



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The
Light

March 2nd, 2025

VIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VIII DOMINGO EN EL
TIEMPO ORDINARIO



Pastor

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English
12:30 pm	Español
5:30 pm	English

CONFESSIONS

Priests are available to hear Confessions every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am.



ST. JOSEPH PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Visit www.cotlf.org/adoration for more details



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - REILLY PARISH CENTER

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address

2711 Indian Mound Trail
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Contact

P. (305) 446-9950
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SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Office Hours

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

Address

2701 Indian Mound Trail
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Contact

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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.

- + Allison Olivia Menendez
- + Henry James Novak



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

- + Joseph Grady & Alexandra Rubin
- + Aaron Molina & Carolina Juncadella
- + Ranel Rick Castro & Alejandra Parra
- + Nicolas Alayo & Breanna LaCour
- + Nicola Garces & Elaine Soto
- + Armand del Castillo & Emily Sierra
- + Daniel Ferreira & Laura Mondragon



Rest in Peace.
We pray for our recently deceased.

- + Agnes Garcia
- + Teresita Cruz
- + Alvaro Mayorga
- + Raquel Andino-Ruiz

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

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Attendance:	2,360
In-Church Collection:	\$13,289
Online Giving Offertory:	\$14,768
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$3,962
Children's Collection:	\$827
Devotional Candles:	\$655
Poor Box/Charities:	\$279

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

Grand Total: \$33,780

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MINISTRIES @ COTLF

Sunday, March 2nd

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
 7:00 pm For the Italian Community of South Florida

Monday, March 3rd

Monday of Week VIII in Ordinary Time / Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

- 6:15 am The Tello Family
 8:00 am + Joe Hunt
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Tuesday, March 4th

Tuesday of Week VIII in Ordinary Time / Memorial of St. Casimir

- 6:15 am + Mark Trowbridge
 8:00 am + Gustavo Alberti
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Wednesday, March 5th

Ash Wednesday

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Sandy Mcmannus
 12:15 pm Intentions of Karim and Cameron Campoamor
 4:00 pm **Prayer Service Only – No Mass**
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**
 7:00 pm + Karina Diane Tellez

Thursday, March 6th

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 6:15 am Marygina Sacks
 8:00 am Marcela and Anthony Paz
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Friday, March 7th

Friday after Ash Wednesday / Memorial of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

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

Saturday, March 8th

Saturday after Ash Wednesday / Memorial of St. John of God, Religious

- 8:00 am + Miguel y Maria Tera Andux

Sunday, March 9th

I SUNDAY OF LENT

- 5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) + Carolyn and Clarence Ushela
 7:30 am For Our Parish Catechumens
 9:00 am Alejandro Arrabal's Birthday
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family**
 12:30 pm + Flora Maria Fanjul
 5:30 pm Intentions of the Martinez Family

SUNDAYS

- 1:30 pm **Homeless Ministry Service Days**
Date Varies Monthly – homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com

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

- 7:00 am **That Man Is You Men's Group** (Comber Hall)
 Rob Lasa, 305-934-7840, rob@lasalinks.com
- 9:00 am **Holy Face Devotion** (Chapel Conference Room)
 Yamila Sardiñas, ymsard@aol.com
- 7:00 pm **OCIA Classes** (Cafeteria)
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

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 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
- 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** (Cafeteria)
 St Theresa Pack 16, stspack16@gmail.com
- 7:30 pm **Men's English Emmaus** (Reilly Conference Room)
 Core Team, 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
- 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)
 Please see schedule at www.cotlf.org/baptism

THIS WEEK'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

March 2nd – VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C, Pg. 868/869

Sunday	Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Monday	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

This Wednesday we begin the season of Lent which I always describe as a "season of opportunity." It is an opportunity to start anew, to reset our relationship with Christ, to cast off the things that obstruct our path to holiness. We tend to forget that holiness is our calling! We should not settle for anything less in the spiritual life. This Lent our catechumens are in the final days of preparation before being baptized during the Easter Vigil. They will be made anew, reconfigured into the image of Jesus Christ as we once were when we were baptized, and therefore called to be saints. Sanctity of life should always be our goal, and let me offer that up as goal for our community this Lent.

