



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER



The
Light

March 9th, 2025

I SUNDAY OF LENT

I DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



Pastor

REV. MANUEL F. ALVAREZ

Parochial Vicar

REV. DAVID ZALLOCCO

Priests in Residence

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

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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 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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OFFICE STAFF

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Director of Religious Education

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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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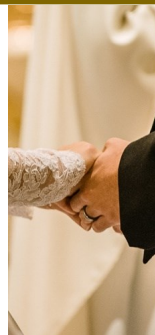
Administered by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of LA - Sr. Rosalie, Principal

SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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

- + Benjamin Thomas Guerra
- + Isa Christina Vidal
- + Kevin Patrick Flynn
- + Stowe Flynn
- + Capri Maria Borrego
- + Benjamin Mendez



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

- + Julio Antonio Iglesias & Katherine Espinosa
- + Hunter Hewitt & Ann Vachaparambil
- + Daniel Perera & Natalie Marrero



Rest in Peace.
We pray for our recently deceased.

- + Armando Nodal
- + Mauricio Lacayo

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

MARCH 2, 2025

Attendance:	2,515
In-Church Collection:	\$13,251
Online Giving Offertory:	\$16,169
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$771
Children's Collection:	\$587
Devotional Candles:	\$1,134
Poor Box/Charities:	\$392

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

Grand Total: \$32,305

Latin America: \$2,856

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MINISTRIES @ COTLF

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

Monday, March 10th

Monday of Week I of Lent

- 6:15 am Audrey O'Rourke's Birthday
- 8:00 am Irma Perez and Family
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Tuesday, March 11th

Tuesday of Week I of Lent

- 6:15 am + Manolo Couto
- 8:00 am Roberto Campohermoso's Birthday
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Wednesday, March 12th

Wednesday of Week I of Lent

- 6:15 am Cole Hoppe
- 8:00 am + Gonzalo y Lucrecia Rodriguez
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Thursday, March 13th

Thursday of Week I of Lent

- 6:15 am + Miriam Arencibia
- 8:00 am Raul Cairo's Birthday
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Friday, March 14th

Friday of Week I of Lent

- 6:15 am + Dora Romero
- 8:00 am + Saturnina Suarez
- 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

Saturday, March 15th

Saturday of Week I of Lent

- 8:00 am Dibi R. Martin

Sunday, March 16th

II SUNDAY OF LENT

- 5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) + Giovanni Delgado
- 7:30 am + Jose Ugarte
- 9:00 am + Favio Jesus Treviño Trujillo
- 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family**
- 12:30 pm 50 Aniversario de of Jose R. y Veronica E. Curbelo
- 5:30 pm + Frank Fonseca

THIS WEEK'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

March 9th – I Sunday of Lent – Year C, Pg. 730/731

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| Sunday | Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13 |
| Monday | Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday | Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday | Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12 |
| Friday | Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday | Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday | Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36 |

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](tel: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](tel: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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert..." (Luke 4:1)

Listen.....pause for 30 seconds....don't read any further and just listen...to silence....

That sound is so rare. Many of us avoid silence. I know there have been times in my life that I have avoided it, but yet the most blessed times I have had in my spiritual life are when I have embraced it. Only in silence can we listen to the voice of God. Only in silence can we listen to one another in a culture where we constantly try to yell over the other. On this First Sunday of Lent, we journey with Jesus into the desert where the gospel tells us that he had no food and was tempted by the devil. Another thing Jesus encountered in the desert was silence. There was no better way to prepare for his bout with the devil and for his public ministry than to be embraced by the silence that allows the voice of the Father to be crystal clear.

