



Church of the LITTLE FLOWER

The
Light

JUNE 1, 2025

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LA ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR



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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
7:00 pm	Italian (1st Sundays Monthly)

CONFESSIONS

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



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

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OFFICE STAFF

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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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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:

- † Lily Skye Mendoza
- † Mateo Felipe Zapata Raimondi
- † Charlotte Cecelia Gunter
- † Alina Cristina Rangroo
- † Francesco Mencarini
- † Henry George Hejl
- † John Richard Pagano
- † Gabriel Felipe Yanes
- † Camdon Alexander Pino
- † Liliana Patricia Malzacher



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

- † Carlos Portal & Leydis Gallego
- † James Turner & Larissa Livanis
- † Kevin Lemke & Carlota Munoz



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 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

MAY 25, 2025

Attendance:	1,502
In-Church Collection:	\$ 11,576
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 15,747
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 730
Children's Collection:	\$ 326
Devotional Candles:	\$ 1,071
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 223

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

Grand Total: \$ 29,674

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) + For All Who Passed Away This Month
 7:30 am The Holy Father's Intention: That the World Might Grow in Compassion
 9:00 am + Eleuterio (Telly) Valdes
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family**
 12:30 pm + Rosa Egea de Camps
 5:30 pm + Luis Lugones
 7:00 pm (Italian) + Silvano, Agnette Chizzini and Ivan Hanuskiewicz

MONDAY, JUNE 2ND

Monday of Week VII of Easter / Memorial of Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am The Students of St. Theresa School
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD

Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

6:15 am Intentions of Kevin Murdock
 8:00 am The STS Class of 2025
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH

Wednesday of Week VII of Easter

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am All STS Faculty and Staff
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH

Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am The STS Administrative Team
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH

Friday of Week VII of Easter / Memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop / First Friday

6:15 am + David Gaddes
 8:00 am For All Parish Benefactors
 5:30 pm **Misa Comunitaria**

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

Saturday of Week VII of Easter / First Saturday

8:00 am Sr. Anne Marie's Feast Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

5:00 pm (Sat. Vigil) Intentions of the Murdock Family
 7:30 am + Manuel y Vicenta Quintana
 9:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 10:30 am **Missa Pro Populo - For All Members of Our Parish Family**
 12:30 pm + Jesus Rosales
 5:30 pm + Benito Yoli

THIS WEEK'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

June 1st — The Ascension of the Lord — Year C, Pg. 800/801

Sunday	Acts 1:1-11 • Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 • Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23 • Lk 24:46-53
Monday	Acts 19:1-8 • Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab • Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Act 20:17-27 • Ps 68:10-11 • 20-21 • Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38 • Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab • Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30 • 23:6-11 • Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 • Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21 • Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab • Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 • Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 • Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	<i>Vigil:</i> Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5 • Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 • Rom 8:22-27 • Jn 7:37-39 <i>Mass during the Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11 • Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 • 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 • Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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, drmmom92@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 Andino, juanandino66@yahoo.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— *Begins again in August!*
 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— *Begins again in September!*
 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, drmmom92@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,

Summer is here! The move to Comber Hall, so that we can make the necessary renovations to our church, is now a little more than a week away. This beautiful church dreamed of and constructed by the founders of our parish stands a beacon of light rising among the canopy of trees of our beloved city. We have been entrusted with making sure that the Church of the Little Flower continues to shine and be a worthy house of prayer for the next century of our parish's history. New pews, a fresh coat of interior paint, the reinforcement of our balcony, restoration of our glorious reredos, and a much needed fourth confessional will all be done during the summer months and stretching a bit into the fall. This work which is sorely needed will require us to move into Comber Hall, as I have previously announced, during the next few months to celebrate Mass and the sacraments in our original church, where our founders worshiped for the first 25 years of our parish's existence.

Now I can continue to wax poetic about this move and how beautiful our church will look when we reenter it this fall, but I am compelled to be honest with all of you, my beloved parishioners, this move to hall will be a major sacrifice. We have worked hard to make this transition seamless, but the fact of the matter is that we will be moving into a space that is half the size of our church, with no pews and no kneelers like the original church had. We are making every effort to make it a worthy space of worship as it was a century ago, but we will always have our beautiful church in mind with its majestic dome and glorious altar.