This universal call to holiness is explained beautifully by the Council Fathers in Vatican II in the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium. Here is a good spiritual passage to help you kick off your Lenten journey:

The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition. He Himself stands as the author and consummator of this holiness of life: "Be you therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect". Indeed He sent the Holy Spirit upon all men that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength and that they might love each other as Christ loves them. The followers of Christ are called by God, not because of their works, but according to His own purpose and grace. They are justified in the Lord Jesus, because in the baptism of faith they truly become sons of God and sharers in the divine nature. In this way they are really made holy. Then too, by God's gift, they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received. They are warned by the Apostle to live "as becomes saints", and to put on "as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience", and to possess the fruit of the Spirit in holiness. Since truly we all offend in many things (222) we all need God's mercies continually and we all must daily pray: "Forgive us our debts"(223)

Thus it is evident to everyone, that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness as such a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society. In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must use their strength accordingly as they have received it, as a gift from Christ. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will

grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history. (Lumen Gentium 40)

The Council Fathers offer us a wonderful roadmap or litmus test, if you will, to help us answer the question: are living authentic Christian lives that lead us to holiness? Lent affords us the time to take up the threefold discipline of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which helps us grow in holiness. Prayer because it brings us into communion with the divine will of our God. It is only by constant prayer on our knees before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament that we start to even perceive the possibilities of what a life of peace and joy the pursuit of holiness can bring us. In fasting or self-denial, we extract from our lives all that does not belong to God or hinders our relationship with God. Here is where we get into a slippery slope in my estimation because so many of us "give up things" for Lent which is good and noble, but I challenge you to ask yourself this question: "is what I'm giving up helping me draw closer to Christ and putting me on the path to holiness?" May your acts of self-denial have a concrete purpose that allows you to be a more authentic Christian. And finally, almsgiving and charitable works are the third pillar of Lent. This often gets lost in our Lenten practices, but we should devote time to the poor by helping out our homeless ministry or visiting the Missionaries of Charity with them to actually do something for the poor (email homelessministrycoltf@gmail.com for more info). There are so many things that we can do. Years ago, children would collect coins lying around and at the end of Lent give them to Catholic Charities. Something practical would be to make your pledge to the ABCD if you haven't done so to help the archdiocese care for the poor of South Florida (isupportabcd.org). Almsgiving allows us to look beyond our needs and see the great needs of the poor whom our Lord calls us to care for.

Yes, Lent is indeed a season of opportunity. Ash Wednesday is just a few days away, so let us spend the next three days planning our Lenten journey much like we would plan any trip. I invite you to take with you the Daily Lenten Meditation books written by our Carmelite Sister which can be your daily companion. Read the Scriptures. Come to Daily Mass more often. Spend more time in our Adoration Chapel. Embrace this opportunity that the Lord is giving you to pursue the call to holiness you received at baptism. Have a blessed Lent!

God bless you all,



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Este miércoles comenzamos el tiempo de Cuaresma, que siempre describo como un "tiempo de oportunidades". Es una oportunidad para empezar de nuevo, para reiniciar nuestra relación con Cristo, para desechar las cosas que obstruyen nuestro camino a la santidad. ¡Tendemos a olvidar que la santidad es nuestro llamado! No debemos conformarnos con menos en la vida espiritual. Esta Cuaresma nuestros catecúmenos se encuentran en los últimos días de preparación antes de ser bautizados durante la Vigilia Pascual. Serán hechos de nuevo, reconfigurados a la imagen de Jesucristo como una vez fuimos cuando fuimos bautizados y, por lo tanto, llamados a ser santos. La santidad de la vida siempre debe ser nuestra meta, y permítanme ofrecer eso como meta para nuestra comunidad en esta Cuaresma.

Esta llamada universal a la santidad es bellamente explicada por los Padres Conciliares en el Vaticano II en la Constitución dogmática Lumen Gentium. Aquí hay un buen pasaje espiritual para ayudarlo a comenzar su viaje de Cuaresma:

El divino Maestro y Modelo de toda perfección, el Señor Jesús, predicó a todos y cada uno de sus discípulos, cualquiera que fuese su condición, la santidad de vida, de la que Él es iniciador y consumidor: "Sed, pues, vosotros perfectos, como vuestro Padre celestial es perfecto" (Mt 5, 48). Envío a todos el Espíritu Santo para que los mueva interiormente a amar a Dios con todo el corazón, con toda el alma, con toda la mente y con todas las fuerzas (cf. Mt 12,30) y a amarse mutuamente como Cristo les amó (cf. Jn 13,34; 15,12). Los seguidores de Cristo, llamados por Dios no en razón de sus obras, sino en virtud del designio y gracia divinos y justificados en el Señor Jesús, han sido hechos por el bautismo, sacramento de la fe, verdaderos hijos de Dios y partícipes de la divina naturaleza, y, por lo mismo, realmente santos. En consecuencia, es necesario que con la ayuda de Dios conserven y perfeccionen en su vida la santificación que recibieron. El Apóstol les amonesta a vivir "como conviene a los santos" (Ef 5, 3) y que como "elegidos de Dios, santos y amados, se revistan de entrañas de misericordia, benignidad, humildad, modestia, paciencia" (Col 3, 12) y produzcan los frutos del Espíritu para la santificación (cf. Ga 5, 22; Rm 6, 22). Pero como todos caemos en muchas faltas (cf. St 3,2), continuamente necesitamos la misericordia de Dios y todos los días debemos orar: "Perdónanos nuestras deudas" (Mt 6, 12).