So why are we afraid of silence? Why do we feel the need to constantly fill our lives with noise? We are told that friendships are fostered by good communication, but I have found that my greatest friends and I can be together in perfect silence in a car, at a restaurant, or just about anywhere and not say a word and yet communicate so much. My grandfather was one of the gentlest souls I ever encountered, and he rarely spoke. In the silence of his actions is how he communicated his greatest lessons. My father and I, when we go fishing have sometimes gone through long periods of time without talking while our lines are in the water. The only sound is the waves and the breeze. It's not that we have nothing to talk about. Quite the contrary. Silence at times speaks volumes and I'm not talking about passive aggressive silent treatment. I'm talking about the silence that communicates so much love. Just look at St. Joseph who said nothing in the Bible. Look at the brief words of Mary who through her silence taught her son so much. We need to make room in our lives for silence.

This begins in prayer and in particular in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. A few years ago, Cardinal Robert Sarah, who is the former prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship in the Vatican, wrote an entire book about silence called, "The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise." In this book he said, "Christ lived for thirty years in silence. Then, during his public life, he withdrew to the desert to listen to and speak with his Father. The world vitally needs those who go off into the desert. Because God speaks in silence." Lent affords us the opportunity to go into the desert with Jesus, and as Cardinal Sarah says, the world needs us to go into the desert, so like Christ, having heard the voice of the Father, we can return to the world ready to spread the Good News. In another part of the book, Cardinal Sarah writes, "Through silence, we return to our heavenly origin, where there is nothing but calm, peace, repose, silent contemplation, and adoration of the radiant face of God." This is where our trips to the Adoration Chapel during this Lent can be so fruitful. In that chapel, there is silence and contemplation which we all desperately need. I remember a few months ago being invited by one of our young parishioners to sit with them in the chapel. Again, no words were exchanged among us. We just sat there in adoration of our Lord and in prayer. Our relationship/friendship strengthened by silence.

This is our challenge this Lent: embracing silence in a noisy world. As we journey with Jesus into the desert, we must make room for silence in our lives. Sit in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel where a word is never spoken. Go for a walk or a jog without your headphones and without music and just listen to the wind. Listen to what our Lord listened to during his 40 days in the desert: nothing but silence that welcomes the voice of the Father.

God bless you all,

Fr. Anthony



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

"Lleno del Espíritu Santo, Jesús regresó del Jordán y fue llevado por el Espíritu al desierto..." (Lucas 4:1)

Escucha.....haz una pausa de 30 segundos... no leas más y solo escucha... al silencio....

Ese sonido es tan raro. Muchos de nosotros evitamos el silencio. Sé que ha habido momentos en mi vida que lo he evitado, pero, sin embargo, los momentos más bendecidos que he tenido en mi vida espiritual son cuando he practicado el silencio. Solo en silencio podemos escuchar la voz de Dios. Solo en silencio podemos escucharnos unos a otros en una cultura en la que constantemente tratamos de gritar al otro. En este primer domingo de Cuaresma, viajamos con Jesús al desierto donde el evangelio nos dice que no tenía comida y fue tentado por el diablo. Otra cosa que Jesús encontró en el desierto fue el silencio. No había mejor manera de prepararse para su combate con el diablo y para su ministerio público que ser abrazado por el silencio que permite que la voz del Padre sea clara como el cristal.

¿Por qué le tenemos miedo al silencio? ¿Por qué sentimos la necesidad de llenar constantemente nuestras vidas de ruido? Nos dicen que las amistades se fomentan con una buena comunicación, pero he descubierto que mis mejores amigos y yo podemos estar juntos en perfecto silencio en un automóvil, en un restaurante o en cualquier lugar y no decir una palabra y, sin embargo, comunicarnos mucho. Mi abuelo fue una de las almas más gentiles que he tenido y rara vez hablaba. En el silencio de sus acciones es como comunicaba sus mayores lecciones. Mi padre y yo, cuando vamos a pescar, a veces hemos pasado largos períodos de tiempo sin hablar mientras nuestras líneas están en el agua. El único sonido son las olas y la brisa. No es que no tengamos nada de qué hablar. Todo lo contrario. El silencio a veces lo dice todo y yo no estoy hablando. Sobre el tratamiento pasivo-agresivo silencioso. Hablo del silencio que comunica tanto amor. Basta con mirar a San José, que no dijo nada en la Biblia. Mira las breves palabras de María, que con su silencio enseñó tanto a su hijo. Necesitamos hacer espacio en nuestras vidas para el silencio.