But sacrifice is part of Christian spirituality, and sacrifice is a discipline that all too often we run away from or avoid. Jesus could not rise from the dead if he had not sacrificed his life on the cross for our sins. Our faith would not have spread to the rest of the world if the apostles had not left the Upper Room and left the familiar to go to all nations to spread the Good News. Sometimes escaping the familiar resets the way we see the blessings that we sometimes take for granted. Our love for the Eucharist increased during the pandemic five years ago when we were sadly separated from the celebration of the Mass.

So, this summer will be a period of holy sacrifice for us worshipping in Comber Hall as we upkeep our church for future generations. The last time this happened was in 1987 when repairs were done. I have every faith in the resolve of this extraordinary community to overcome the "shock" of this move, and to embrace this cross that we have been called to carry. A long time ago, the saintly Bishop Roman told me: "all we need is an altar." And that is precisely what we will have. The wooden altar from our chapel in the parish center will be moved to the hall so we can offer the Divine Sacrifice of the Mass on it every day. There will obviously be a tabernacle

right behind the altar, and the statues of the saints will be moved into the hall along with the candles that we light. We will be able to come and go into this temporary worship space all day as we currently do in our church. As I mentioned above, the space is smaller so we will be closer to one another which is not necessarily a bad thing. On Sundays, we will need the second floor for overflow seating where the Mass will be livestreamed to a large screen TV and Holy Communion will be brought up to worshippers on the second floor.

But in all of this, we must give thanks to God that the celebration of the Eucharist will go on uninterrupted. As glorious as our church is, as St. Peter tells in the Scripture, we are "living stones." You are the Church, and we will offer worthy sacrifice to the Lord in our temporary home.

Finally, I ask for your prayers and support. Prayers that all this work to be done in the church will be completed well and in a timely manner, and support for our Centennial Campaign which is funding that is sorely needed to complete work in the church. Early last week, I personally finished paying off the pledge of \$10,000 that I made when we launched our campaign on October 1, 2023. I do not share this to brag, but to be able to lead by example as a servant leader. This campaign to upkeep our church and build a multi-purpose center for our school is so important that I felt that it was my duty to make a sacrificial gift beyond my means forcing me to go into my personal savings to support the work of our parish. I humbly implore you to do the same. The bills for all the work that is about to begin will now be coming in at a feverish pace, which is why I ask you: if you made a pledge, please follow through with the commitment you made. If you have not made a sacrificial gift to this campaign, please do it today by visiting cotlf.org/centennial. We are not just doing this for ourselves and for our children and grandchildren, we are doing all of this for the greater glory of God so that Little Flower can continue to preach the gospel in what is the most beautiful church in South Florida.

May God reward your generosity and your patience in the coming months. We must always remember that no matter where the Mass is offered, Jesus Christ is truly and really present.

God Bless You All,

Fr. Manny



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos,

¡El verano ya está aquí! Falta un poco más de una semana para mudarnos a Comber Hall, para que podamos hacer las renovaciones necesarias en nuestra iglesia. Esta hermosa iglesia soñada y construida por los fundadores de nuestra parroquia se erige como un faro de luz que se eleva entre las copas de los árboles de nuestra querida ciudad. Se nos ha confiado la tarea de asegurarnos de que la Iglesia de la Pequeña Flor continúe brillando y siendo una casa digna de oración para el próximo siglo de la historia de nuestra parroquia. Nuevos bancos, una nueva capa de pintura interior, el refuerzo de nuestro balcón, la restauración de nuestro glorioso retablo y un cuarto confesionario muy necesario se harán durante los meses de verano y se extenderán un poco hasta el otoño. Este trabajo, que es muy necesario, requerirá que nos mudemos a Comber Hall, como he anunciado anteriormente, durante los próximos meses para celebrar la Misa y los sacramentos en nuestra iglesia original, donde nuestros fundadores adoraron durante los primeros 25 años de existencia de nuestra parroquia.

