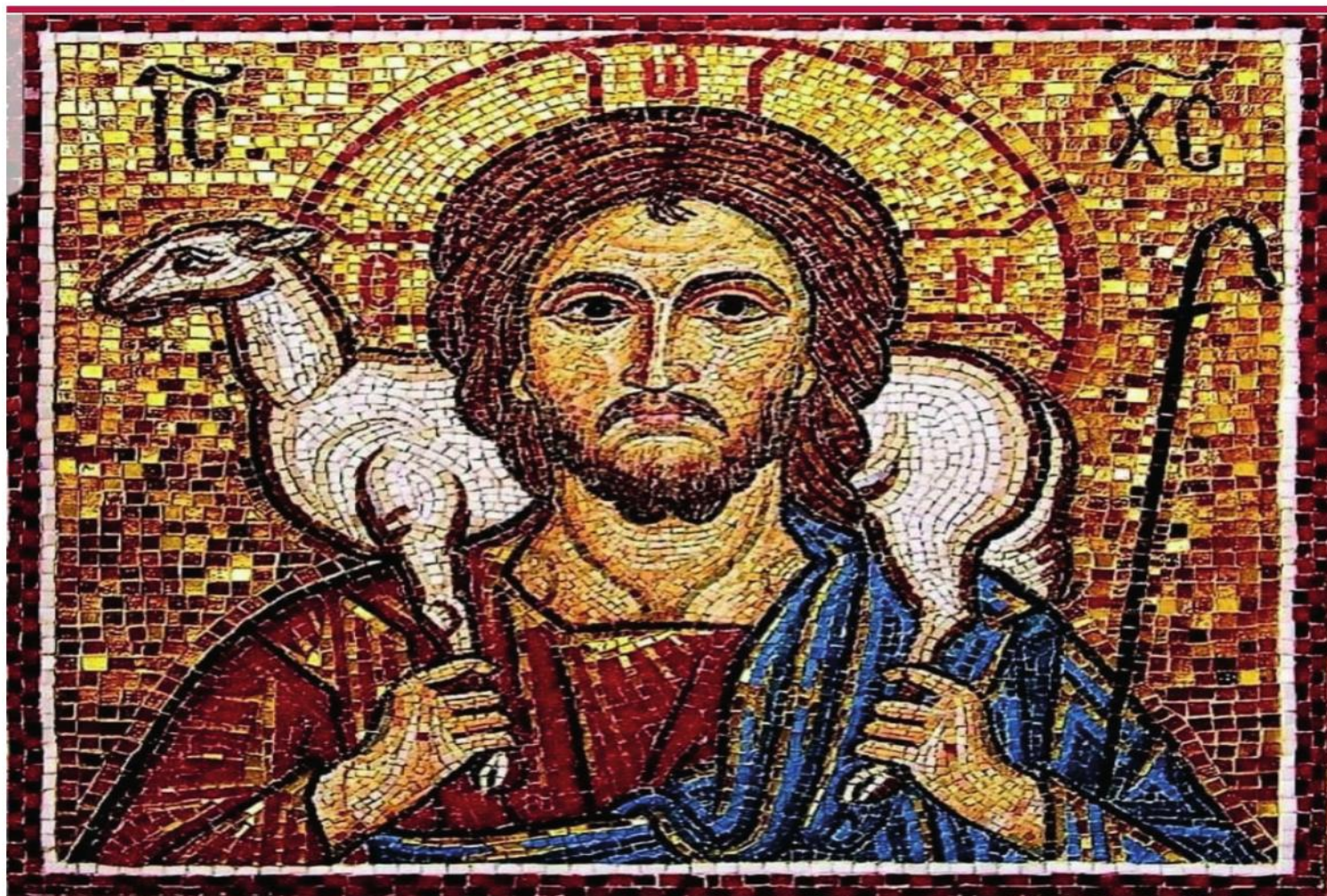


# Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The  
Light

*April 21st, 2024*

IV SUNDAY OF EASTER  
IV DOMINGO DE PASCUA



*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

*Permanent Deacons*

DEACON ROBERTO FLEITAS  
DEACON MIGUEL PARLADE  
DEACON SRINATH PERERA

*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](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

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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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(305) 446-1738  
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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.