Esto comienza en la oración y en particular en la celebración de la Sagrada Eucaristía. Hace unos años, el Cardenal Robert Sarah, que es la antigua perfección de la Congregación de Culto Divino en el Vaticano, escribió un libro completo sobre el silencio llamado "El Poder del Silencio: Contra la Dictadura del Ruido. En este libro dijo: "Cristo vivió treinta años en silencio. Luego, durante su vida pública, se retiró al desierto para escuchar y hablar con su Padre. El mundo necesita vitalmente a los que se van al desierto. Porque Dios habla en silencio". La Cuaresma nos brinda la oportunidad de ir al desierto con Jesús, y como dice el cardenal Sarah, el mundo necesita que vayamos al desierto, para que, como Cristo, habiendo escuchado la voz del Padre, podamos volver al mundo dispuestos a difundir la Buena Nueva. En otra parte del libro, el cardenal Sarah escribe: "A través del silencio, regresamos a nuestro origen celestial, donde no hay nada más que calma, paz, reposo, contemplación silenciosa y adoración del rostro radiante de Dios". Aquí es donde nuestros viajes a la Capilla de Adoración durante esta Cuaresma pueden ser tan fructíferos. En esa capilla hay silencio y contemplación que todos necesitamos desesperadamente. Recuerdo que hace unos meses uno de nuestros jóvenes feligreses me invitó a sentarme con ellos en la capilla. Una vez más, no se intercambiaron palabras entre nosotros. Simplemente nos sentamos allí en adoración a nuestro Señor y en oración. Nuestra relación/amistad fortalecida por el silencio.

Este es nuestro desafío en esta Cuaresma: abrazar el silencio en un mundo ruidoso. Mientras caminamos con Jesús por el desierto, debemos hacer espacio para el silencio en nuestras vidas. Siéntate en la Capilla de Adoración Perpetua donde nunca se dice una palabra. Sal a caminar o a correr sin tus audífonos y sin música y solo escucha el viento. Escucha lo que nuestro Señor escuchó durante sus 40 días en el desierto: nada más que el silencio que acoge la voz del Padre.

Dios los bendiga a todos,



Building on Our Legacy

www.cotlf.org/centennial

Campaign 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 full approval from the City of Coral Gables Commission. The planning phase will now shift to the interior details ahead of the preparation of construction documents and an application for permitting.
- 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.

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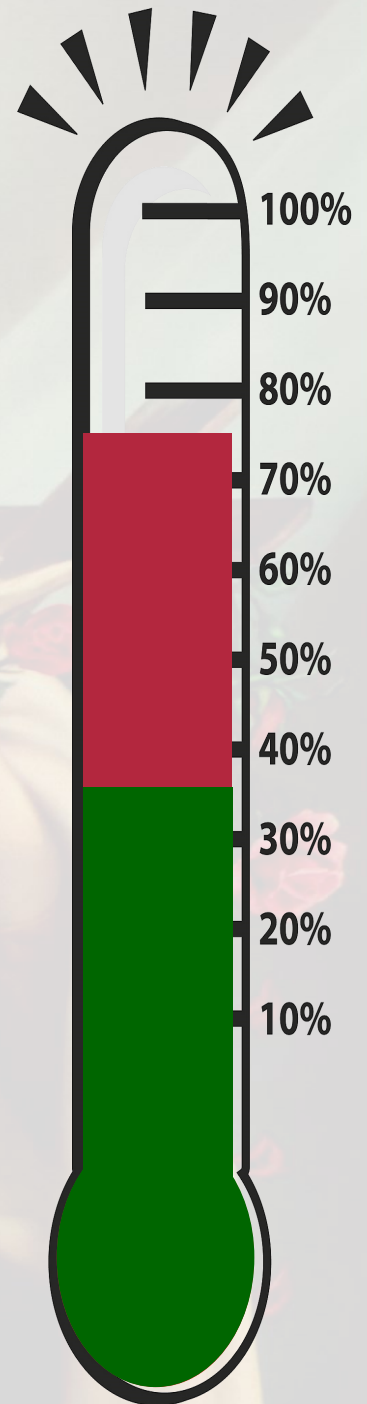
Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$9,838,287.22 (75.68%)

