



# Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

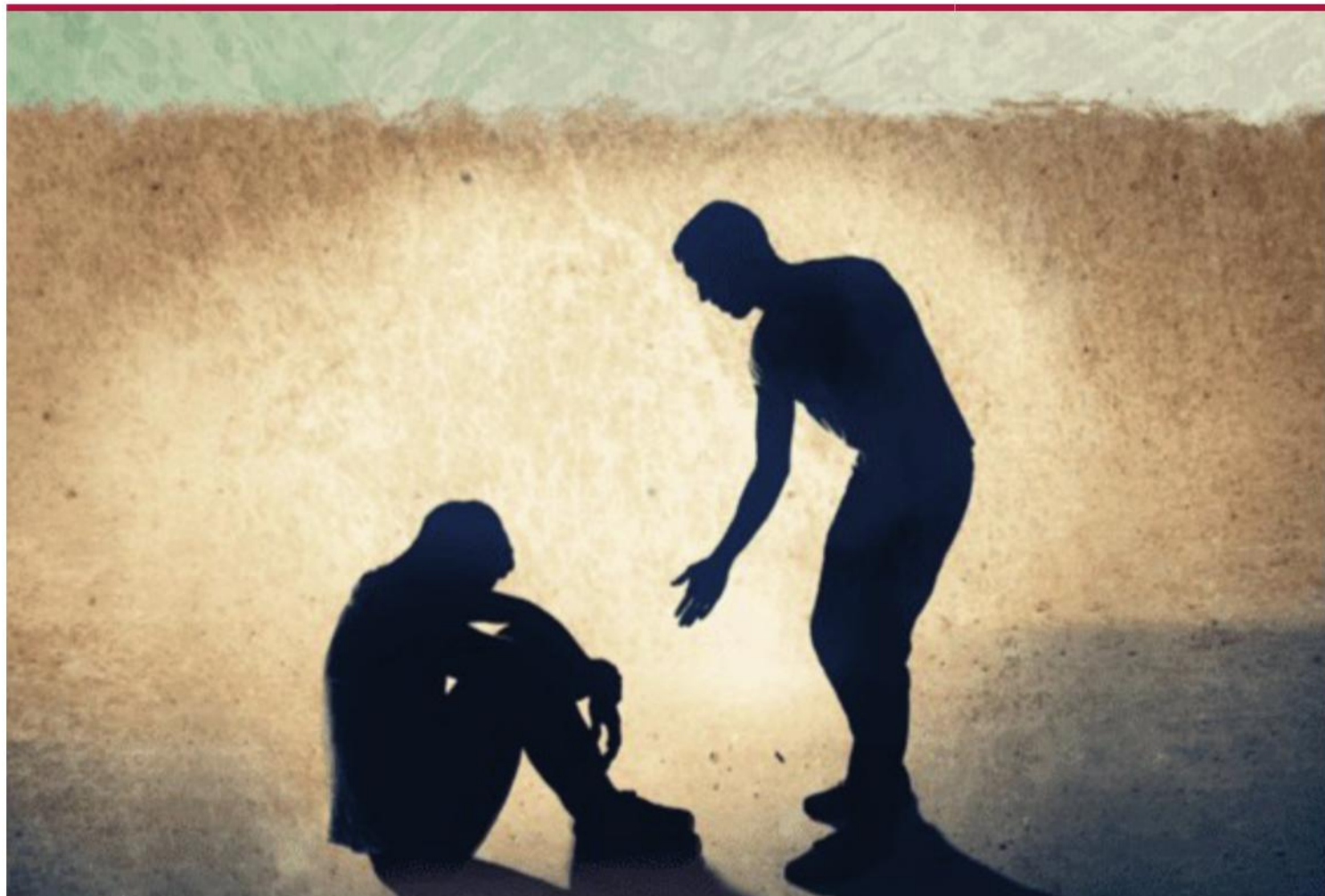


The  
Light

*February 23rd, 2025*

VII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VII DOMINGO EN EL  
TIEMPO ORDINARIO



*Pastor*

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*Parochial Vicar*

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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

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### School Office Hours

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

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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.