- † Jocelynn Annmarie Johnson
- † James Benedict Pecha
- † Vera Katherine Carreras
- † Olivia Alexandra do Couto e Silva



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

- † Jason Mohr & Viviana Crespo
- † Kevin Scott & Michelle Sierra



Rest in Peace.  
We pray for our recently deceased.

- † Michaëlle Malval Khawly
- † Marianela De la Llama

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit [cotlf.org/baptism](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://cotlf.org/weddings) para mas información.

## SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

APRIL 14, 2024

Attendance:	2,266
In-Church Collection:	\$12,425
Online Giving Offertory:	\$13,267
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$835
Children's Collection:	\$905
Devotional Candles:	\$854
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$632

\* Combined in-person and online

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

**Grand Total: \$28,919**

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

## WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

### Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

IV SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 pm (Vigil)	Julio and Julian Andino
7:30 am	+ Vivian Coello Pena
9:00 am	+ Esteban Hernandez
10:30 am	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	+ Ester P. Marin
5:30 pm	+ Ofelia San Pedro

### Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday of Week IV of Easter

6:15 am	Gina Santibáñez' Birthday
8:00 am	+ Angela Yovanka Sanchez
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday of Week IV of Easter / Memorial of St. George, Martyr

6:15 am	Juan del Sol's Birthday
8:00 am	+ Fr. Arthur Dennison
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday of Week IV of Easter / Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

6:15 am	Fr. Fidelis Uko
8:00 am	+ Otto and Emma Ablanedo
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

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

### Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Friday of Week IV of Easter

6:15 am	+ Deceased Members of the Fernandez de Oliveira Family
8:00 am	+ Daniel Sheeran
5:30 pm	<b>Misa Comunitaria</b>

### Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Saturday of Week IV of Easter

8:00 am	Birthday of Hugo Patricio Pollo
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### Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

V SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 pm (Vigil)	+ Giuseppina Tagliero
7:30 am	Intentions of the Murdock Family
9:00 am	Ashley Cairo
10:30 am	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b> - For All Members of Our Parish Family
12:30 pm	Eduardo Rodriguez Arias
5:30 pm	+ Ann Munley

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

Sunday	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

### SUNDAYS

1:30 pm Homeless Ministry Service Days  
*Date Varies Monthly* – [homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com](mailto:homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com)

6:30 pm COTLF Youth Group  
Izzy Rennella, [IRennella@cotlf.org](mailto:IRennella@cotlf.org)

### MONDAYS

10:00 am Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conference Room AND Via Zoom)  
*Every other Monday*, Mercy Gonzalez, [drmom92@gmail.com](mailto:drmom92@gmail.com)

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study Group (Zoom)  
Julie Otero, [JOtero@vistacolor.com](mailto:JOtero@vistacolor.com)

7:30 pm Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conference Room)  
Marcia Iglesias, [marcia@amprex.net](mailto:marcia@amprex.net)

7:30 pm Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conference Room)  
Juan Guillermo Garcia, [jgarcia@msn.com](mailto:jgarcia@msn.com), 786-474-0758

### TUESDAYS

9:00 am Talleres – Curso de Adultos (Chapel Conference Room)  
Carmen Garcia, 786-333-4252

7:00 pm OCIA Classes (Cafeteria)  
*Classes begin on September 26th*

7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)  
Maria Lopez, 786-247-3872

8:00 pm English Charismatic Prayer Group (Chapel Conference Room)  
Felipe Vizcarrondo, [fevmd@bellsouth.net](mailto:fevmd@bellsouth.net)

### WEDNESDAYS

4p & 6:30p Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)  
[www.cotlfreligioused.org](http://www.cotlfreligioused.org)

7:30 pm Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room)  
Marifer Ordoñez, [mfordonez@earthlink.net](mailto:mfordonez@earthlink.net)