Ahora puedo continuar hablando poéticamente sobre este movimiento y lo hermosa que se verá nuestra iglesia cuando volvamos a entrar en ella este otoño, pero me veo obligado a ser honesto con todos ustedes, mis queridos feligreses, este traslado al salón será un gran sacrificio. Hemos trabajado arduamente para hacer que esta transición sea perfecta, pero el hecho es que nos mudaremos a un espacio que es la mitad del tamaño de nuestra iglesia, sin bancos ni reclinatorios como tenía la iglesia original. Estamos haciendo todo lo posible para que sea un espacio digno de adoración como lo fue hace un siglo, pero siempre tendremos en mente nuestra hermosa iglesia con su majestuosa cúpula y su glorioso altar.

Pero el sacrificio es parte de la espiritualidad cristiana, y el sacrificio es una disciplina de la que con demasiada frecuencia huimos o evitamos. Jesús no podría resucitar de entre los muertos si no hubiera sacrificado su vida en la cruz por nuestros pecados. Nuestra fe no se habría extendido al resto del mundo si los apóstoles no hubieran dejado el Cenáculo y dejado lo conocido para ir a todas las naciones a difundir la Buena Nueva. A veces, escapar de lo familiar restablece la forma en que vemos las bendiciones que a veces damos por sentado. Nuestro amor por la Eucaristía aumentó durante la pandemia hace cinco años, cuando lamentablemente nos separaron de la celebración de la Misa.

Por lo tanto, este verano será un período de sacrificio santo para nosotros que adoramos en Comber Hall mientras mantenemos nuestra iglesia para las generaciones futuras. La última vez que esto sucedió fue en 1987 cuando se hicieron reparaciones. Tengo plena fe en la determinación de esta extraordinaria comunidad de superar el "shock" de este movimiento y de abrazar esta cruz que hemos sido llamados a llevar. Hace mucho tiempo, el santo obispo Román me dijo: "todo lo que necesitamos es un altar". Y eso es precisamente lo que tendremos. El altar de madera de nuestra capilla en el centro

parroquial se trasladará al salón para que podamos ofrecer el Divino Sacrificio de la Misa en él todos los días. Obviamente habrá un tabernáculo justo detrás del altar, y las estatuas de los santos serán trasladadas al salón junto con las velas que encendamos. Podremos entrar en este espacio de adoración temporal todo el día como lo hacemos actualmente en nuestra iglesia. Como mencioné anteriormente, el espacio es más pequeño, por lo que estaremos más cerca unos de otros, lo que no es necesariamente algo malo. Los domingos, necesitaremos el segundo piso para asientos adicionales donde la Misa se transmitirá en vivo a un televisor de pantalla grande y la Sagrada Comunión se llevará a los fieles en el segundo piso.

Pero en todo esto, debemos dar gracias a Dios porque la celebración de la Eucaristía continuará ininterrumpidamente. A pesar de lo gloriosa que es nuestra iglesia, como dice San Pedro en las Escrituras, somos "piedras vivas". Ustedes son la Iglesia, y ofreceremos un sacrificio digno al Señor en nuestro hogar temporal.

Por último, les pido sus oraciones y su apoyo. Oraciones para que todo este trabajo que se hará en la iglesia se complete bien y de manera oportuna, y apoyo a nuestra Campaña del Centenario que está financiando este trabajo tan necesario en la iglesia. A principios de la semana pasada, personalmente terminé de pagar la promesa de \$10,000 que hice cuando lanzamos nuestra campaña el 1 de octubre de 2023. No comparto esto para presumir, sino para poder liderar con el ejemplo como un líder de servicio. Esta campaña para mantener nuestra iglesia y construir un centro de usos múltiples para nuestra escuela es tan importante que sentí que era mi deber hacer una ofrenda de sacrificio más allá de mis posibilidades, lo que me obligó a recurrir a mis ahorros personales para apoyar el trabajo de nuestra parroquia. Les imploro humildemente que hagan lo mismo. Las facturas de todo el trabajo que está a punto de comenzar ahora llegarán a un ritmo febril, por lo que les pido: si hicieron una promesa, por favor cumplan con el compromiso que hicieron. Si usted no ha hecho un regalo de sacrificio a esta campaña, por favor hágalo hoy visitando cotlf.org/centennial. No estamos haciendo esto solo por nosotros mismos y por nuestros hijos y nietos, estamos haciendo todo esto para la mayor gloria de Dios para que Little Flower pueda continuar predicando el evangelio en lo que es la iglesia más hermosa del sur de la Florida.