+ Wyatt Neal Fernandez  
+ Lucas Luis Bencosme



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

+ William Kennedy  
& Alejandra Pertuz



Rest in Peace.  
We pray for our recently deceased.

### 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

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Attendance:	2,200
In-Church Collection:	\$12,611
Online Giving Offertory:	\$16,039
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$770
Children's Collection:	\$503
Devotional Candles:	\$969
Poor Box/Charities:	\$168

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

**Grand Total: \$31,060**

# MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

# MINISTRIES @ COTLF

## Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

VII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) + Alberto and Virtudes Torre de Alba
- 7:30 am + Manuel y Vicenta Quintanta
- 9:00 am + Luis Oscar Dresda Fernandez
- 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family**
- 12:30 pm + Eduardo Rodriguez Arias
- 5:30 pm + Carlota Haller

## Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday of Week VII in Ordinary Time

- 6:15 am Pope Francis' Health
- 8:00 am + Roberto Rodriguez
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

## Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday of Week VII in Ordinary Time

- 6:15 am The Lowe Family
- 8:00 am Andres Berisiartu's Birthday
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

## Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday of Week VII in Ordinary Time

- 6:15 am Intentions of Charles and Pilar Ushela
- 8:00 am + Lidia Rose Fata
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

## Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday of Week VII in Ordinary Time / Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

- 6:15 am For Our Parish Children Preparing for First Penance
- 8:00 am + Sergio Santibañez
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

## Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Friday of Week VI in Ordinary Time

- 6:15 am For All Who Passed Away This Month
- 8:00 am + Raul Alvarez
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

## Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday of Week VI in Ordinary Time / Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 am The Holy Father's Intention: For Families in Crisis

## Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

VIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) + Maria B. Bergouignan
- 7:30 am + Manuel y Vicenta Quintana
- 9:00 am + George and Dulce Kremer
- 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family**
- 12:30 pm Cumpleaños de Puchy Russeau
- 5:30 pm + Angela Mora y Mercedes Cerbante

## SUNDAYS

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

## 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, [jgarciat@msn.com](mailto:jgarciat@msn.com), 786-474-0758

## TUESDAYS

- 7:00 am **That Man Is You Men's Group** (Comber Hall)  
Rob Lasa, 305-934-7840, [rob@lasalinks.com](mailto:rob@lasalinks.com)
- 9:00 am **Holy Face Devotion** (Chapel Conference Room)  
Yamila Sardiñas, [ymsard@aol.com](mailto:ymsard@aol.com)
- 7:00 pm **OCIA Classes** (Cafeteria)  
[www.cotlf.org/ocia](http://www.cotlf.org/ocia)
- 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)  
Teresita Perez-Dorrbecker, [tgp18@att.net](mailto:tgp18@att.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 de Oracion Carismatico** (Morras Conference Room)  
Maru de Castro

## THURSDAYS

- 7:45 am **Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study** (Comber Hall)  
Core Team, [STSwalkingwithpurpose@gmail.com](mailto:STSwalkingwithpurpose@gmail.com)
- 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** (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)

## FRIDAYS

- 10:00 am **Prayer Shawl Ministry** (Reilly Conference Room)  
*3rd Fridays, Monthly*, Marta Martinez, (305) 281-3537
- 6:00 pm **American Heritage Girls** (Cafeteria) - *2nd & 4th Friday Monthly*
- 6:30 pm **COTLF Singles Ministry** (Cafeteria) - *3rd Friday Monthly*  
Alexandra Figueredo, [MiamiCatholicSingles@gmail.com](mailto:MiamiCatholicSingles@gmail.com)
- 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)  
Please see schedule at [www.cotlf.org/baptism](http://www.cotlf.org/baptism)