8:00 pm Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conference Room)

8:00 pm Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus (Cafeteria)  
Maru de Castro, [leo12mariposa@gmail.com](mailto:leo12mariposa@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:LCuza@cotlf.org)

7:00 pm Scouts (STS Cafeteria)  
St Theresa Pack 16, [stspack16@gmail.com](mailto:stspack16@gmail.com)

7:30 pm Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conference Room)  
Core Team, [contact@littlefloweremmaus.org](mailto:contact@littlefloweremmaus.org)

8:00 pm Talleres – Curso de Jovenes (Chapel Conference Room)  
Arminda Baez – 305-927-3191

### FRIDAYS

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Morras Conference Room)  
*3rd Fridays, Monthly*, Katy Dunn, 305-443-5947

6:00 pm American Heritage Girls (Cafeteria)  
*2nd and 4th Fridays, Monthly*, Holly Gomez

7:00 pm Amor en Accion Monthly Meeting (Reilly Conference Room)  
*Last Fridays, Monthly*

8:00 pm English Marriage Covenant (Zoom)  
Janetsy Christensen, [JanetsyC@bellsouth.net](mailto:JanetsyC@bellsouth.net)

### SATURDAYS

7:00 am First Saturday Devotion Rosary (Church)  
*1st Saturday, Monthly*, Mercy Gonzalez, [drmom92@gmail.com](mailto:drmom92@gmail.com)

9:00 am Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Conference Room)  
*1st Saturday (SPA), 2nd Saturday (ENG), Monthly*





## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*My Dear Friends,*

My predecessor, Father Davis, had a beautiful picture for the header of this column of him holding a lamb around his shoulders reminiscent of Christ the Good Shepherd. As priests, we are called to be shepherds to our flocks and lead them to greener pastures and ultimately into the arms of Christ our Lord in heaven.

I remember that during my first trip to the Holy Land, we were in a bus going south along the highway that divides Israel and Jordan. We had just left a pilgrimage site along the Jordan River where we renewed our baptismal vows and were en route to the Dead Sea. As we journeyed along the road, I noticed a very large pasture filled with sheep. As Floridians, we rarely encounter sheep or lambs unless we visit a petting zoo. Now in the Holy Land, I was witnessing what Christ himself witnessed: a pasture filled with sheep. The bus stopped briefly so we could get a better look, and I marveled at the vista in front of me that I had read about so much in the Scriptures. The sheep were inching towards the highway curious at the sight of all these pilgrims when all of a sudden, a noise and voice were heard. The shepherd made a clicking sound with his voice and called out to them and the sheep instinctively veered away from the highway and back towards the shepherd so that they could continue grazing.

My thoughts turned to today's gospel: "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me." The sheep along the road knew the distinct voice of the shepherd. As soon as he called out to them, their attention turned back towards him. So many times we are distracted by the most minimal things, but if we know the voice of Christ, if we can recognize when he is calling out to us, we are led to beautiful pastures where we can delight in our Lord's presence and fully trust that he is leading us to where he wants us to go.

Today, we not only celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, but we also celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Praying for vocations to the priesthood is something that we should do daily. We need good and holy priests that are shepherd after our Lord's heart.

We need to pray that more young men may recognize the voice of the Divine Shepherd and follow him into this glorious life of service where they get to lead the sheep that go astray back in the merciful arms of our Lord. We are blessed here in Little Flower that we have two seminarians: Jonathan Sanchez and Darvin Leiva. Jonathan is about to start his pastoral year in seminary as he inches closer to ordination in three years. Darvin is a seminarian we adopted so to speak. He is one of the many priests and seminarians who were jailed in Nicaragua and then exiled simply for being a priest or a seminarian. Darvin has visited the 12:30p Mass several times, and we are blessed to have him and his courageous witness in the face of religious persecution. He is only 21 and has already suffered for the sake of Christ.