Que Dios recompense vuestra generosidad y vuestra paciencia en los próximos meses. Siempre debemos recordar que no importa dónde se ofrezca la Misa, Jesucristo está realmente presente.

Que Dios Los Bendiga a Todos,

Fr. Manny



PARDON OUR DUST! SUMMER CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Beginning Monday, June 9th all Masses and liturgical celebrations will be taking place in Comber Hall as construction begins inside the church ahead of the February arrival of our new pipe organ.

During this phase of the work, the balcony will be reinforced to support the weight of the new organ, the entire interior of the church will be repainted, including a golden accent on the interior of the dome, the altar reredos and the side altars of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Therese and St. Anthony will all be cleaned up and restored, and our new pews will be installed.

We anticipate a return to the church in October but until then, we will celebrate Mass in the same space as our founding parishioners did a century ago!

Learn more at www.cotlf.org/centennial

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Theresa Catholic School, in Coral Gables, Florida, is hiring for a dynamic and qualified **Art Teacher** and for a **Campus Minister / 2nd Grade Religion Teacher** for the 2025-26 school year. Candidates will perform all duties and responsibilities in alignment with the mission, vision, and values of the Archdiocese of Miami and St Theresa Catholic School.

Scan the QR codes to view Job Descriptions and to apply:



Art Teacher

Campus Minister



2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

This weekend's special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Communism in this region fell more than 30 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your support of this collection funds grants for vital pastoral ministries throughout the region. That means you support seminary programs, promote ministries and education for children and families, rebuild churches, and renew community life.

Please help support the church in Central and Eastern Europe through the in-pew collection weekend or give online now.



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.



FATHER'S DAY NOVENA BEGINNING JUNE 15TH

As is our annual tradition here at COTLF, beginning on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th and continuing for the 8 days following, we will be celebrating a special Novena of Masses in honor and remembrance of all fathers. Parishioners who receive physical envelopes should will find a special Father's Day Novena Envelope where you can add the names of all fathers they wish to pray for during the Novena. A special fund is also available on our Online Giving platform where you can add a note with the names you wish to add to the list along with your novena donation.

All envelopes and notes received will be placed near the tabernacle in the church for the duration of the Father's Day Novena, ending on Monday, June 23rd.



OCIA — ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Have you been inspired to join the Catholic Church? COTLF offers adults an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, beginning once again in September. The program serves:



- † *Unbaptized adults who wish to become Catholics.*
- † *Those baptized in another Christian Church who are seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.*
- † *Catholic adults who were baptized Roman Catholic as infants and need to complete their Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.*

The 2025-2026 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults ("OCIA") program meets on Tuesday evenings. Those who are interested in learning more may register now by visiting our Parish Website at www.cotlf.org/OCIA or by contacting Deacon Roberto Fleitas at RFleitas@cotlf.org



RELIGIOUS ED 2025-2026 REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Whether your kids are just starting to learn about our Catholic faith as a Kindergartner, preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, or continuing to grow in knowledge and love of the Lord through ongoing faith formation classes, the parish Religious Ed program is here to help! The Parish Religious Ed classes primarily help to fill the gap in Catholic religious education that is encountered by families whose children attend public, charter, or private, non-Catholic schools.

Classes are held on Wednesdays from September through May.

4:00p-5:15p — Kinder through 6th Grade

6:30p-7:45p — 6th Grade and Up (Confirmation Prep)

The Religious Education Program offers the following Catechetical/Faith Formation classes:

- † Ongoing religious education for students in all grade levels beginning in Kinder
- † Sacramental Preparation for Baptism of children ages 7 to 16
- † Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist (Starting as early as 1st Grade)
- † Sacramental Preparation for the Conferral of Confirmation (Starting as early as 7th Grade)

2025-2026 Registration will open soon! Visit www.cotlfreligioused.org for more details

INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN?