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

### February 23rd – VII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

<b>Sunday</b>	1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
<b>Monday</b>	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
<b>Friday</b>	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16
<b>Sunday</b>	Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*My Dear Friends,*

As I write this column early in the week, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is in the hospital in Rome with a respiratory infection. Every day at the Mass, we pray for the pope, but today we pray for his health and for a prompt recovery. During this Holy Year of jubilee, Pope Francis has called us to focus on the theological virtue of hope and to be pilgrims of hope. So many of our brothers and sisters feel lost, and maybe you feel lost too as you read this, but the gift of hope that Christ gives us, lets us see the divine possibilities of a life totally transformed by our Savior. Which is why the Holy Year is a time of conversion. Father David wrote about it in this space last week. This rejection of sin and embrace of hope is transformational and life altering especially when you look at the challenge that Christ gives us in today's gospel: "love your enemies." Pope Francis has spoken often on this command from our Lord, so I cede the rest of my column to the Vicar of Christ:

*This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 6:27-38) concerns a central point that characterizes Christian life: love for enemies. Jesus' words are clear: "I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (vv. 27-38). And this is not optional, it is a command. It is not for everyone, but for the disciples, whom Jesus calls "you that hear". He is well aware that loving enemies exceeds our possibilities, but this is why he became man: not to leave us as we are, but to transform us into men and women capable of a greater love, that of his Father and ours. This is the love that Jesus gives to those who 'hear him'. Thus it becomes possible! With him, thanks to his love, to his Spirit, we are able to love even those who do not love us, even those who do us harm.*

*In this way, Jesus wants God's love to triumph over hatred and rancor in every heart. The logic of love, which culminates in Christ's Cross, is a Christian's badge and induces us to meet everyone with the heart of brothers and sisters. But how is it possible to overcome human instinct and the worldly law of retaliation? Jesus provides the answer in the same Gospel passage: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (v. 36). Those who hear Jesus, who make an effort to follow him even at a cost, become children of God, and begin to truly resemble the Father who is in heaven. We become capable of things we never thought we could say or do, and of which we would have been rather ashamed, but which now give us joy and peace instead. We no longer need to be violent, with words and gestures: we discover that we are capable of tenderness and goodness; and we sense that all of this comes not from ourselves but from him! And thus we do not brag about it but are grateful for it.*

*There is nothing greater and more fruitful than love: it bestows all dignity to the person, while, on the contrary, hatred and vengeance decrease it, marring the beauty of the creature made in God's image..*

*May the Virgin Mary help us to let our heart be touched by this holy word of Jesus, burning like fire, that it may transform us and make us able to do good without reciprocation, doing good without reciprocation, witnessing everywhere to the victory of love. (Angelus 2/24/19)*

Lord Jesus, comfort our Holy Father in his illness and restore him to health. Amen.

*God bless you all,*



## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

*Mis Queridos Amigos,*

Mientras escribo esta columna a principios de semana, nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco, está en el hospital de Roma con una infección respiratoria. Todos los días en la Misa, rezamos por el Papa, pero hoy rezamos por su salud y por una pronta recuperación. Durante este Año Santo de jubileo, el Papa Francisco nos ha llamado a centrarnos en la virtud teologal de la esperanza y a ser peregrinos de esperanza. Muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas se sienten perdidos, y tal vez tú también te sientas perdido al leer esto, pero el regalo de la esperanza que Cristo nos da nos permite ver las posibilidades divinas de una vida totalmente transformada por nuestro Salvador. Por eso el Año Santo es un tiempo de conversión. El padre David escribió sobre ellos en este boletín la semana pasada. Este rechazo del pecado y el abrazo de la esperanza es transformador y cambia la vida, especialmente cuando se observa el desafío que Cristo nos da en el evangelio de hoy: "ama a tus enemigos". El Papa Francisco ha hablado a menudo sobre este mandato de nuestro Señor, por lo que cedo el resto de mi columna al Vicario de Cristo:

*El Evangelio de este domingo (cf. Lc 6, 27-38) se refiere a un punto central y característico de la vida cristiana: el amor por los enemigos. Las palabras de Jesús son claras: "Yo os digo a los que me escucháis: Amad a vuestros enemigos, haced bien a los que os odian, bendecid a los que os maldigan, rogad por los que os difamen" (versículos 27-28) . Y esto no es una opción, es un mandato. No es para todos, sino para los discípulos, que Jesús llama "a los que me escucháis". Él sabe muy bien que amar a los enemigos va más allá de nuestras posibilidades, pero para esto se hizo hombre: no para dejarnos así como somos, sino para transformarnos en hombres y mujeres capaces de un amor más grande, el de su Padre y el nuestro. Este es el amor que Jesús da a quienes lo "escuchan". ¡Y entonces se hace posible! Con él, gracias a su amor, a su Espíritu, también podemos amar a quienes no nos aman, incluso a quienes nos hacen daño.*

*De este modo, Jesús quiere que en cada corazón el amor de Dios triunfe sobre el odio y el rencor. La lógica del amor, que culmina en la Cruz de Cristo, es la señal distintiva del cristiano y nos lleva a salir al encuentro de todos con un corazón de hermanos. Pero, ¿cómo es posible superar el instinto humano y la ley mundana de la represalia? La respuesta la da Jesús en la misma página del Evangelio: "Sed misericordiosos, como vuestro Padre es misericordioso" (vers. 36). Quien escucha a Jesús, quien se esfuerza por seguirlo aunque cueste, se convierte en hijo de Dios y comienza a parecerse realmente al Padre que está en el cielo. Nos volvemos capaces de cosas que nunca habríamos pensado que podríamos decir o hacer, y de las cuales nos habríamos avergonzado, pero que ahora nos dan alegría y paz. Ya no necesitamos ser violentos, con palabras y gestos; nos descubrimos capaces de ternura y bondad; y sentimos que todo esto no viene de nosotros sino de Él, y por lo tanto no nos jactamos de ello, sino que estamos agradecidos.*

*No hay nada más grande y más fecundo que el amor: confiere a la persona toda su dignidad, mientras que, por el contrario, el odio y la venganza la disminuyen, desfigurando la belleza de la criatura hecha a imagen de Dios...*

*Que la Virgen María nos ayude a dejarnos tocar el corazón con esta santa palabra de Jesús, ardiente como fuego, que nos transforma y nos hace capaces de hacer el bien sin querer nada a cambio, hacer el bien sin querer nada a cambio, testimoniando en todas partes la victoria del amor. (Angelus 2/23/19)*

Señor Jesús, consuela a nuestro Santo Padre en su enfermedad y restáurale la salud. Amén.

*Dios los bendiga a todos,*



# Building on Our Legacy

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

## January Update

2025 marks a huge milestone in our history as we begin our two-year centennial celebration with St. Theresa School turning 100 this Fall!

Though we're excited to soon start the celebrations, plenty of work still remains ahead. Here are some of the latest updates on our Centennial projects:

- Our Pipe Organ is now being constructed at the Fisk Workshop in Gloucester, MA.
- Work on the interior of the church will commence in June. During the summer months, the balcony will be reinforced to support the weight of the new organ and the entire church will be repainted. The Reredos and side altars will be restored to their original beauty by dedicated artisans who will clean and touch up the many intricate details. The new pews will also be installed during this closure
- We'll soon be celebrating Mass in our original church, like our founding parishioners did, as we move to Comber Hall for all Masses during the summer construction.
- The STS Multipurpose Center has now received the approval from the city's Board of Architects, Historical Board, and Planning & Zoning. Plans now head to the City Commission for approval, which we hope to secure soon.
- Our fundraising continues to steadily progress in both pledges and gifts received. Thank you to all who have already donated! With all our project plans approaching final approval and the start of work on the horizon, the time to give is now, ensuring that we stay on track with our timeline and, ideally, break ground at the school as it opens its doors for the 100th time in August.