Es, pues, completamente claro que todos los fieles, de cualquier estado o condición, están llamados a la plenitud de la vida cristiana y a la perfección de la caridad, y esta santidad suscita un nivel de vida más humano incluso en la sociedad terrena. En el logro de esta perfección empeñen los fieles las fuerzas recibidas según la medida de la donación de Cristo, a fin de que, siguiendo sus huellas y hechos conformes a su imagen, obedeciendo en todo a la voluntad del Padre, se entreguen con toda su alma a la gloria de Dios y al servicio del prójimo. Así, la santidad del Pueblo de Dios producirá abundantes frutos, como brillantemente lo demuestra la historia de la Iglesia con la

vida de tantos santos. (Lumen Gentium 40)

Los Padres del Concilio nos ofrecen una maravillosa hoja de ruta o prueba de fuego, si se quiere, para ayudarnos a responder a la pregunta: ¿son las vidas cristianas auténticas las que nos llevan a la santidad? La Cuaresma nos da el tiempo para asumir la triple disciplina de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna que nos ayuda a crecer en santidad. La oración porque nos pone en comunión con la divina voluntad de nuestro Dios. Es solo a través de la oración constante de rodillas ante nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento que comenzamos a percibir las posibilidades de lo que una vida de paz y alegría puede traernos la búsqueda de la santidad. En el ayuno o la abnegación, extraemos de nuestras vidas todo lo que no pertenece a Dios o dificulta nuestra relación con Dios. Aquí es donde entramos en una pendiente resbaladiza en mi estimación porque muchos de nosotros "renunciamos a cosas" por la Cuaresma, lo cual es bueno y noble, pero te desafío a que te hagas esta pregunta: "¿A lo que estoy renunciando me está ayudando a acercarme más a Cristo y a ponerme en el camino de la santidad?" Que vuestros actos de abnegación tengan una finalidad concreta que os permita ser un cristiano más auténtico. Y finalmente, la limosna y las obras de caridad son el tercer pilar de la Cuaresma. Esto a menudo se pierde en nuestras prácticas de Cuaresma, pero debemos dedicar tiempo a los pobres ayudando a nuestro ministerio de personas sin hogar o visitando a las Misioneras de la Caridad con ellos para hacer algo por los pobres (envíe un correo electrónico a homelessministrycoltf@gmail.com para obtener más información). Hay tantas cosas que podemos hacer. Hace años, los niños recogían monedas por ahí y al final de la Cuaresma las regalaban a Caridades Católicas. Algo práctico sería hacer su promesa a la ABCD si no lo ha hecho para ayudar a la arquidiócesis a cuidar a los pobres del sur de la Florida (isupportabcd.org). La limosna nos permite mirar más allá de nuestras necesidades y ver las grandes necesidades de los pobres a quienes nuestro Señor nos llama a cuidar.

Sí, la Cuaresma es, de hecho, una temporada de oportunidades. El Miércoles de Ceniza está a solo unos días de distancia, así que pasemos los próximos tres días planificando nuestro viaje de Cuaresma como lo haríamos con cualquier viaje. Te invito a que lleves contigo los libros de Meditación Cuaresmal diaria escritos por nuestra Hermana Carmelita que pueden ser tu compañero diario. Lee las Escrituras. Asiste a la Misa Diaria con más frecuencia. Pasa más tiempo en nuestra Capilla de Adoración. Aprovecha esta oportunidad que el Señor te está dando para seguir el llamado a la santidad que recibiste en el bautismo. ¡Que tengas una bendita Cuaresma!

Dios los bendiga a todos,



Building on Our Legacy

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: \$9,806,262.50 (75.43%)

TOTAL COLLECTED: \$4,669,657.94 (35.92%)

Updated as of February 24th

2nd Collection This 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!

Please Note: Due to a misprint with our envelopes, some parishioners may have already donated toward this special collection earlier this year.