Please pray for them this day and pray that our parish produce more vocations. Today I renew the call I made a year ago to all of you to sign up to take our Vocations Chalice home for a week to pray for vocations. Contact Father Andrew if you would like to take this chalice, that once contained the very Blood of Christ, into your home so that you and your family can pray to the Good Shepherd to send us more shepherds. Pray for your priests. Pray for me. May we all recognize the voice of the Shepherd as those sheep did along the highway in the Holy Land. Only in listening to Him, can we find the peace that our hearts long for.

*God bless you all,*

*Fr. Manning*





## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

*Mis Queridos Amigos,*

Mi predecesor, el Padre Davis, tenía una hermosa imagen para esta columna de él sosteniendo un cordero alrededor de sus hombros que recuerda a Cristo el Buen Pastor. Como sacerdotes, estamos llamados a ser pastores de nuestros rebaños y conducirlos a pastos más verdes y, finalmente, a los brazos de Cristo nuestro Señor en el cielo.

Recuerdo que, durante mi primer viaje a Tierra Santa, íbamos en un autobús hacia el sur por la carretera que divide Israel y Jordania. Acabábamos de salir de un lugar de peregrinación a lo largo del río Jordán, donde renovamos nuestros votos bautismales y nos dirigíamos al Mar Muerto. Mientras viajábamos por el camino, noté un pasto muy grande lleno de ovejas. Como floridanos, rara vez nos encontramos con ovejas o corderos a menos que visitemos un zoológico de mascotas. Ahora, en Tierra Santa, estaba presenciando lo que Cristo mismo presenció: un pasto lleno de ovejas. El autobús se detuvo brevemente para que pudiéramos verlo mejor, y me maravillé de la vista frente a mí de la que había leído tanto en las Escrituras. Las ovejas avanzaban lentamente hacia la carretera, curiosas al ver a todos estos peregrinos cuando, de repente, se escuchó un ruido y una voz. El pastor hizo un chasquido con su voz y los llamó, y las ovejas instintivamente se alejaron de la carretera y regresaron hacia el pastor para que pudieran seguir pastando.

Mis pensamientos se dirigieron al evangelio de hoy: "Yo soy el buen pastor, y conozco a los míos y los míos me conocen a mí". Las ovejas a lo largo del camino conocían la voz distintiva del pastor. Tan pronto como los llamó, su atención se volvió hacia él. Muchas veces nos distraemos con las cosas más mínimas, pero si conocemos la voz de Cristo, si podemos reconocer cuando Él nos está llamando, somos guiados a hermosos pastos donde podemos deleitarnos en la presencia de nuestro Señor y confiar plenamente en que Él nos está guiando a donde Él quiere que vayamos.

Hoy, no solo celebramos el Domingo del Buen Pastor, sino que también celebramos la Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones. Orar por las vocaciones al sacerdocio es algo que debemos hacer diariamente. Necesitamos sacerdotes buenos y santos que sean pastores según el corazón de nuestro Señor.

Necesitamos orar para que más jóvenes puedan reconocer la voz del Divino Pastor y seguirlo en esta gloriosa vida de servicio donde puedan guiar a las ovejas que pierden su camino y llevarlos a los brazos misericordiosos de nuestro Señor. Tenemos la bendición aquí en Little Flower de tener dos seminaristas: Jonathan Sánchez y Darvin Leiva. Jonathan está a punto de comenzar su año pastoral en el seminario a medida que se acerca a la ordenación en tres años. Darvin es un seminarista que adoptamos, por así decirlo. Es uno de los muchos sacerdotes y seminaristas que fueron encarcelados en Nicaragua y luego exiliados simplemente por ser sacerdote o seminarista. Darvin ha visitado la Misa de las 12:30 p.m. varias veces, y tenemos la bendición de tenerlo a él y a su valiente testimonio frente a la persecución religiosa. Solo tiene 21 años y ya ha sufrido por causa de Cristo.