## Donating to the Campaign

Did you know? In addition to cash, check, or credit card payments made towards your campaign pledge, we can also accept the transfer of stocks.

Contact Ashley Dominguez for more information.

ADominguez@cotlf.org • 305-446-9950, Ext 309



## Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000  
 TOTAL PLEDGED: \$9,798,864.92 (75.38%)  
 TOTAL COLLECTED: \$4,658,278.36 (35.83%)

Updated as of February 19<sup>th</sup>



## PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
 look favorably on your servant Francis,  
 whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;  
 Grant, we pray, that by word and example  
 he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
 so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
 he may come to everlasting life.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the  
 unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday, and the start of the Lenten season,  
 will be celebrated next Wednesday, March 5th.

- † 6:15 am — English Mass
- † 8:00 am — English Mass
- † 12:15pm — English Mass
- † 4:00pm — Rel.Ed. Family Prayer Service
- † 5:30pm — Misa en Español
- † 7:00pm — English Mass



## LITTLE FLOWER CONCERT SERIES

## ENLIGHTENMENT FESTIVAL CLASSICAL: MARTINES, MOZART & HAYDN BY SERAPHIC FIRE

On Friday March 7, Seraphic Fire performs the vibrant works of Marianna Martines, a star of Viennese Classical music and pupil of Franz Joseph Haydn. Receiving more acclaim than any other female composer of her time, she was famous throughout Europe, and her salon concerts were legendary. In this program featuring chorus and period orchestra, Seraphic Fire highlights the modern world premiere of Martines' O, Virgo, cui salutem, alongside bedrock works by Haydn and Mozart, including the ravishing "Laudate Dominum" from the *Vesperae solennes de confessore*.

Vienna's musical life depended on the collaboration and competition of its leading artists. In addition to Martines being a keyboard student of Haydn, she also benefited from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart attending her soirées and playing duets with her. On this program, works by Haydn and Mozart complement Martines' compositions. Mozart's *Missa brevis*, K. 192 was composed when he was just 18 years old. Haydn's Symphony No. 63, "La Roxelane," is a musical portrait of a queen: Roxelane, wife of Suleiman the Magnificent, a sixteenth-century sultan of the Ottoman Empire.

A Pre-Concert Conversation will be presented one hour prior to the performance by a Seraphic Fire artist.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH — 8:00PM — [www.LFConcerts.org](http://www.LFConcerts.org)**



## MESSA IN ITALIANO — NEW ITALIAN MASS

Church of the Little Flower will begin celebrating Mass in Italian on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00pm, beginning on Sunday, March 2nd. We are pleased to begin offering this new Mass in the service of the Italian community of Miami.





## WOMEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT #32

The Church of the Little Flower Women's Emmaus Ministry warmly invites you to join us for our next retreat. Picture yourself enjoying a weekend brimming with joy, hope, and renewal. Connect with new friends and deepen your relationship with God in a serene and loving environment. You will be pampered, cherished, and surrounded by love every step of the way. Don't miss this opportunity to rejuvenate your spirit and experience a beautiful transformation. Come to our Emmaus retreat and find a renewed sense of purpose and peace.

**When:** February 28th—March 2nd, 2025  
**Where:** Casa Manresa 12190 S.W. 56th Street  
**Cost:** \$200 donation

Scan the QR Code to Register! For more information, please contact:  
Veronica Burgos, [vcburgos@aol.com](mailto:vcburgos@aol.com), 305-767-9534  
Lizeett Sobalvarro at [lizeetts@bellsouth.net](mailto:lizeetts@bellsouth.net), 305-726-7650



## MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT #52

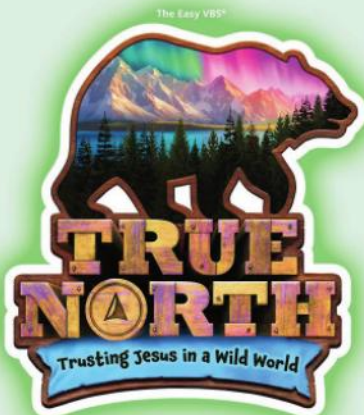
All the men of the parish are invited to the next English Men's Emmaus Retreat, which will be held the weekend of March 28th – 30th right here on the grounds of St. Theresa Catholic School. This weekend retreat is for you to disconnect from all the distractions and preoccupations of daily life and concentrate on personal introspection and your relationship with God. We shut off our phones, laptops, and tablets, leave behind all the stress and noise of the "outside world," and focus on fellowship with like-minded men from all walks of life as we strive to grow individually and spiritually and get closer to the Lord.



Scan the QR code or visit [www.littlefloweremmaus.org](http://www.littlefloweremmaus.org) to register!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
Carlos Shortt, 786-282-3916 or Alejandro Herrera, (305) 283-2011

## VBS 2025: TRUE NORTH



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Summer Camp will be back at COTLF from June 16–27, 2025. Kids will go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

The Junior Volunteer Application (*for students entering 7th Grade and up*) and Camper Registration (*for students entering Kinder through 6th Grade*) will open on Tuesday, March 11th.

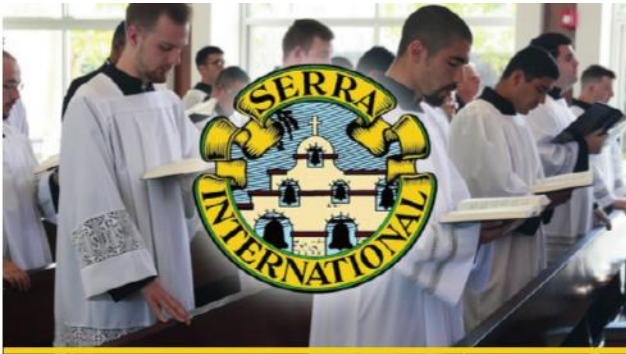
Visit [www.cotlf.org/VBS](http://www.cotlf.org/VBS) to learn more about this year's camp.

## COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please visit [www.cotlf.org/Adoration](http://www.cotlf.org/Adoration) to view the names of all those added to the Parish Prayer List and keep them in prayer today or 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.







## SERRA CLUB OF MIAMI MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This weekend we welcome the Serra Club of Miami to the parish as they encourage membership and ongoing prayers and support for vocations. Please consider joining the Serra Club of Miami, a 62-year-old ministry dedicated to supporting vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life and the only lay Catholic apostolate aggregated to the Vatican. For more information about the Serra Club and how to join, visit [www.serraclubmiami.org](http://www.serraclubmiami.org), scan the QR code, or see a Serra Club member at the doors of the church after Mass.

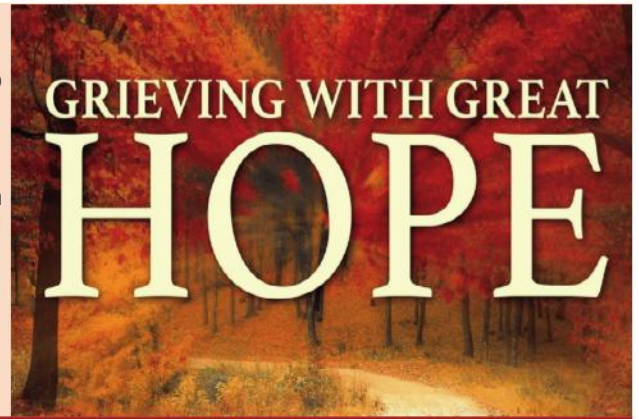


## SPRING GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

*Grieving with Great Hope* is a free five-week grief support workshop video series with peer group discussions that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one.

If you have lost a family member, friend or anyone truly meaningful in your life, you are encouraged to attend. The group will meet on all Monday evenings in March, from 7pm – 9pm, beginning on March 3rd.

