



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The
Light

April 28th, 2024

V SUNDAY OF EASTER
V DOMINGO DE PASCUA



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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
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Contact

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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

+ Juan Diego Castillo Guinand



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

+ Michael Martinez & Stephanie Martinez



Rest in Peace.
We pray for our recently deceased.

+ Magdalena Oliveira

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

APRIL 21, 2024

Attendance:	2,427
In-Church Collection:	\$12,101
Online Giving Offertory:	\$15,003
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$455
Children's Collection:	\$1,487
Devotional Candles:	\$828
Poor Box/Charities*:	\$305

* Combined in-person and online

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

Grand Total: \$30,345

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

WEEKLY EVENTS @ COTLF

Sunday, April 28th

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 **Missa Pro Populo** - For All Members of Our Parish Family
 12:30 pm Eduardo Rodriguez Arias
 5:30 pm + Ann Munley

Monday, April 29th

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 6:15 am Sister Catherine Marie's Feast Day
 8:00 am 50th Wedding Anniversary of Gary and Vivian Kokorian
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Tuesday, April 30th

Tuesday of Week V of Easter / Memorial of St. Pius V, Pope

- 6:15 am For All Students Celebrating Sacraments This Spring
 8:00 am + Emma Hernandez
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Wednesday, May 1st

Wednesday of Week V of Easter / Memorial of St. Joseph of the Worker

- 6:15 am The Holy Father's Intention: For the Formation of Men & Women Religious & Seminarians
 8:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Thursday, May 2nd

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Eduardo Miguel Cerra
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Friday, May 3rd

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles / First Friday

- 6:15 am For All Parish Benefactors
 8:00 am David Pollo's Birthday
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Saturday, May 4th

Saturday of Week V of Easter / First Saturday

- 8:00 am + Lydia G. Fernandez

Sunday, May 5th

VI SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5:00 pm (Vigil) + Margarita y Alberto Santa Maria
 7:30 am + Ann Munley
 9:00 am + Antero Macias
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo** - For All Members of Our Parish Family
 12:30 pm Maria Curbelo
 5:30 pm + Enrique Gallardo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21ST

- Sunday** Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

SUNDAYS

- 1:30 pm Homeless Ministry Service Days
Date Varies Monthly — 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)
Every other Monday, Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@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
 7:30 pm Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conference Room)
 Juan Guillermo Garcia, 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

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)
 8:00 pm Grupo Carismatico: Corazon de Jesus (Cafeteria)
 Maru de Castro, 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
 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
 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

SATURDAYS

- 7:00 am First Saturday Devotion Rosary (Church)
1st Saturday, Monthly, Mercy Gonzalez, drmom92@gmail.com
 9:00 am Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Conference Room)
1st Saturday (SPA), 2nd Saturday (ENG), Monthly



FROM THE DESK OF FR. ANDREW

My Dear Friends,

Happy Easter, brothers and sisters! Yes, we celebrate this Easter season for an additional three weeks. The joy of the Resurrection simply cannot be contained by space or time! Throughout the Easter season, the Church in her liturgy has been offering us readings from the Acts of the Apostles. This essential book, which is really a simple continuation of the Gospel of Luke written by the same author, tells the story of the early Church in the days after the Resurrection of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It tells the incredible human story of the Apostles, the apostolic men, and the faithful women who took the new Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the world. This was in a time before the Scriptures were compiled, before the institutional reach of the Church, and before the Faith was even a blip on the Roman radar. Without them, we are not here today.

The theological thrust of the Acts of the Apostles is the movement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and thus the Church, from its birthplace in Jerusalem to the center of the known world in Rome. The book begins with the Ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in Jerusalem. It ends with Paul in Rome awaiting his trial and execution. The two main protagonists of Acts are the two apostolic pillars of the Roman Church: Peter and Paul. All of the details in between show the human realities of evangelization, the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church, and the true lengths to which people of Faith can go in their love of Jesus Christ.

The first reading on this 5th Sunday of Easter offers us an incredible glimpse into a pivotal moment in Acts. Saul had encountered the risen Lord on the road to Damascus, had converted, been blinded, and brought by Ananias to the Christian community in Damascus. Yet all of that was simply only a rumor for the Church in Jerusalem. They knew who Saul had been. They knew of his compliance in the murder of St. Stephen. They had personally suffered at his hands and for all they knew, Saul could be leading them into a trap to persecute them further. Then Barnabas stepped in.