Por favor, oren por ellos en este día y oren para que nuestra parroquia produzca más vocaciones. Hoy renuevo el llamado que hice hace un año a todos ustedes para que se inscribieran para llevar nuestro Cáliz Vocacional a casa durante una semana para orar por las vocaciones. Póngase en contacto con el Padre Andrew si desea llevar este cáliz, que una vez contuvo la misma Sangre de Cristo, a su hogar para que usted y su familia puedan orar al Buen Pastor para que nos envíe más pastores. Orad por vuestros sacerdotes. Recen por mí. Que todos reconozcamos la voz del Pastor como lo hicieron aquellas ovejas a lo largo de la carretera en Tierra Santa. Solo escuchándolo, podemos encontrar la paz que nuestros corazones anhelan.

*Que Dios los bendiga a todos,*

*Fr. Manny*



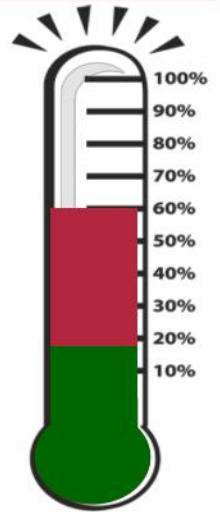




# Building on Our Legacy

[www.cotlf.org/centennial](http://www.cotlf.org/centennial)

Thank you for your continued support of the Centennial Campaign!  
Please contact Ashley Sacks at (305) 446-9950, Ext 309  
or at [asacks@cotlf.org](mailto:asacks@cotlf.org) for more information.



## Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL:	\$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$7,896,032.22 (60.74%)
TOTAL COLLECTED:	\$2,278,778.45 (17.53%)



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

## COTLF CATHOLIC SINGLES MINISTRY

We are excited to announce that we will soon be launching a Catholic Singles Ministry for those between the ages of 30-55 years old!

This will be an amazing opportunity for local Catholic singles to come together for fellowship, community service and faith formation, while navigating the season of singleness. Whether unmarried, divorced, or widowed, discerning a vocation to marriage, the priesthood or religious life, or anywhere in between, being single doesn't have to mean being alone!

If you're interested in participating in this ministry by either being part of its core leadership team or just wanting more information on the upcoming activities, please contact Alexandra at [MiamiCatholicSingles@gmail.com](mailto:MiamiCatholicSingles@gmail.com) or call 305.982.7699



## MONDAY MORNING HOMILIST, THE OFFICIAL COTLF PODCAST!

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*.

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



**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED YOURSELF:  
WHO AM I?  
IS FAITH IMPORTANT FOR ME?  
WHERE AM I HEADING?  
IS JESUS PART OF MY DAILY LIFE?  
AM I THE BEST VERSION OF MYSELF?**

**YOU CAN FIND THE ANSWERS IF YOU GIVE YOURSELF  
TIME TO THINK. FIND THE ANSWER IN YOUR OWN  
HEART WHEN YOU MAKE THE RETREAT.**

**COME AND JOIN US!**

**SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR TYPE THE LINK  
LITTLEFLOWEREMMAUS.ORG**



## *HOMELESS MINISTRY COLLECTION DRIVE*

The COTLF Homeless Ministry will be collecting the following items that will be delivered directly to the Missionaries of Charity shelter in Miami's inner city:

**-Category 1, Food:** Canned & Dry Non-Perishable Foods (ideally large canned items from Gordon Food Service that could be used to stock up the Missionaries of Charity's kitchen pantry. They feed hundreds of homeless a day through their kitchen located in the shelter). Desired donations include large cans of tomato sauces, pastas, rice bags, green beans, corn and other canned vegetables.

Also they can use iced tea powder, small sugar packets and instant coffee. We will also like to collect sliced bread, peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches as well as cases of bottled water.

**-Category 2, Women's Hygiene & Toiletry Items:** women's deodorant, soap bars, shampoo, shaving cream, cleansing wipes, disposable razors, body lotions, combs/hair brushes, toothpaste and toothbrushes. (Please make sure they are not travel sized items)

**-Category 3, Cleaning Supplies:** kitchen dish soap, degreaser, clorox/bleach, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer.