Please register for our Spring 2025 Workshop by scanning the QR Code. For more information, please contact Christine Illiffe at [bereavement@cotlf.org](mailto:bereavement@cotlf.org)



# GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE

## JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: ONLY 10 SPOTS LEFT!!

Join Fr. Manny on a Jubilee Journey to Italy from October 1 – 9, 2025.

Highlights include Assisi, Orvieto, Rome, a General Papal Audience and Visits to the Major Basilicas, passing through the Holy Doors of St. May Major, St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside the Walls & St. John Lateran.

To secure one of only 10 spots remaining, please contact Ivonne Davila at the Parish Office, [idavila@cotlf.org](mailto:idavila@cotlf.org) or (305) 446-9950, Ext 302.



## 2nd Collection Next Weekend—Church in Latin American

In 1965, at the end of the Second Vatican Council, the bishops of the United States decided to establish a Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA). This development followed the recognition of the U.S. bishops that the church in Latin America needed help and it was important to establish a relationship with the sister churches to the South. Since the Collection began, over \$185 million has been donated by U.S. Catholics. Due to the generosity of U.S. Catholics, the Collection has been able to award over \$92.7 million since year 2000. The collection has been increasing through the years, with about \$68.5 million contributed over the past 10 years.

Please help support the Church in Latin America through the in-pew collection next weekend or give online now. Thank you!



## Mass Music & Readings

Visit [www.cotlf.org/mass](http://www.cotlf.org/mass) or scan the QR code

# Saint Paul Miki

Saint Paul Miki was a Jesuit brother from Japan. He was part of a group of 26 people who taught about Christianity in Japan.

Saint Paul and the other missionaries were martyred by crucifixion. While he was dying, he forgave the people who were hurting him. He asked them to pray for God to give them happiness.



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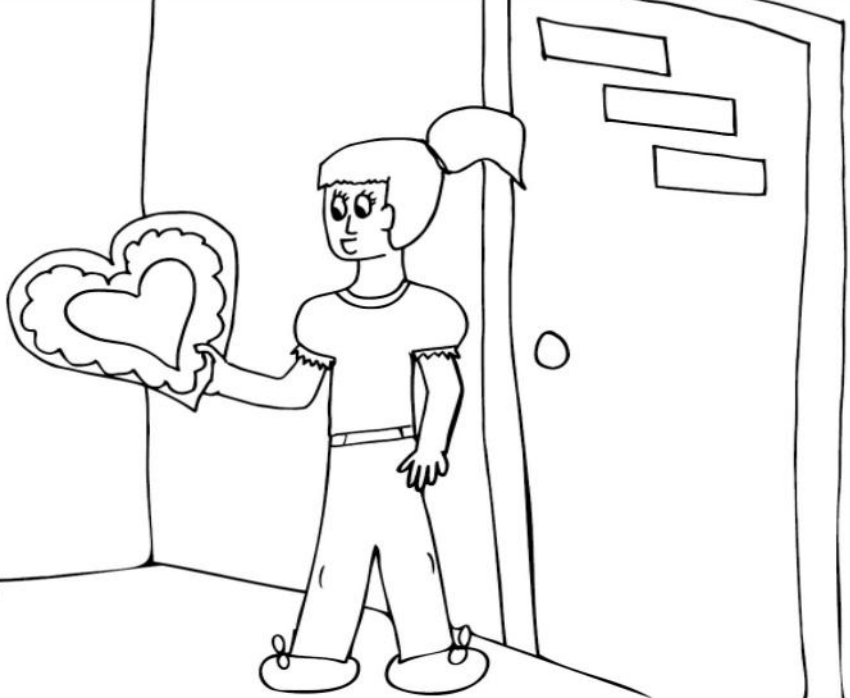
The Lord is kind and merciful.

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God works through the priest to offer the sacrifice of the Mass. The priest is ordained to have these special graces.



How can you show love to your enemies?

## Gospel

During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught that we should love everyone, including our enemies.





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