TOTAL COLLECTED: \$4,756,687.01 (36.59%)

Updated as of March 5th



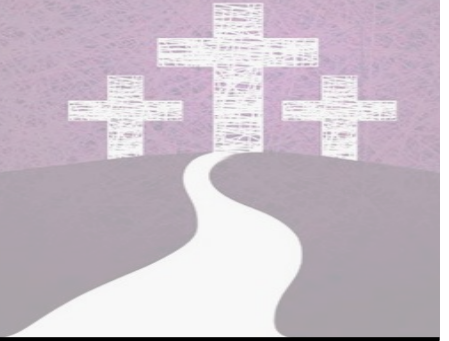


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Every Friday during Lent, in the church
Cada Viernes durante la Cuaresma, en la iglesia
8:30am in English
6:00pm en Español

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The holy season of Lent began 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.

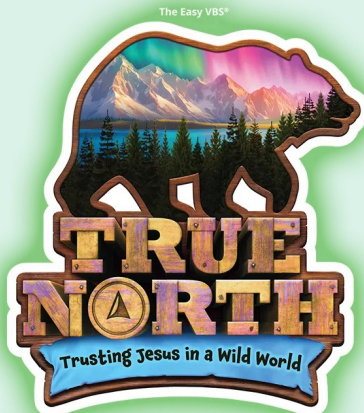


LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Over the next two weeks, daily Mass attendees will note the arrival of a large flock of "lost sheep" returning to the sanctuary. As is our local custom, following the celebration of First Penance, each of our STS and Rel.Ed. students places a small cotton ball sheep by the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, as a sign and symbol of their return to the Lord through the Grace of Penance. As you see these hundreds of sheep gathered around the altar, we pray they will inspire you to return to confession this Lenten season.

Priests are available for Confessions in the church every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am. A Lenten Penance Service will also be held during Holy Week, but don't wait until then to receive God's healing mercy!

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 this Tuesday, March 11th, at 9:00am.

Visit www.cotlf.org/VBS to learn more about this year's camp.

MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT #52

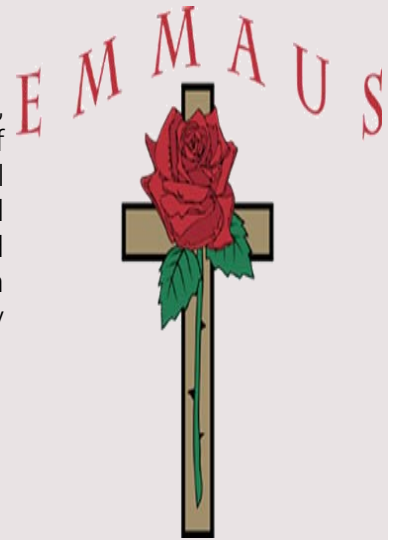
All the men of the parish are invited to the next English Men's Emmaus Retreat, which will be held the weekend of March 28th – 30th right here on the grounds of St. Theresa Catholic School. This weekend retreat is for you to disconnect from all the distractions and preoccupations of daily life and concentrate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

Inscríbese en nuestra aplicación digital



RETRO DE EMAUS DE HOMBRES

Los hombres del grupo de Emaus en Español te invitan a un fin de semana lleno de esperanza, renovación y gozo del 2–4 de mayo. Este retiro es para hombres mayores de 21 años de edad y está limitado a 40 personas. Inscríbese temprano para asegurar su puesto. El costo es \$200 por persona, e incluye cuarto, comida, y programa. No dejes de asistir al retiro por razones de dinero. Mantenemos becas para personas que no puedan pagar la cuota. Déjenos saber y se harán los arreglos necesarios.