Did you know that this bulletin is made available in both print and digital online/email versions at **NO COST** thanks to the generous support of our bulletin sponsors. If you're interested in placing an advertisement in the bulletin on behalf of your business, our parish representative, Jenny Lusk, can be reached at **913-205-6387** or JLusk@Diocesan.com. Bulletin sponsors recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our 3,000+ church family. Each week, 1,200 print copies are produced and every Saturday morning, the bulletin is sent out via email to the entire parish email list. As a gesture of appreciation for their support, we ask our parishioners and guests to patronize our bulletin advertisers when needing or using a local service. Thank you and God bless you!



Building on Our Legacy

www.cotlf.org/centennial



On the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Canonization of

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

her relics will be coming to the United States from
October 1–December 8, 2025.

Pope St. John Paul II said, “The saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments of the Church’s history.” God is using the relics of St. Thérèse to stir up the hope of the Christian faithful. The presence of the relics of St. Thérèse is a special blessing for us in this Holy Year, renewing our hope in God’s loving care for us.

As we celebrate our Parish Centennial, we are honored to be included as one of the host parishes, with her relics coming to COTLF from December 2nd–4th!

Learn more about the relics visit and the full schedule of events (as events are finalized) at <https://stthereseusa2025.com>





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www.cotlf.org/centennial

Centennial Campaign Update



ANOTHER MAJOR GIFT

Last week, a donor wishing to remain anonymous contributed \$250,000 towards the Centennial Campaign!!

Can we match that gift as a community this week?

As the work inside the church soon gets underway and as we begin to see the fruits of our sacrifices over these past two years, we are grateful to **all** our campaign donors who have now pledged over \$10 Million total!

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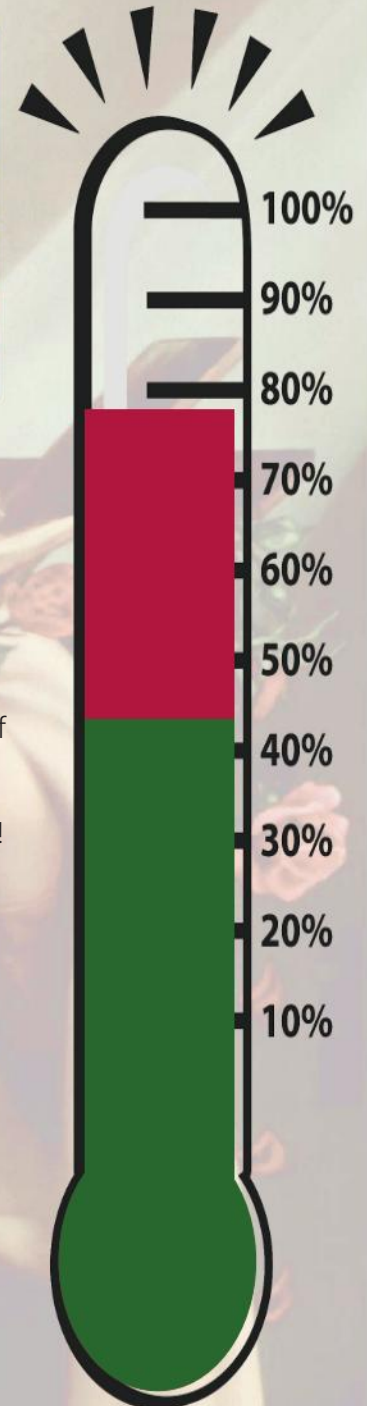
Campaign Progress

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$10,239,138.79 (78.76%)

TOTAL COLLECTED: \$5,705,327.66 (43.89%)

Updated as of May 27th



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God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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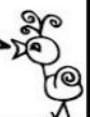


During the Nicene Creed, we say, "He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Listen for those words during Mass.





Draw a picture of Jesus rising into Heaven.





Gospel

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus. Jesus ASCENDED into Heaven. That means that His body and soul rose into Heaven. Awesome!



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