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OCTOBER 12, 2025

XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

XXVIII DOMINGO EN EL

TIEMPO ORDINARIO



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JUNTOS, ADORANDO AL SEÑOR, FORMANDO DISCÍPULOS, SIRVIENDO EN NOMBRE DE JESÚS

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Time	Language
6:15 am	English
8:00 am	English

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	Italiano (<i>1st Sunday Monthly</i>)

WEEKLY 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

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SACRED STEPS | SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT COTLF



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

- Anastasia DeTournay
- Alexandra Sofia Diaz
- Alice Strunnikov



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



Rest in Peace.
Let us pray for our recently deceased:

- Enna Ana

THE 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.

THE 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

OCT 5, 2025

Attendance:	2,321
In-Church Collection:	\$ 10,614
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 18,213
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 2,760
Children's Collection:	\$ 335
Devotional Candles:	\$ 781
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 216

Thank you for your generosity!

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Grand Total: \$32,919

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm (Vigil) + Raul Barreto

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 George y Dulce Kremer

5:30 pm + Fernando F. Rey

7:00 pm (Italian) Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Monday of Week XXVIII in Ordinary Time

6:15 am + Migdalia Diaz

8:00 am Cairo Family Intentions

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Tuesday of Week XXVIII in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

6:15 am + Fernando and Aleida Groene

8:00 am + Familia Diaz Martinez

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family

8:00 am Jackson and Katerina Connell's Anniversary

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

Tuesday of Week XXVIII in Ordinary Time / Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious

6:15 am Christina Aguilar

8:00 am + Mercedes y Rene Naranjo

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

6:15 am Dibe Martin And Nick Di Gregorio's Wedding Anniversary

8:00 am Isabel Lopez' Birthday

5:30 pm *Misa Comunitaria*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

8:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm (Vigil) + Arsenio and Ada Gonzalez

7:30 am Samuel Isaias Chacon's Birthday

9:00 am + Calixto M. Chavez

10:30 am *Missa Pro Populo* - For All Members of Our Parish Family

12:30 pm + Emilio Ambriz

5:30 pm + Luis Kitlin, Jr

7:00 pm (Italian) Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

SUNDAYS

11:30 am

Carmel of Elijah (Cafeteria) - *Once Monthly*

1:30 pm

Homeless Ministry Service Outing (Varies) - *Once Monthly*

MONDAYS

10:00 am

Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conf. Room & Zoom) - *Biweekly*

7:00 pm

Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 pm

Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Chapel Conf. Room)

7:30 pm

Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conf. Room)

7:30 pm

Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conf. Room)

TUESDAYS

7:45 am

That Man is You Men's Group (Parish Office Center)

8:30 am

Holy Face Devotion (Church)

7:00 pm

OCIA Adult Formation Classes (STS Cafeteria)

7:30 pm

Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)

8:00 pm

English Charismatic Prayer (Chapel Conf. Room)

WEDNESDAYS

4:00 & 6:30 pm

Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)

7:30 pm

Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)

8:00 pm

Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conf. Room)

8:00 pm

Oración Carimatico en Español (Morras Conf. Room)

THURSDAYS

7:45 am

Walking with Purpose Women's Group (Cafeteria)

7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus (Comber Hall) - *Once Monthly*

7:00 pm

Schola Cantorum / Parish Choir (STS Music Room)

7:00 pm

Scouts (Cafeteria)

7:30 pm

Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)

FRIDAYS

10:00 am

Prayer Shawl Ministry (Reilly Conf. Room)

6:00 pm

American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - *2nd & 4th Friday*

6:30 pm

Singles Ministry (STS Cafeteria)

8:00 pm

Marriage Covenant (Zoom)

SATURDAYS

7:00 am

First Saturday Devotion / Rosary (Church)

9:00 am

Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Parish Center)

OTHER MINISTRIES

Grieving with Great Hope Bereavement Ministry

Liturgical Ministries (Altar Servers, EMHCs, Lectors, Ushers)

Greyed out ministries are not currently meeting.