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



LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for all who are 14 years and older. They are also days of fast (one full meal and two small meals, with nothing eaten between the meals) for adults, 18 - 59 years old. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older.

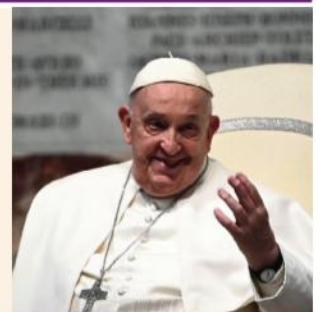


STATIONS OF THE CROSS / VIA CRUCIS

Every Friday during Lent, in the church
Cada Viernes durante la Cuaresma, en la iglesia
8:30am in English
6:00pm en Español

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.



MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT #52

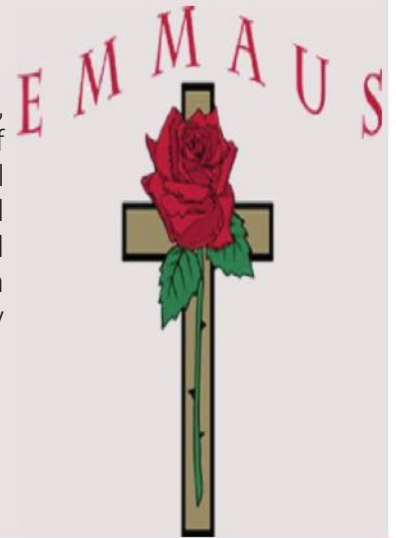
All the men of the parish are invited to the next English Men's Emmaus Retreat, which will be held the weekend of March 28th – 30th right here on the grounds of St. Theresa Catholic School. This weekend retreat is for you to disconnect from all the distractions and preoccupations of daily life and concentrate 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 to register!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Carlos Shortt, 786-282-3916 or Alejandro Herrera, (305) 283-2011



RETRO DEL CONVENIO MATRIMONIAL

4–6 abril, 2025 • Comber Hall

El Convenio Matrimonial es una experiencia de fin de semana en la que usted y su pareja podrán hacer una pausa de la vida cotidiana y reflexionar sobre el estado y la importancia de su matrimonio. Explorarán cómo pueden fortalecer su relación de una manera divertida y en un ambiente relajado. Además, aprenderán cómo hacer que la vida sea más alegre para ustedes como pareja y como familia y conocerán cuál es el rol que tiene Dios en sus vidas.

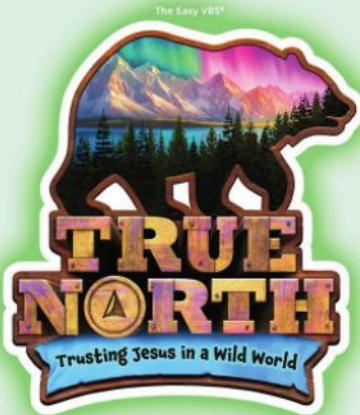
Para más información contactarse con
Juan Pedro y Vivi San Martin al 786-562-7849

Costo de Inscripción: \$150

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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 to learn more about this year's camp.

COTLF PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please visit 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.





HOMELESS MINISTRY COLLECTION DRIVE

During the month of March, the Homeless Ministry at the Church of the Little Flower will be participating in a "Mission Hope" hygiene kit campaign benefiting the Caring Place (Miami Rescue Mission). As part of this campaign, we have secured 200 empty Mission Hope purple plastic bags that need to be filled with personal hygiene items for homeless men and women in need. Instead of collecting food items this month, we will be collecting the following personal hygiene items for both men and women that are needed to fill these purple bags: Soap Bars, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shaving Cream, Disposable Razors, Baby Wipes, Combs, and Brushes. (Note: Please make sure these are not travel sized items)

All items can be dropped off ONLY during the weekend masses at the COTLF Homeless Ministry Donation Collection Area inside the church on the weekends of **March 8th & 9th and March 15th and 16th.**

For more information about this collection of the upcoming Volunteer Service Days, please contact us at homelessministrycotlf@gmail.com

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

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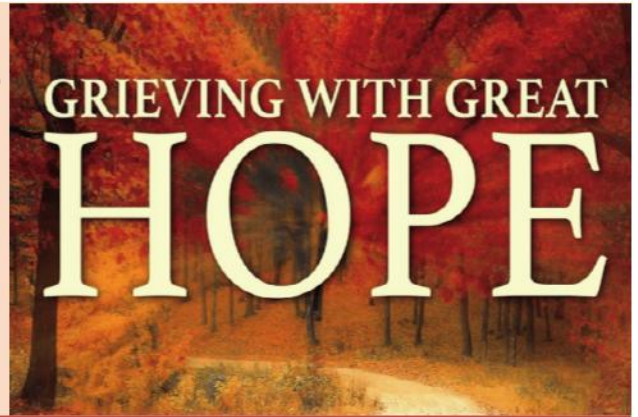