Barnabas, “took charge of him and brought him to the Apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.” At great personal risk, Barnabas stuck his neck out for Saul. The Apostles saw that and trusted Barnabas. Once again, the mercy of God, to which all Christians are bound, won the day. The rest is history. The first half of the Acts of the Apostles is focused on Peter until the climactic midpoint of the book at the Council of Jerusalem. Then, Paul takes over. Paul was the unstoppable force, the ever-firing evangelistic motor who took the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, to Rome, the capital of the ancient world.

These events in the Acts of the Apostles are not merely fantastic retellings of the heroes of our Faith. They are accounts of the flesh and blood men and women who saw Jesus themselves or who received eyewitness testimony from others. They are the stories of those who built the Church with nothing more than their abiding Faith in the Resurrection and their trust in the Holy Spirit and in each other. They are our fathers and mothers, our sisters and brothers in this Catholic Church which they established, and which still stands today. Seek their heavenly intercession. They still look out for us on our spiritual journeys. Pay close attention to the readings from the Acts of the Apostles heard during the remainder of this Easter season. They remind us how we came to be, and they still reveal to us what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ even today.

God bless you all,

Fr Andrew



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE ANDREW

Mis Queridos Amigos,

¡Felices Pascuas, hermanos! Sí, celebramos esta temporada de Pascua por tres semanas más. ¡El gozo de la Resurrección simplemente no puede ser contenido ni en el espacio ni en el tiempo! Durante todo el tiempo pascual, la Iglesia en su liturgia nos ha estado ofreciendo lecturas de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Este libro esencial, que en realidad es una simple continuación del Evangelio de Lucas escrito por el mismo autor, cuenta la historia de la Iglesia primitiva en los días posteriores a la Resurrección de Jesús y el descenso del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. Cuenta la increíble historia humana de los Apóstoles, los hombres apostólicos y las mujeres fieles que llevaron el nuevo Evangelio de Jesucristo hasta los confines del mundo. Esto fue en una época anterior a que se compilaran las Escrituras, antes del alcance institucional de la Iglesia y antes de que la Fe fuera siquiera un destello en la mente romana. Sin ellos, hoy no estamos aquí.

El impulso teológico de los Hechos de los Apóstoles es el movimiento del Evangelio de Jesucristo, y por tanto de la Iglesia, desde su lugar de nacimiento en Jerusalén hasta el centro del mundo conocido en Roma. El libro comienza con la Ascensión de Jesús y el descenso del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés en Jerusalén. Termina con Pablo en Roma esperando su juicio y ejecución. Los dos protagonistas principales de Hechos son los dos pilares apostólicos de la Iglesia Romana: Pedro y Pablo. Todos los detalles intermedios muestran las realidades humanas de la evangelización, la obra del Espíritu Santo en la Iglesia y hasta dónde pueden llegar las personas de fe en su amor por Jesucristo.

La primera lectura de este quinto domingo de Pascua nos ofrece una visión increíble de un momento crucial en Hechos. Saulo se había encontrado con el Señor resucitado en el camino a Damasco, se había convertido, había sido cegado y Ananías lo había llevado a la comunidad cristiana de Damasco. Sin embargo, todo eso no era más que un rumor para la Iglesia en Jerusalén. Sabían quién había sido Saúl. Sabían de su conformidad en el asesinato de San Esteban. Habían sufrido personalmente en sus

manos y, por lo que sabían, Saúl podría estar conduciéndolos a una trampa para perseguirlos aún más. Entonces intervino Bernabé.

"Bernabé lo presentó a los apóstoles y les refirió cómo Saulo había visto al Señor en el camino, cómo el Señor le había hablado y cómo él había predicado, en Damasco, con valentía, en el nombre de Jesús." Corriendo un gran riesgo personal, Bernabé se jugó el cuello por Saulo. Los Apóstoles vieron eso y confiaron en Bernabé. Una vez más, triunfó la misericordia de Dios, a la que todos los cristianos están ligados. El resto es historia. La primera mitad de los Hechos de los Apóstoles se centra en Pedro hasta el punto culminante del libro en el Concilio de Jerusalén. Entonces Paul se hace cargo. Pablo fue la fuerza imparable, el motor evangelístico siempre encendido que llevó la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo hasta los confines de la tierra, hasta Roma, la capital del mundo antiguo.