Visit www.cotlf.org/ministries for more details about each group.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday	2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2, 3, 4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Monday	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday	Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends,

I write these lines from St. Peter's Square in Rome. By the time you read this, I will back in the parish after leading a group of parishioners and Carmelite Sisters to walk through the Holy Doors in Rome and to see our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, during his usual general audience. It was emotional to hear the name of the "Church of the Little Flower" announced and ring through this historic square particularly during our centennial year.

We took all of you and your intentions with us, and at the end of the audience, His Holiness imparted his apostolic blessing on us and by extension to all the parishioners of Little Flower.

I would now like to share a summary of the words Pope Leo shared with us in English and in Spanish of his catechesis which should move our hearts during this jubilee year:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Jesus Christ our Hope," today we will continue our consideration of the Resurrection. As we heard in the Gospel reading, the disappointment of the disciples after the passion of the Lord had blinded them to the joy of the Resurrection. Jesus, rather than dazzling them with his glorious splendor, chose to appear to them with great humility, patiently teaching them that his death was the mysterious path by which he redeemed us and manifested his love for us. However disappointed, unworthy or lost we may feel, no matter how deep our pain, the Lord wishes to accompany us on our path and teach us to discover the salvific meaning of our own suffering. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to recognize his humble presence and to accept life's trials with joy as we await his coming in glory.

(General Audience 10/8/25)

God bless you all
Fr. Manny

Mis Queridos Amigos,

Escribo estas líneas desde la Plaza de San Pedro en Roma. Para cuando lean esto, estaré de regreso en la parroquia después de guiar a un grupo de feligreses y hermanas carmelitas a cruzar la Puerta Santa en Roma y ver a nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa León XIV, durante su habitual audiencia general. Fue emotivo escuchar el nombre de la "Iglesia de Little Flower" anunciado y resonando en esta histórica plaza, especialmente durante nuestro centenario.

Los llevamos a todos con sus intenciones, y al final de la audiencia, Su Santidad impartió su bendición apostólica sobre nosotros y, por extensión, a todos los feligreses de Santa Teresita.

Quisiera ahora compartir un resumen de las palabras que el Papa León compartió con nosotros en inglés y en español de su catequesis, que deberían conmovernos durante este año jubilar:

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

En esta catequesis contemplamos un rasgo sorprendente del misterio de la Resurrección de Cristo, la humildad. El Señor resucitado no se manifiesta de manera espectacular, no irrumpe forzando la fe de los discípulos, al contrario, se acerca con discreción: mientras María Magdalena lo confunde con el jardinero, los discípulos de Emaús creían que era un forastero. De este modo, Jesús resucitado tiene gestos tan ordinarios como comer con sus discípulos un trozo de pescado. Jesús, con su Resurrección, nos enseña, además, que ninguna caída es definitiva. Si bien la historia humana está herida por la desilusión y el pecado, por este misterio de amor tenemos la esperanza de que no existe nada, ni siquiera la muerte, que pueda separarnos del amor de Dios. A veces pensamos que Él está con nosotros sólo cuando las cosas van bien, sin embargo, nos acompaña también en los momentos más oscuros.

(Audiencia General 10/7/25)

Que Dios los Bendiga a Todos
Fr. Manny



Building on Our Legacy

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

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

her relics are here in 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>





Building on Our Legacy

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Centennial Campaign Update



CHURCH UPDATE

We're down to the final month of work on the interior of the church and we can't wait to return "home" in just a few short weeks. We know you are just as excited to see our refreshed and renovated worship space and the wait will be worth it! This week, the last of the scaffolding will exit the building and the repair, cleaning and polishing of the marble floors in both the sanctuary and the nave (main seating area) will continue. Our new wooden pews will be arriving soon as the final piece of the summer project. Minor work on the upstairs choir loft will continue through the new year, without affecting our regular worship schedule, as final preparations are made for the arrival and installation of the new pipe organ in February.