La inscripción del retiro esta disponible en el sitio web de la iglesia,
www.cotlf.org/emaushombres/

Para mas información:

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Paco Valdes, fvaldes@panampap.com
o Yancy Soto, yancysoto@yahoo.com



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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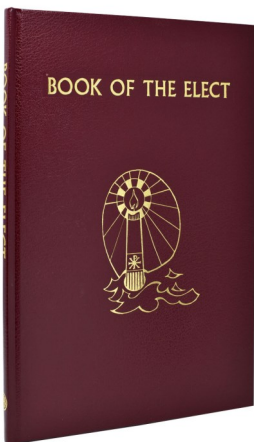
Save the Date: May 2-4, 2025
COTLF Parish Office Center
More details coming soon!

OCIA RITES OF SENDING AND ELECTION

During this weekend's 10:30am Mass, our unbaptized OCIA catechumens and baptized candidates will celebrate the Rite of Sending. This Rite marks a major step in each participant's journey with Jesus and His Church as they progress toward the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. During the Rite of Sending, the parish expresses approval, rejoices in the decision to receive the sacraments, and assures the catechumens and candidates of the community's prayers and support.

Later in the afternoon, the catechumens, together with their sponsors and families, will gather with the Archbishop at St. Mary's Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election, where they will publicly express their desire for baptism and have their names recorded in the book of the Elect.

Please continue to pray for these brothers and sisters as they enter this final period of preparation and discernment! If you are interested in discussing your own journey of faith or learning more about becoming Catholic or getting confirmed, please visit www.cotlf.org/OCIA



Mass Music & Readings

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Be with me,
 Lord, when I
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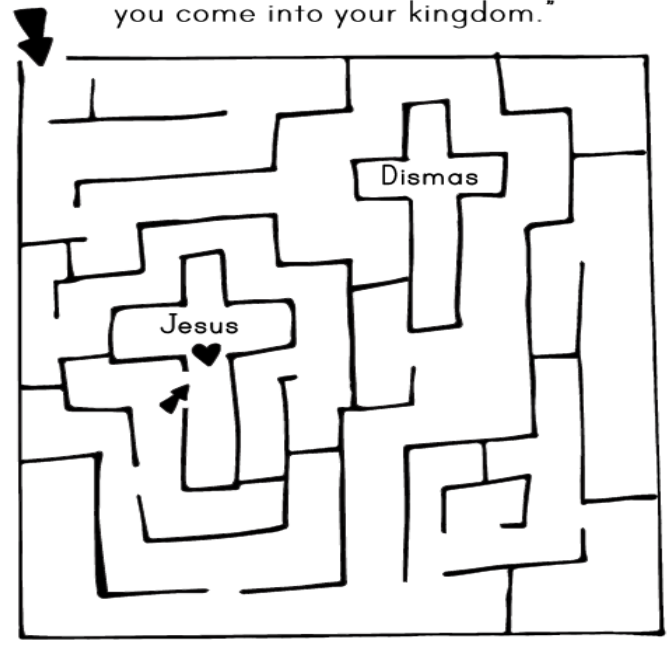
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Do you remember that the priest wore purple during Advent? That was when we were waiting for Jesus to be born at Christmas. The priest is wearing purple again as we wait for Jesus to rise at Easter.

Saint Dismas

Saint Dismas was crucified on the cross next to Jesus. Saint Dismas was a criminal, but he asked for forgiveness before he died.

Saint Dismas said,
 "Jesus, remember me when
 you come into your kingdom."



Gospel

Jesus lived in the desert for 40 days! The devil tried to tempt Him to turn the rocks into bread when He was hungry. Jesus got help from the angels and knew that He could wait. He didn't listen to the devil.



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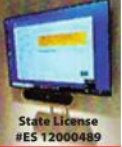
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