Estos acontecimientos de los Hechos de los Apóstoles no son simplemente relatos fantásticos de los héroes de nuestra Fe. Son relatos de hombres y mujeres de carne y hueso que vieron a Jesús ellos mismos o que recibieron testimonio de otros como testigos presenciales. Son las historias de aquellos que construyeron la Iglesia con nada más que su fe permanente en la Resurrección y su confianza en el Espíritu Santo y en los demás. Son nuestros padres y madres, nuestras hermanas y hermanos en esta Iglesia católica que ellos fundaron y que todavía existe hoy. Busque su intercesión celestial. Todavía nos cuidan en nuestros viajes espirituales. Preste mucha atención a las lecturas de los Hechos de los Apóstoles que escuche durante el resto de este tiempo pascual. Nos recuerdan cómo llegamos a ser y todavía nos revelan lo que significa ser un discípulo de Jesucristo incluso hoy.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

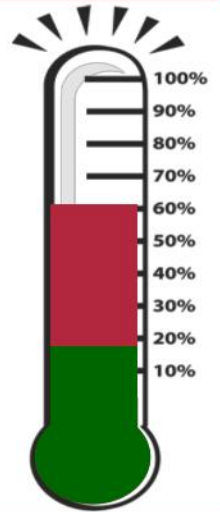
Padre Andrew



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Thank you for your continued support of the Centennial Campaign!
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Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL:	\$13,000,000
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$7,939,591.93 (61.07%)
TOTAL COLLECTED:	\$2,300,976.80 (17.70%)



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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 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!



Catholic Home Missions 2nd Collection

"Home Missions" is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people. For many decades, the Church in the United States has sent missionaries overseas to serve the people of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. The home missions are dioceses and parishes here in the United States that need the same kind of support.

Support the Catholic Home Missions through this weekend's in-pew second collection or donate online by scanning the QR Code. Thank you for your generosity!



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2024-2025 School Year.

- Teacher Aide
- Middle School ELA teacher
 - Art Teacher
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Please send resume to the school Principal at principal@stscg.org



HOMELESS MINISTRY 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. 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)

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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!

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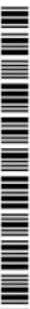
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AHG Mother's Day Roses Fundraiser

Pre-Order a dozen roses to celebrate mom on Mother's Day and help support the good work of our COTLF/STS Troop 1001 of American Heritage Girls!

Roses will be available for pickup at all morning Masses on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th.

AHG Troop 1001 meets in the STS Cafeteria on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month and is open to all girls ages 5 and up.

To learn more about American Heritage Girls, please visit www.americanheritagegirls.org
For details about our local Troop, please contact Holly Gomez at holly@gomezmiami.com



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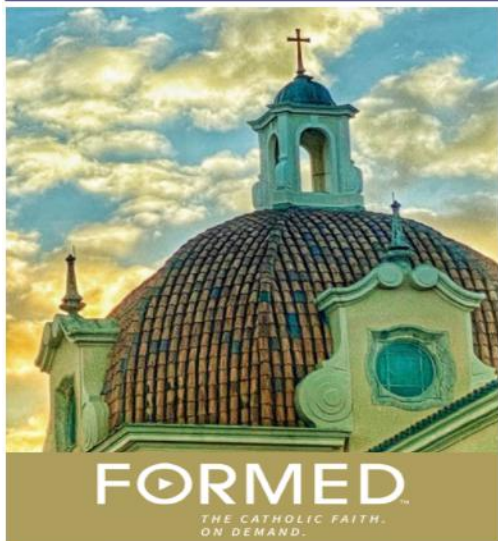
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5:30pm Sunday Mass Music with "The Call"

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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.



Catholic Kids Bulletin

April 28, 2024
Easter
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Mary, Mother of God

Mary is in Heaven with God. We can ask her to pray for us!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen



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I will praise
you, Lord, in
the assembly
of your people.

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Look for symbols of Mary
in your church.

Sun Moon Stars Snake Lily Rose Apple Globe



Count the grapes.
How many of each
style can you find?









Draw vines to
connect all the
bunches of
grapes.



Gospel



Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches." He wants all of us to stay connected to Him. How can we stay connected to Jesus?





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