We are grateful to all our campaign donors who have made all this work possible! If you would like to set up a new pledge, increase your current pledge, give a new gift, restart your contributions, or check the status of your campaign giving, please contact Ashley Dominguez, Parish Director of Development, at ADominguez@cotlf.org • 305-446-9950, Ext 309

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$10,373,474.58 (79.80%)

TOTAL GIVEN: \$7,038,203.50 (54.14%)

Updated as of October 8th





PIPE ORGANS ARE FOREVER... AND NOW YOUR LEGACY CAN BE, TOO!

Fisk Opus 166, which will be arriving here early next year, is now being erected at the Fisk workshop in Gloucester, MA. Keep on eye on their Facebook and Instagram pages (@cbfisk) for regular updates as the three towers get built up and the pipes start to get put in place.

Our new pipe organ will contain about 3,000 pipes and each one of them has been meticulously hand-crafted, from the melting of the metals and the creation of large tin sheets to the precise measuring, cutting, rolling, soldering, and detailed finishing of each individual pipe's various parts.

As we announced over the summer, those pipes are specially available to be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to commemorate major milestones like baptisms, first communions, confirmations, graduations, birthdays, weddings, or anniversaries, or simply to add your family's name to the long legacy of our parish in this milestone year.

Pipe Memorializations will be recorded in a specially printed booklet which will be provided to each donor at no additional cost early next year. A copy of the booklet will also remain inside the organ in perpetuity, ensuring the lasting legacy of both the instrument itself and of all those who helped to make it possible.

Interior pipes are available for dedication at \$400 each and facade pipes, forever visible on the front of each of the organ's three major cases, are available for \$1,000 each.

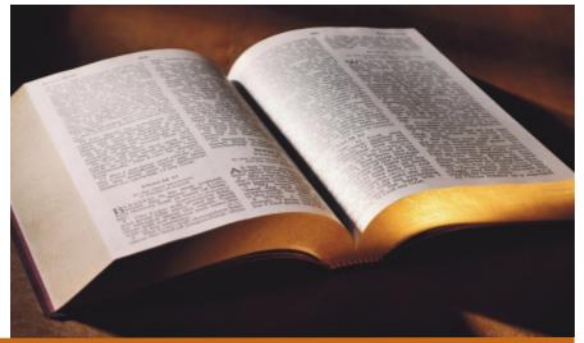
Visit www.cotlf.org/centennial to secure your legacy pipe today!



DAILY MASS READINGS

Daily Mass Readings are published online by the USCCB and are available by scanning the QR code or by downloading the *Hallow Prayer App* or the free *My Parish App*.

Las lecturas diarias de la Misa se publican en línea por la USCCB y están disponibles escaneando el código QR o descargando la aplicación de oración *Hallow* o la aplicación gratuita *My Parish*.



MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT #53

All the men of the parish are invited to the next English Men's Emmaus Retreat, which will be held the weekend of October 24th — 26th 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:

Samuel Moynelo, (786) 370-1692 or Alejandro Herrera, (305) 283-2011

EJERCICIOS ESPIRITUALES DE SAN IGNACIO

Los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio de Loyola son una secuencia ordenada de meditaciones y contemplaciones -ejercicios- que surgen de la profunda experiencia espiritual que el santo vive a partir de su conversión; su objetivo es ayudar al que se ejercita en ellos a descubrir cuál es la voluntad de Dios para su vida. Los Ejercicios se remontan al Cuaderno de notas en el que Ignacio describe sus experiencias espirituales durante su visita a la ciudad de Manresa, donde —como lo escribe en su Autobiografía— “le trataba Dios de la misma manera que trata un maestro de escuela a un niño, enseñándole.”

Los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio se ofrecerán aquí en la parroquia comenzando el lunes, 6 de octubre a las 7:30pm en la oficina parroquial, y continuando cada lunes hasta el Mayo del 2026 (30 sesiones).