All items can be dropped off ONLY during the following weekend masses at the Homeless Ministry Collection Area inside the church:

**Saturday, April 20, 2024 (Evening Mass) • Sunday, April 21, 2024 (All Sunday Masses)**

### *In-Person Saturday Service Day*

Come volunteer with us on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 8:00am-11:30am in commemoration of the First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will come together to participate in the 8:00am daily mass at Church of the Little Flower. After the mass, we will head to the Missionaries of Charity shelter to provide a helping hand with various tasks around the facility, including the feeding of hundreds of homeless men and women. We will then wrap up our service day with a group rosary at the shelter.

*If you are interested in participating, please email: [homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com](mailto:homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com). Space is very limited for this activity. Volunteer spots available on a first come, first serve basis. 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.*

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

Scan the QR Code to Join our E-mail List:



## *STS FISHING TOURNAMENT & DOCK PARTY*



Join us at the 22nd Annual St. Theresa School Fishing Tournament and Dock Party on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at Shake-a-Leg in Coconut Grove. It's an entire day dedicated to fishing, food, and family – all while raising funds for our beloved St. Theresa School. The dock party is open to the entire STS family and parish community! Watch all the boats come in, enjoy the excitement of the weigh-in, and see who wins the tournament!

Visit [www.stscg.org/fishing](http://www.stscg.org/fishing) for more details!





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**Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment**  
***Vote No on Amendment 4***

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida’s November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor’s abortion.<sup>1</sup> These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

*Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.*

*Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!*

**Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski**  
 Archdiocese of Miami

**Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito**  
 Diocese of Palm Beach

**Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane**  
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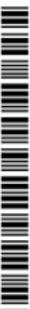
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**Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado**  
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<sup>1</sup> Florida law distinguishes between parental *consent* prior to a minor’s abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5) which would be invalidated by Amendment 4 and parental *notice* of a minor’s abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.

April 9, 2024







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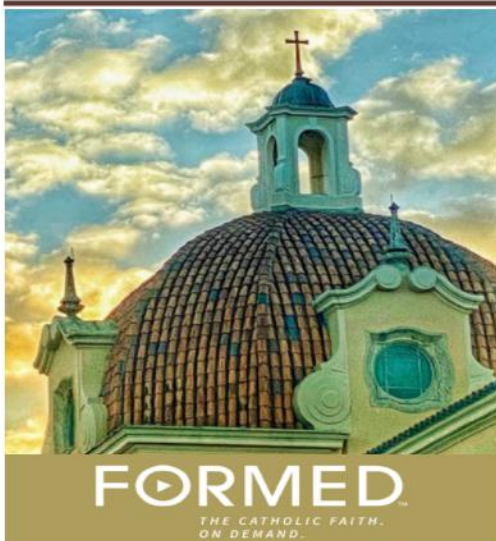
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As the number of names being added to our Parish Prayer List has continued to grow, we've moved the list online, under the Perpetual Adoration page of our parish website. Please visit [www.cotlflife.org/Adoration](http://www.cotlflife.org/Adoration) 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.



# Catholic Kids

Bulletin

April 21, 2024  
Easter  
Color: White



## Saint Mark the Evangelist

Saint Mark wrote the Gospel of Mark about Jesus' life. Pax tibi Marce means, "Peace be with you, Mark my Evangelist."



**Why does that lion have wings?**  
The Prophet Ezekiel saw a vision of a winged lion as a symbol of Saint Mark.

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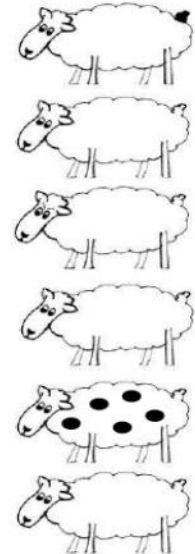
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We pray the Gloria during the Easter season. Can you pray it with the congregation? Listen for everyone to say, "Glory to God in the highest..."



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### Gospel

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