SPRING GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

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 Iliffe at bereavement@cotlf.org



Carmelite Sisters Lenten Reflections 2025

We invite you to join us in renewing and deepening your relationship with Our Lord and gaining a renewed sense of awe and wonder at the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice for each one of us. Journey with us through the six weeks of Lent with daily reflections written by the Carmelite Sisters to prepare your heart for the joy and glory of Easter. Booklets will be distributed after all Masses this weekend ahead of the start of the Lent.

Digital copies of the booklet are also available at www.carmelitesistersocd.com

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. Mary 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 or (305) 446-9950, Ext 302.



Mass Music & Readings

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

Saint David

Saint David was a bishop. A bishop's hat is called a **miter**, and the staff he carries is called a **crozier**.

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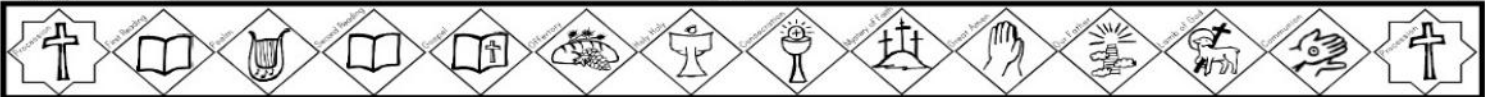
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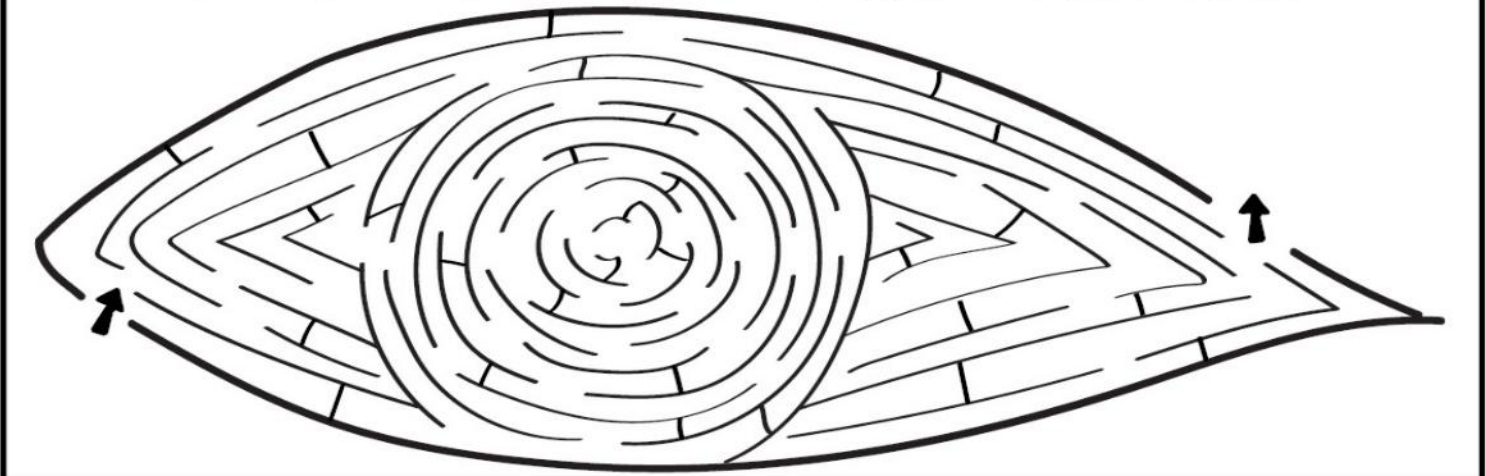
The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." During Communion, take time to be thankful for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.

A dove sat on Saint David's shoulder to show that the Holy Spirit was with him. A hill grew under his feet so that people could see him.

Saint David is the patron saint of Wales. He is often pictured with a dragon because the dragon is a symbol of Wales.



PARABLE



Gospel
 Jesus told parables to His disciples. Parables are stories that teach a lesson. One story teaches that we should work on being our best before we correct other people. Listen for more lessons.



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Grades 1-5, Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 9:00 am

Grades 6-11, Saturday, Nov. 2 at 9:00 am

All Grades, Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 9:00 am

VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm

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