Para mayor información, favor de contactar a Marcia Iglesias, marcia@amprex.net



RETIRO DEL CONVENIO MATRIMONIAL

7 - 9 de Noviembre, 2025 • STS Cafetería

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:

Jennifer y Daniel Rodríguez, (305) 766-0481, Jennidanny2019@gmail.com

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith continues to revive the missionary ardor of Christian communities and individual faithful through missions around the world, now present in 1,100 dioceses across Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and in remote regions of Latin America. Their goal is to offer and provide support for pastoral and evangelistic programs, catechists and catechetical work, the building of new churches, health care, education, communication and transport needs.

Please help support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through the in-pew collection next weekend or give online now.



2026 MASS INTENTIONS

Offering a Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said.

Masses are offered for many reasons; for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, for someone who is ill, or for someone celebrating a special occasion.

The 2023 Mass Intentions Books will open on
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 2024!



ALL SOULS' DAY NOVENA

Beginning on Sunday, November 2nd (All Souls' Day) and continuing through Monday, November 10th, we will be offering one daily Mass for all intentions offered through the All Souls' Day Novena.

If you receive parish offertory envelopes, you should find a special envelope with space to add names for the Novena. You may also add names to the All Souls' Novena list through our Online Giving platform at www.osvhub.com/cotlf

All Novena envelopes or Online Giving Novena Notes will be placed by the altar for the duration of the Novena as we pray together for all of our deceased loved ones.



✠☀️ NEW HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ☀️✠

We're excited to launch a new Youth Group at the Church of the Little Flower, *Gaudium*, for teens seeking to grow in faith, build community, and deepen their relationship with Christ.

📅 Meetings: Thursday evenings

🕒 Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

📍 Location: Comber Hall Second Floor

🗨️ Open to all high school teens!

Each week will include prayer, talks rooted in Church teaching, fellowship, and opportunities to encounter Christ through Adoration, service, and community.

Come and be part of something meaningful.
Bring a friend and join us on this journey of faith!

☎️ For more information, contact Maria Zabala at (786) 385 - 5150



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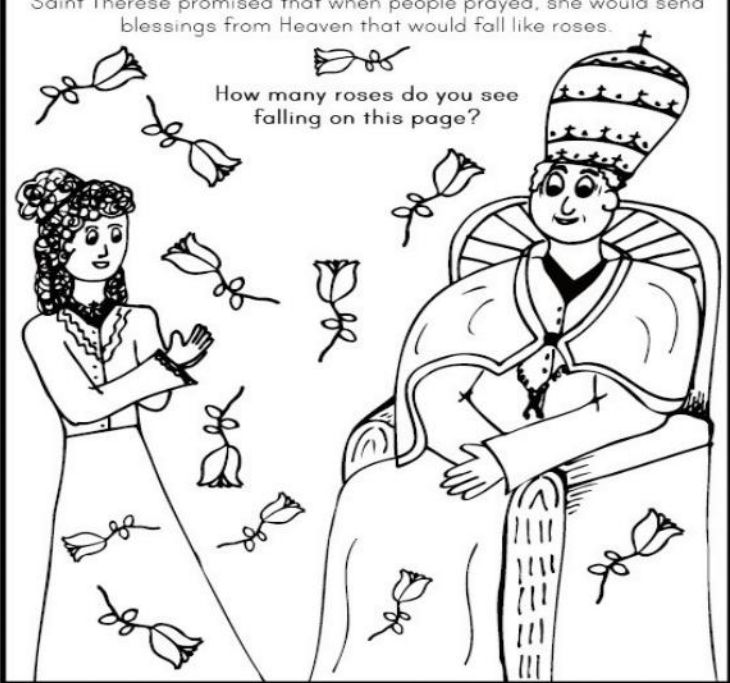
Remember that Mass is a prayer. How should you act during church to help you focus on prayer?

Saint Therese the Little Flower

Saint Therese knew that she wanted to be a nun when she was a little girl. She visited Pope Leo XIII and begged to join the convent. He replied that she had to wait until she was older. When she turned 15, she was finally able to become a Carmelite nun!

Saint Therese promised that when people prayed, she would send blessings from Heaven that would fall like roses.

How many roses do you see falling on this page?





Gospel



Jesus healed 10 people, but only one came back to say thank you! Remember to thank God for all His gifts.



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